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STATISTICAL REPORT

ON REPLIES TO

- (1.) CIRCULARS [A. 1 (or 2) and 3] sent to MANAGERS of ALL VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and to ALL SCHOOL BOARDS in 10 COUNTIES, viz., BERKSHIRE, DEVON, DORSET, DURHAM, GLOUCESTER, KENT, LANCASHIRE, LEICESTER, LINCOLN, STAFFORD.
- (2.) CIRCULARS [D. 1 and 2] sent to HEAD TEACHERS of ALL SCHOOLS whether VOLUNTARY or under SCHOOL BOARDS in 12 SELECTED DISTRICTS, viz., CHELSEA, SOUTHWARK, GREENWICH, WEST HAM, BEDFORDSHIRE, BIRKENHEAD, TWO UNIONS in GLAMORGAN, MERIONETH, SUSSEX, WARWICK, WILTS, and YORK (WEST RIDING).
- (3.) QUESTIONS as to DRAWING and SCIENCE (A. 4 and D. 3) sent to the whole of the 22 Districts named above, *i.e.*, under Nos. (1) and (2).
- (4.) A RETURN (B.), showing the Comparative Working of VOLUNTARY and SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOLS compiled from the STATISTICAL SHEETS of the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, and from ANSWERS given to a CIRCULAR (B.) sent to 125 SELECTED BOROUGHs and 30 SELECTED UNIONS.
- (5.) CIRCULAR (E.) sent to all the 43 TRAINING COLLEGES (published in a separate volume).
- (6.) FOREIGN RETURN; REPLIES to CIRCULAR sent to certain EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, The UNITED STATES, and the COLONIES (published in a separate volume).

INTRODUCTION.

The Circulars were sent to all schools returned by the Education Department (in the Appendix to the Report for the year 1884-5) as in receipt of annual grants from the Education Vote. About one-fifth of the Circulars have not been returned, although a second application was made to the managers of the larger voluntary schools and school boards. In many of the Returns sent in, some questions are not answered, and many of the answers do not admit of tabulation for statistical purposes.

The statistics, except where otherwise stated, refer to those schools only which have given Returns. The numbers at the head of the columns refer to the questions in the Circulars.

The answers to the questions sent to the school boards (A. 2, 3, and 4) are given for the schools collectively, and not for the separate schools under each board; consequently, though for convenience, the headings of the columns state *schools*, the second line of the Table in the A. Return refers to boards and not to schools, unless where specially so stated.

The points occurring most frequently in the answers to Questions 1, 5, and 19, in Circulars A. (1 and 2) and D. 1, have been summarized for each County and District according as they relate to the Acts, Code, or Administration, severally. The results are stated roughly in the order of their frequency,

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CIRCULARS A. AND D.

Question 1. Is there anything in the Education Acts which hinders the satisfactory education of the children in your school?

5. What changes, if any, would you desire—

(a) In the Acts?

(b) In the Code?

(c) In the Administration?

19. Have you any further suggestions to make?

with a slight occasional deviation from this principle for the purpose of grouping like subjects together. But the discursiveness of the answers, and the fact that they are not confined to the subject of the question, or even placed under the right head in many cases, and the great number of qualified replies render it impossible to do more than state approximate results. In all cases the recommendations at the end of the list are made in a few answers only, some only by two or three correspondents, but they have been inserted to render this Report as complete as possible. It will be seen by reference to the Summaries of the A and D Returns that a large majority of the managers and teachers make no complaints on many of the points as to which they were questioned.

The complaints and suggestions respecting the Code are generally far more numerous than those relating to the Acts and Administration.

The summary does not profess to give an exhaustive account of all the complaints, criticisms, and suggestions of the several thousand correspondents, many of whom have not only covered every available margin of the space assigned them for replies, but have appended lengthy papers containing, in some cases, instructive personal experiences and valuable criticisms on the working of various points in the Acts and Code. To give full publicity to all these views it would be necessary to print the answers in extenso. It is believed, however, that the tables and summaries indicate fairly the outcome of the inquiry, and that no opinion of importance advanced by any considerable number of correspondents has been omitted.

It was found impossible to digest separately the *suggestions* given in reply to Question 19. They frequently repeat to a large extent the answers already given to Questions 1 and 5 or merely supplement the views there expressed. So far as they contain any new matter which could be represented by a digest it has been incorporated with the answers to No. 5.

Some of the questions in the A and D circulars have not yielded any results which are worth publication (*e.g.*, Staff and Nos. 9, 11, and 17). They have, in a large number of cases, been either misunderstood, left blank, or answered so incompletely that any figures derived from them would be misleading, taken in conjunction with the rest of the Tables.

By the aid of explanatory footnotes it is attempted to remove any possible ambiguities in the Tables. The following remarks on the answers to the A and D circulars seem also to be called for:—

Question 1.—There is much confusion between the Acts and the Code. Though the question asks as to *hindrances in the Acts*, very many of the replies consist of complaints which relate to the Code, either in its substance or its working. In the summary of remarks these have been included under their proper heads when not repeated under Question 5, and they are excluded from the figures published under (1). Other complaints refer rather to the administration of the Acts than to the Acts themselves.

9. Is there any savings bank connected with your school? If so, give the amount contributed by the scholars last year.

11. (a.) What arrangement have the Poor Law Guardians made as to the payment of school fees?

11. (b.) Has the arrangement worked satisfactorily?

17. Has any case occurred in your district in which offers to supply a deficiency in school accommodation from voluntary sources have been refused in consequence of the action of the School Board by the Education Department?

1. Is there anything in the Education Acts which hinders the satisfactory education of the children in your school?

Question 2.—The answers are largely qualified, and difficult to classify absolutely as *yes* or *no*. 63 per cent. of managers, 68 per cent. of boards, and 62 per cent. of teachers answer “yes.” Some are dissatisfied with some point as regards their own school or locality, though they approve of the Code generally. It is common to approve of the Code as regards elementary subjects but not for extra subjects.

Question 3.—Of the replies, only 30 per cent. of managers, 27 per cent. of boards, and 32 per cent. of teachers make any complaint of over-pressure as regards either staff or children. The complaints are of general over-strain, particularly as the time of inspection approaches, rather than of special cases of breakdown. The system, according to some, produces worry, anxiety, weariness, headache, want of tone, &c. with both teachers and children; they state that it is not easy to give numbers or to trace specific illnesses to their causes, but the over-pressure is said to be general where it is said to exist. Others reply that there is no over-pressure, or that they will not allow it.

Question 4.—These answers are qualified in many cases. 62 per cent. of managers, 67 per cent. of boards, and 33 per cent. of the teachers answer “yes.” Some are general complaints, others special. Some find fault with the Department, some with the inspection, and others with the local authorities. Others, again, express general satisfaction except with some matter of detail.

Question 6.—The status or occupation of managers has been collected when given; the results are grouped and arranged in order of numbers. They will be found to include almost every class of society, and every kind of occupation. The numbers, however, are only approximate, owing to the imperfection of the Returns, which frequently give the status but not the numbers (*e.g.*, clergy and farmers), and in some cases give no reply at all. The figures, however, are interesting, and probably show the relative proportions of rank and occupation, though they are less than the absolute number of managers. In the 3,759 schools giving Returns, there are 1,721 parents who are managers, including some in each county. Out of the 385 school boards giving Returns, 21 have appointed managers.

Question 9.—The summary of savings’ banks is excluded; the Returns are imperfect, and often include clothing clubs and banks common to the village. Many banks have been closed in consequence of the extension of the Post Office Savings’ Banks.

Questions 11 (a. and b.)—These questions have been misunderstood. Many of the answers merely state the rate of payment by guardians, and whether weekly, &c. The working of the system of paying fees through guardians is given in comparatively few cases. It comes out, however, in the remarks on Questions 5 and 19.

Question 11 (c.)—The “noes” preponderate greatly. Some are accounted for, probably, by the fact that school boards are not desired where

2. Is the course of teaching prescribed by the Code suited to the children in your school?

3. During the last three years have any teachers, pupil teachers, or scholars in your schools suffered from over work?

4. Are you satisfied with the administration of the Acts and of the Code by the Education Department?

6. (A. 1.) Give list of managers of your school, stating their occupation, and also how many of them, if any, are parents of scholars attending the school?

6. (A. 2.) Do you appoint local managers for your schools under secs. 15 and 52 Education Act, 1870?
(a.) By whom are they selected?

9. Is there any savings bank connected with your school? If so, give the amount contributed by the scholars last year.

11. (a.) What arrangement have the Poor Law Guardians made as to the payment of school fees?

11. (b.) Has the arrangement worked satisfactorily?

11. (c.) Is it desirable to transfer from the Boards of Guardians to School Boards the obligatory duty of paying the fees to Voluntary Schools on behalf of the children of indigent parents?

they do not already exist. A strong wish, however, is expressed for some other mode of paying the fees of poor children, as, *e.g.*, through the school attendance committees. It is said that the guardians give reluctantly or refuse altogether, and the process of obtaining remission is so disagreeable, and involves such loss of time that many poor persons will not apply.

Question 13.—72 per cent. of managers, 78 per cent. of boards, and 81 per cent. of teachers answer in the negative. Some answers are to the effect that the present system indisposes children for agricultural labour and domestic service, and induces too many to seek to become clerks. The “noes” are sometimes explained by the remark that children leave school at too early an age to become unfitted for manual labour.

Question 14.—There are various suggestions that children should be taught the scientific principles of industries prevalent in the locality (agriculture, mining, shipping, &c.), so as to interest them in, and fit them for, those employments, and also that they should be instructed in the use of tools to render them more generally useful. The failure to teach cookery is most frequently stated to arise from its expense, which is said to prevent it from being adopted unless when given by School Boards at a centre, or maintained in Voluntary Schools at the cost of some individual. It has been attempted and discontinued in some country places, in several instances, in consequence of objections from parents.

Questions 15 and 16.—There is a considerable amount of testimony in favour of raising the standard of exemption and for prolonging the duration of school age. There is great objection to half time in agricultural districts, and in towns also, unless in special half-time schools. The questions relating to partial exemption are frequently left blank or answered “none,” which may be interpreted to mean either that the half-time system is not adopted or is not desired.

Question 17.—The answers to this question were in many instances not confined to the immediate district of the person replying, so that the case of one refusal was not infrequently repeated several times. It has not been possible to obtain perfectly correct figures, but the Committee think that the returns on the subject from the Education Department given in the Commissioners Report (Vol. I., pp. 526–7,) may be taken as correct, and therefore do not summarize the replies sent to them.

The great similarity in the majority of the answers to many of the questions from some districts indicates that there was some common suggestion or understanding as to the nature of the replies to be made. This remark applies equally to the returns of the teachers and to those of one class of the managers. In a few cases there is evidence that a form of reply had been drafted after discussion and circulated in the district. Such a printed form was sent in by one of the teachers from West Ham, and few of the

13. Have you found in your school that the present educational system tends, or has tended, to indispose or unfit children for manual employment?

14. Would you recommend the introduction into your school of practical instruction—

- (a) In any of the industries of the district? or in the use of tools for working in wood or iron?
- (b) (For girls) in the domestic duties of home?
- (c) Is Practical Cookery taught to girls? If so, give the scheme and cost of instruction. If not taught, what are the difficulties? Do you approve of such instruction?

15. Up to what age are you in favour of keeping children at school—

- (a) Full-time?
- (b) Half-time?

16. What should be the minimum standard of—

- (a) Partial exemption?
- (b) Total exemption?

17. Has any case occurred in your district in which offers to supply a deficiency in school accommodation from voluntary sources have been refused in consequence of the action of the School Board by the Education Department?

returns from that district departed from it on any material point. There was also a printed form of reply from a Roman Catholic school in Lancashire which appears to have been substantially followed by some like schools in the neighbourhood.

While there is very much sameness in the replies, and especially in those from the same district, local circumstances and peculiarities give some variety, and some of the Returns express great dissatisfaction and disappointment, while others are very suggestive and original.

RETURN B.—This return is prepared mainly from the statistical papers of the Education Department for the year 1884–5. A small part is obtained from replies to questions sent to the managers of voluntary schools and to school boards in the same districts. The information relates to 155 selected districts (including 125 boroughs and towns, and 30 unions). The object of the return is to make a comparison of the results in the voluntary and board schools in those representative districts, and also of the results in large and in small schools in the same areas. For this latter purpose the schools have been grouped according as the average attendance was less than 300 or greater in the towns, and for the unions according as the average reached or fell short of 100. These are arbitrary limits, but they serve fairly well to draw out the comparisons which were desired.

Besides the detailed return for each district, a summary of results has been prepared for the whole of the districts grouped under various heads, showing:—

- (a.) The cost per head, grant earned, per-centage of passes in reading, writing, and arithmetic, merit grant, and grant for class subjects, for the whole of the voluntary and board schools, large and small, for the towns and unions separately.
- (b.) A summary of results in which the towns are grouped under five heads; (A.) those with more than 10,000 children on the roll of all public elementary schools, voluntary and board; (B.) those with less than 10,000 and more than 3,000 children on the roll of all public elementary schools, voluntary and board; (C.) those with less than 3,000 children on the roll of all public elementary schools, voluntary and board; (D.) towns which have no board schools and have more than 3,000 children on the roll of all public elementary schools; (E.) towns which have no board schools and have less than 3,000 children on the roll of all public elementary schools.

For each of these groups, totals are given with averages and per-centages, showing the cost to subscriptions or rates, the per-centage of merit grant, and grant for English, the ratio of the average attendance to the number on the roll, and to the whole accommodation.

The population in every case is for 1881. The estimated population for later years could only be obtained for some of the large towns, and it was, therefore, decided to refer all to the basis of the census of 1881.

FOREIGN RETURNS.—A schedule of inquiries was drawn up to elicit information regarding the systems of education in force in certain European countries, the United States, and the Colonies. The results of this inquiry are printed at length in a separate volume of the Report.

The answers to the questions relating to compulsion, free education, State and Voluntary support, religious teaching, night schools, and training schools, have been reduced to a tabular form, as far as this was possible, and this table is appended here.

RETURN A.

MANAGERS OF VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

SUMMARY of 10 Counties, with Per-centages.

SUMMARY OF OPINIONS ON ACTS, CODE, and ADMINISTRATION (given in Answers to Questions 1, 5, and 19), arranged in the order of frequency.

Circular A. 1. was sent to the managers of 4,826 voluntary schools; 3,759 replies were received. Circular A. 2. was sent to 498 school boards; 385 replies were received. The following is a brief summary of nearly every point of any interest referred to in the answers, which are given more fully in the report on each county. Under each head the first opinions are numerous, they gradually decline to a very small number at the end.

Acts.

Voluntary Schools.

Compulsion is inefficient.

Voluntary schools should be placed on an equal footing with board schools, and have a share of the rates.

The age and standard of exemption should be raised.

A different system of paying the fees of poor children should be adopted.

Half-time should be abolished.

The Acts should be consolidated.

Byelaws should be uniform.

Schools ought not to be rated.

Subscribers to voluntary schools should be exempted (*pro tanto*) from school rates.

No voluntary school should be regarded as unnecessary (sec. 98, Act 1870).

School boards should not be able to veto the building of voluntary schools.

School boards should be prohibited from building unnecessary schools.

Heavier fines for irregular attendance should be imposed.

The power of boards to levy rates should be limited.

All voluntary schools with an average attendance of 25 or 30 should receive grants.

There should be some mode of recovering school fees as debts.

Education should be free.

Employers of children under the legal age should be punished.

School attendance committees and managers of voluntary schools should be empowered to levy rates where no school board exists.

The following occur only a few times.

There should be some check on the extravagance of school boards.

Local authorities should fix the standard and age of exemption.

Guardians should pay the full school fees.

Private adventure schools (dame) should be inspected or abolished.

Cost of procedure against parents should be reduced.

School boards and managers should have discretionary power to grant exemption in special seasons and circumstances.

The Education Department should fix the standard of exemption.

School board areas should be enlarged (county).

Give managers same power of compulsion as boards.

Compulsion should commence at an earlier age.

There should be grants to encourage regular attendance by prizes and remission of fees.

All schools in same locality should have same scale of fees.

The age and standard of exemption should be lowered.

Boards.

Compulsion is inefficient.

There should be some better mode of recovering school fees as a debt.

Byelaws should be uniform.

The Acts should be consolidated.

Heavier fines should be inflicted for irregularity.

Local authorities should fix the age and standard of exemption.

Half-time should be abolished.

Loans should be granted on easier terms.

The cumulative vote should be abolished.

A better system of paying fees for poor children should be adopted.

The following occur only a very few times.

The age and standard of exemption should be raised.

Cost of procedure against parents should be reduced.

Private adventure schools should be controlled or prohibited.

School board areas should be enlarged (county).

Truant and industrial schools should be provided.

The clerk to the school board should be the returning officer.

Employers of children below the legal age should be punished.

Education should be free.

School boards should not be able to veto the building of voluntary schools.

School boards and managers should have discretionary power to grant exemption in special seasons and circumstances.

No voluntary school should be regarded as unnecessary.

There should be grants to encourage regular attendance by prizes and remission of fees.

Attendance only should qualify for exemption.

Guardians should pay the full school fee.

The Education Department should fix the age and standard of exemption.

There should be a better system of electing boards and school attendance committees.

The age and standard of exemption should be lowered.

The abuse of the conscience clause should be checked.

There should be a check to the unnecessary building by boards.

Grants should be given to support industrial schools.

Managers should have the same power of compulsion as boards.

Cost of enforcing compulsion should fall on the county.

The two mile limitations for extra grant should be abolished (Article 111).

Rates should be given to voluntary as well as board schools.

There should be a check to extravagant expenditure by boards.

CODE.

Voluntary Schools.

The 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished.

Arithmetic should be easier.

The examination should be simplified for country and poor schools.

The Code is too severe and rigid in its requirements.

Payment by results should be abolished.

Too many reading books are required.

There should be full liberty of classification.

The merit grant should be abolished.

A larger fixed grant should be paid on average attendance.

The 22 weeks' system should be abolished.

The work of the upper standards is too difficult.

Half-timers should have an easier examination.

There should be liberty to withhold children from examination.

Grammar should be easier, and not enforced as a class subject.

There should be free choice of class subjects.

Change in the Code should be made less often.

Allowance should be made for bad weather and epidemics.

Needlework should be simplified.

Girls' work should be easier.

Poor and dull children should have a simpler examination than others.

Individual examination should be abolished.

Geography should be simplified.

The standard system should be abolished.

Technical training, science, and handicrafts should be encouraged.

Drawing is too difficult.

Night schools should be encouraged, and they should have a distinct syllabus.

Fewer subjects should be taught.

Voluntary schools should have larger grants.

Dictation should be given by the teacher, who should take part in the examination.

There should be separate schools for half-timers.

Dictation should be given from the Literary Reader.

Longer notice of changes in the Code should be given.

Infants' work should be lighter.

The per-centage system should be abolished.

Full grant should be paid if 90 per cent. pass.

No deduction should be made from grants earned.

Overtime should be prohibited.

Larger grants should be made to small schools.

Class subjects should be easier.

Specific subjects should be simplified or excluded.

Infant boys should not be taught sewing.

Eight should be the age for Standard I.

Spelling should be easier.

The merit grant should depend on *passes*, not on class examination.

More time and grants should be given to sewing.

Drawing should go to Science and Art Department.

Dictation or composition, but not both, should be taken in upper standards.

The Code and labour pass should be assimilated.

Singing should be easier and earn a larger grant.

Irregular children should be excluded from examination.

Names should be removed from registers after six weeks absence.

The following occur only a few times.

There should be grants for drill, gymnastics, and hygiene.

The wording of the Code should be simplified.

The work of the lower standards is too severe.

There should be a uniform system of weights and measures (metric system).

Infants should earn larger grants.

A syllabus should be provided for infants.

Composition should be easier and optional.

Writing and spelling should be separated.

Corporal punishment should be recognised.

The step from Standard III. to Standard IV. should be easier.

Changes in the Code should be submitted to Parliament.

Attendances from former schools should count.

Reading, writing, and arithmetic should be paid as class subjects.

The sewing should be same in girls and in mixed schools.

Poetry should be excluded from English.

Standard I. should be the same in infants and in mixed schools.

There should be a special grant for drawing.

School work should be made attractive.

Pupil-teachers grants should not count in school income.

Boards.

There should be full liberty of classification.

The Code requirements are too severe, rigid, &c.

The 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished.

Arithmetic is too difficult.

Payment by results should be abolished.

There should be fewer reading books.

The 22 weeks' system should be abolished.

Larger grants should be paid to country and poor schools.

There should be a larger fixed grant on average attendance.

The merit grant should be abolished.

The work of the upper standards should be simplified.

Allowance should be made for bad weather and epidemics.

There should be liberty to withhold children from examination.

There should be fewer changes in the Code.

Grammar should be simplified or excluded.

There should be free choice of class subjects.

Class subjects should be simplified.

Larger grants should be paid for poor and dull children.

The standard system should be abolished.

Night schools should be encouraged and should have a suitable syllabus.

Needlework should be easier.

The following occur only a very few times.

Half-timers should have an easier examination.

Girls' work should be lighter.

Geography should be simplified.

Technical teaching should be encouraged.

Dictation should be given by the teachers, who ought to take part in the examination.

Dictation should be taken from the Literary Reader.

Individual examination should be abolished.

Drawing should go to the Science and Art Department.

Cookery should be simplified and a class subject.

No deduction should be made from grants earned.

The work of infants should be lighter.

Grants should be given for deaf, blind, and dumb.

Spelling should be easier.

Attendance at former schools should count.

More time and larger grants should be given to sewing.

Drawing should be simplified.

The lower standards should have easier work.

Code and labour pass should be assimilated.

The per-centage system should be abolished.

A full grant should be paid if 90 per cent. pass.

Examinations should be more frequent.

Infant boys should not learn sewing.

Infants should have a separate syllabus.

Irregular children should be excluded from examination.

There should be a uniform standard of weights and measures (metric system).

Standard I. should be same in infants and mixed schools.

There should be longer notice of changes in the Code.

Overtime should be prohibited.

Composition should be easier and optional.

Merit grants should depend on passes, and not on class subjects.

Spelling and writing should be separated.

There should be grants for drill, gymnastics, and hygiene.

Corporal punishment should be recognised.

ADMINISTRATION.

Voluntary Schools.

There is great want of uniformity in the method and standard of examination.

Pressure is requisite to compel local authorities, magistrates, and attendance officers to carry out the Education Acts.

Her Majesty's inspectors should have less power; they should be practical men (selected from elementary teachers); they should be less severe and arbitrary, and have more consideration for the circumstances of children, and show more sympathy.

Teachers and managers should have more power.

Grants and reports should follow examination more quickly.

Her Majesty's inspectors should not exceed the Code or their instructions, and should be less hurried in the examination.

Teachers should have pensions.

There should be a permanent board of education representing all interests.

There should be more visits without notice.

Examination papers should be returned.

More and better attendance officers with smaller districts are necessary.

Pupil-teacher examinations should be easier.

There should be a court of appeal.

Examinations should be held at reasonable times; schools should choose the season.

The minimum staff should be increased.

The Education Department should carry out compulsion.

Results of pupil-teachers' examination should be made known sooner.

There should be an interval for rest during the examination.

There should be a minister of education.

Her Majesty's inspectors' instructions should be public.

Local authorities should have less power.

Managers and local authorities should not be persons interested in child labour.

The following occur only a few times.

Police should be employed as attendance officers.
The Secretary of the Education Department has too much power.

Her Majesty's inspectors' districts should be changed.
Local authorities should have more power.

Pupil-teachers should have less work (not more than 30 hours a week).

Teachers should have security of tenure.

Pupil-teachers should serve five years.

All certificated teachers should be trained.

Her Majesty's inspectors should advise managers and teachers.

Her Majesty's inspectors should speak more plainly in examining the children.

Teachers should have less clerical work.

Mill children (half-timers) should be free to attend other than the employer's school.

BOARDS.

There should be uniformity in the method and standard of examination.

Pressure is required to make magistrates convict.

Her Majesty's inspectors should be practical men (selected from teachers); they should not exceed the Code or their instructions, and they should have less authority.

The local authorities should have more power.

Reports and grants should follow examination more quickly.

Examination papers should be returned.

The minimum staff should be increased.

Results of pupil-teachers' examinations should be made known sooner.

The following occur only a very few times.

The clerk to school board should act as returning officer.

There should be a minister of education, and a court of appeal.

Managers should have more power.

Teachers should have pensions.

The examinations should be less hurried, and Her Majesty's inspectors less severe and more considerate.

Examinations should take place at convenient seasons, chosen by the boards.

There should be more visits without notice.

Teachers should have security of tenure.

There should be county boards.

The pupil-teachers' examinations should be easier.

Pupil-teachers should have lighter work in school.

Pupil-teachers should be apprenticed to boards.

Her Majesty's inspectors should speak more plainly.

The Education Department should carry out compulsion.

Police should act as attendance officers.

Teachers should have fixed salaries.

The supply of teachers should be limited.

Districts of Her Majesty's inspectors should be changed.

Sub-inspectors should become inspectors.

There should be more inspectors.

Her Majesty's inspectors should supervise the work of the sub-inspectors.

CIRCULARS A. 1 and 2.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.				No. of Schools earning					
	No.	Accom- modation.	Average Attend- ance.	No.	Accom- modation.	No. on Books.	Average Attend- ance.	With Average Attendance not exceeding 60.					
								Less than 10s.	10s. to 12s. 6d.	12s. 6d. to 15s.	15s. to 17s. 6d.	17s. 6d.	Over 17s. 6d.
Berks - - -	224	39,854	26,150	179	32,240	26,805	21,642	4	13	16	5	2	10
Devon - - -	398	71,108	44,234	310	57,094	47,635	36,220	7	7	34	39	—	30
Dorset - - -	245	35,576	22,515	197	28,371	23,804	18,335	4	8	26	18	3	29
Durham - - -	351	107,100	74,069	256	78,781	73,011	52,864	3	1	11	12	—	6
Gloucester - -	427	83,441	51,812	332	66,281	55,648	41,925	9	17	29	25	1	33
Kent - - -	467	101,608	70,891	379	86,865	79,688	61,254	6	10	32	23	1	14
Lancashire - -	1,543	636,532	398,745	1,180	514,560	430,326	325,843	8	13	28	18	3	29
Leicester - - -	244	47,055	32,368	201	39,263	34,682	26,779	3	6	18	20	—	22
Lincoln - - -	487	74,528	45,112	391	60,474	49,648	36,323	6	23	39	46	1	41
Stafford - - -	440	124,039	85,826	334	98,597	88,109	67,970	7	6	16	11	2	12
Total - - -	4,826	1,320,836	851,722	3,759	1,062,526	909,306	689,155	57	104	249	217	13	226
Per centage -	—	—	—	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

BOARDS.	Bds.		Schs.		Bds.		Schs.				
Berks - - -	8	14	4,545	3,524	5	9	3,772	3,970	3,064		
Devon - - -	138	222	40,060	27,441	109	185	33,956	31,548	24,109		
Dorset - - -	19	25	3,048	2,060	10	15	1,627	1,250	1,011		
Durham - - -	49	189	73,487	53,411	40	128	69,707	64,780	50,928		
Gloucester - -	35	84	21,377	16,870	22	61	18,053	18,579	14,740		
Kent - - -	64	102	23,573	17,530	54	89	21,549	21,268	16,101		
Lancashire - -	32	187	105,483	77,232	28	181	104,119	101,051	76,279		
Leicester - - -	33	53	19,943	17,125	27	46	18,529	20,361	16,184		
Lincoln - - -	84	121	19,574	18,453	60	91	14,915	14,263	10,683		
Stafford - - -	36	154	77,647	63,053	30	139	71,362	73,996	57,988		
Total - - -	498	1,101	888,687	291,699	385	944	357,589	351,066	271,087		
Per centage -	—	—	—	—	77	—	—	—	—		

1. 2. 3.

Grant per Head.										No. of Schools in which Cost per Head exceeded 17s. 9½d., the Average for England and Wales.		Schools which complain of Hindrances in the Acts to satisfactory Education.		Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).				Cases of Over-work.				
With Average Attendance over 60.										—	Of these No. with Average less than 60.	No.	Per cent.	Yes.		No.		Schools.		Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Schools in which some children are said to be over-worked.
Less than 10s.	10s. to 12s. 6d.	12s. 6d. to 15s.	15s. to 17s. 6d.	17s. 6d.	Over 17s. 6d.	No Returns.	No.	Per cent.	No.					Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	Teachers.			
1	13	24	44	4	30	13	79	24	32	18·	131	73·	42	23·	41	23·	19	14	27			
2	9	23	73	7	57	22	118	51	48	16·	206	66·	92	30·	81	26·	44	30	51			
—	10	18	35	7	23	16	52	27	28	14·	125	63·	68	35·	89	20·	20	16	24			
6	22	54	78	7	47	9	64	17	51	20·	142	55·	113	44·	115	45·	66	43	80			
6	12	39	76	6	56	23	133	57	71	21·	201	61·	127	38·	80	24·	50	37	57			
8	21	38	115	7	80	24	154	39	66	17·	241	64·	118	31·	109	29·	57	37	85			
10	30	129	337	55	453	67	468	57	305	26·	700	59·	447	38·	429	36·	266	199	303			
4	7	23	52	7	25	14	62	37	34	17·	152	76·	41	20·	40	20·	19	16	25			
4	14	61	81	7	45	23	153	78	63	6·	274	70·	110	28·	95	24·	45	25	62			
4	19	68	101	9	52	27	98	29	66	20·	181	54·	144	43·	80	24·	48	43	60			
45	157	477	992	116	868	232	1,376	416	764	20·	2,353	63·	1,302	35·	1,109	30·	634	460	774			
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			

Boards.							—	Boards.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bds.
Under 10s.	10s. to 12s. 6d.	12s. 6d. to 15s.	15s. to 17s. 6d.	17s. 6d.	Over 17s. 6d.	No Returns.		No.	Per cent.												
—	—	1	2	—	2	—	2	40·	4	80·	—	—	1	20·	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
4	5	21	39	7	27	6	19	17·	71	65·	38	35·	31	28·	13	14	—	—	—	—	22
—	1	—	3	—	5	1	2	20·	4	40·	5	50·	3	30·	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
1	2	4	16	1	15	1	17	42·	30	75·	10	25·	10	25·	2	3	—	—	—	—	7
—	8	2	11	1	3	2	4	18·	16	73·	6	27·	7	32·	3	3	—	—	—	—	3
2	1	7	27	1	14	2	16	30·	39	72·	14	26·	18	33·	6	12	—	—	—	—	12
—	2	2	5	1	16	2	6	21·	21	75·	7	25·	5	18·	1	3	—	—	—	—	3
—	2	4	11	1	5	4	2	7·	15	56·	10	37·	6	22·	—	3	—	—	—	—	5
3	5	17	17	—	11	7	6	10·	40	67·	18	30·	13	22·	6	6	—	—	—	—	8
—	—	8	20	1	5	1	9	30·	23	77·	7	23·	10	33·	2	7	—	—	—	—	8
10	21	61	151	18	103	26	83	22·	263	68·	115	30·	104	27·	33	52	—	—	—	—	71
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) 104 voluntary schools and 7 boards did not reply.

CIRCULARS A. 1 and 2.

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7.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.	Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.						Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee.											
	Yes.		No.		No reply.		Number of Parents who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Sections 15 and 52, Act 1870.	Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	5d.	6d.	7d.	8d.	9d.	Exceeding 9d.	Not stated.
	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.														
Berks - - -	120	67·	39	22·	20	11·	36	—	—	20	69	26	—	56	6	—	—	—	2	
Devon - - -	205	66·	69	22·	36	12·	135	—	3	30	92	79	46	44	12	—	—	—	4	
Dorset - - -	143	73·	34	17·	20	10·	48	—	—	38	84	41	18	12	4	—	—	—	—	
Durham - - -	185	53·	98	38·	23	9·	135	—	1	—	5	56	94	59	11	—	—	—	30	
Gloucester - - -	209	63·	81	24·	42	13·	56	—	1	17	142	81	38	44	6	—	—	—	3	
Kent - - -	262	69·	69	18·	48	13·	61	—	1	1	81	158	44	63	23	2	—	—	6	
Lancashire - - -	639	54·	448	38·	93	8·	750	—	9	2	25	201	388	465	58	7	—	—	25	
Leicester - - -	140	70·	29	14·	32	16·	110	—	5	3	43	78	36	29	4	—	—	—	3	
Lincoln - - -	269	69·	64	16·	58	15·	204	—	2	4	97	111	89	69	9	2	—	—	8	
Stafford - - -	193	58·	103	31·	38	11·	186	—	1	2	50	90	109	61	13	1	—	—	7	
Total - - -	2,315	62·	1,034	27·	410	11·	1,721	—	23	117	688	921	862	902	146	12	—	—	88	
BOARDS.																				
Berks - - -	3	60·	—	—	2	40·	—	2	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	
Devon - - -	65	59·	28	26·	16	15·	—	—	—	9	30	29	19	20	2	—	—	—	—	
Dorset - - -	5	50·	3	30·	2	20·	—	1	—	1	6	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Durham - - -	28	70·	10	25·	2	5·	—	6	—	—	2	6	15	13	1	1	—	—	2	
Gloucester - - -	18	82·	4	18·	—	—	—	2	—	—	8	9	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	
Kent - - -	37	68·	8	15·	9	17·	—	3	—	—	13	25	7	5	2	—	—	—	2	
Lancashire - - -	18	64·	7	25·	3	11·	—	3	—	—	—	9	11	4	4	—	—	—	—	
Leicester - - -	25	92·	1	4·	1	4·	—	2	—	—	15	8	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	
Lincoln - - -	39	65·	14	23·	7	12·	—	—	—	—	8	17	17	17	—	—	—	—	1	
Stafford - - -	20	67·	8	27·	2	6·	—	2	—	—	4	15	8	2	1	—	—	—	—	
Total - - -	258	67·	83	22·	44	11·	—	21	—	10	89	120	82	68	10	1	—	—	5	

Fees.																								
Causes of Variation (a).														Paid without difficulty (b).				No. of Schools in which a Charge for Books is made.						
Age.		Standard or Class.		Means and Status of Parent.		No. in Family.		In Parish or not.		Half Time.		Schools in which some Fees have been remitted.	Paid without difficulty (b).				Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents.	Less than 3d.	3d. to 9d.	9d. to 2s.	2s. and over.	Amount not stated.		
No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.		Yes.		No.									
No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.		No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.							No.	Per cent.
16	9	16	9	64	36	45	25	5	3	—	—	58	157	88	19	11	19	12	41	10	5	—		
29	9	52	17	167	54	66	21	8	3	—	—	107	264	85	36	12	43	25	69	40	10	16		
18	9	16	8	74	38	60	30	3	2	—	—	49	171	87	26	13	10	20	40	27	3	—		
45	18	185	53	9	4	20	8	—	—	—	—	170	192	75	54	21	65	7	32	86	36	—		
25	8	59	18	74	22	142	43	10	3	—	—	106	268	81	60	18	57	28	69	36	9	19		
25	7	51	15	103	27	164	43	9	2	—	—	108	337	89	40	11	30	15	78	46	9	33		
453	38	807	68	116	10	101	9	—	—	87	7	493	842	71	308	26	169	54	195	429	179	37		
8	4	50	25	63	31	56	28	5	2	—	—	50	161	80	33	16	7	16	46	36	6	31		
46	12	70	18	144	37	188	48	7	2	—	—	138	322	82	60	15	19	24	86	76	13	74		
32	10	171	51	76	23	65	19	3	1	—	—	133	214	64	116	35	16	60	74	70	10	—		
697	19	1,427	38	890	24	907	24	50	1	87	2	1,412	2,928	78	752	20	435	261	730	856	230	210		
												Bds.				Bds.								
1	20	2	40	—	—	1	20	1	20	—	—	2	4	80	1	20	—	1	1	1	—	—		
36	33	7	6	71	65	29	27	2	2	—	—	58	94	86	14	13	30	3	21	19	3	2		
2	20	1	10	3	30	—	—	1	10	—	—	4	7	70	3	30	3	—	1	1	—	1		
10	25	20	50	—	—	5	23	—	—	—	—	37	21	53	13	34	10	1	11	10	5	—		
6	27	2	9	5	23	7	32	3	14	—	—	9	16	73	6	27	5	—	7	3	—	—		
8	15	10	19	19	35	22	41	3	6	—	—	39	41	76	11	20	7	—	7	3	—	1		
7	25	18	64	1	4	2	7	—	—	—	—	20	24	86	4	14	3	1	4	10	3	—		
5	19	2	7	3	11	7	26	1	4	—	—	23	19	70	8	30	1	—	12	1	1	3		
19	32	13	22	23	38	24	40	3	5	—	—	38	44	73	16	27	9	3	18	10	1	2		
9	30	14	47	1	3	2	7	2	7	—	—	27	13	43	16	53	9	5	5	2	2	1		
103	27	89	23	126	33	99	26	16	4	—	—	257	283	74	92	24	77	14	87	60	15	10		

(a) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(b) 79 voluntary schools and 10 boards did not reply to this question.

CIRCULARS A 1. and 2.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.	10					11						12		13			
	Schools which have sustained Diminution of Grant from the Operation of the 17s. 6d. Limit (Article 114).					Should Duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?*						Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment (a).			
	Number.		Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.		Yes.		No.		No reply.		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	Yes.		No.	
	—	Per cent.		—	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.			No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.
Berks - - -	8	5	£ 2,094	£ 88	4	16	9	96	54	67	37	32	—	54	30	115	64
Devon - - -	36	12	5,577	267	5	51	17	175	56	84	27	342	—	73	24	222	72
Dorset - - -	23	12	3,487	313	9	16	8	113	57	68	35	186	—	35	18	124	63
Durham - - -	28	11	7,926	373	5	75	29	117	46	64	25	380	—	42	16	203	79
Gloucester - -	31	9	7,101	342	5	72	22	177	53	83	25	122	—	82	25	231	70
Kent - - -	31	8	8,227	455	6	47	12	257	68	75	20	632	1	86	23	258	68
Lancashire - -	188	16	77,967	3,294	4	496	42	403	34	192	16	1,155	—	228	19	896	76
Leicester - - -	28	14	5,882	311	5	23	12	127	63	51	25	93	—	38	19	160	80
Lincoln - - -	31	8	5,706	397	7	28	7	275	70	88	23	66	1	61	16	323	83
Stafford - - -	30	9	9,941	484	5	111	33	182	55	41	12	214	—	66	20	162	49
Total - - -	434	12	183,908	6,319	5	935	25	1,922	51	813	22	3,222	2	765	20	2,694	72

* 80 schools state they prefer payment by School Attendance Committee.

BOARDS.	Bds.																
Berks - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	20	3	60
Devon - - -	16	15	8,633	293	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	23	21	81	74
Dorset - - -	1	10	52	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	10	9	90
Durham - - -	7	18	23,861	398	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	—	6	15	31	78
Gloucester - -	4	18	3,059	67	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	6	27	16	73
Kent - - -	6	11	2,159	48	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	14	26	39	72
Lancashire - -	8	29	32,045	636	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	282	—	2	7	26	93
Leicester - - -	5	19	12,347	153	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	22	21	78
Lincoln - - -	7	12	1,667	62	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	17	48	80
Stafford - - -	7	23	11,612	381	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	—	1	3	27	90
Total - - -	61	16	95,435	2,042	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	466	—	70	18	301	78

(a) 300 voluntary schools and 14 boards did not reply to Question 13.

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15 and 16

18.

Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		Most frequent Recommendations respecting Attendance at School.				Compulsion applied (b).					
									Fairly and effectively.		Fairly only.		Neither.	
Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Schools.	Cost.	Age for compulsory Attendance.		Standard for Exemption.		No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.
					Full time.	Half time.	Partial.	Total.						
18	57	71	1	—	12	14	4	5	98	10·	9	5·	64	36·
49	90	116	5	—	12 & 13	13	3 & 4	4 & 5	98	30·	34	11·	175	56·
20	51	51	1	—	12	13	4	5	58	29·	36	18·	93	47·
40	94	130	3	45	13	14	4	6	98	38·	28	11·	118	44·
72	125	142	1	—	12 & 13	13 & 14	3 & 4	4 & 5	89	27·	48	14·	175	58·
74	124	162	3	—	12 & 13	14	4	5	145	38·	3	1·	203	54·
295	385	477	50	—	10,11,12	13 & 14	3 & 4	5 & 6	588	50·	78	7·	489	41·
35	68	76	7	—	12 & 13	13	4	5	98	49·	15	7·	86	43·
59	117	109	4	—	11,12,13	12,13,14	3 & 4	4 & 5	172	44·	8	2·	199	50·
93	142	178	9	—	12 & 13	13 & 1	3 & 4	5 & 6	145	43·	17	5·	165	49·
755	1,253	1,512	84	—	—	—	—	—	1,584	42·	276	7·	1,762	47·
			Boards.											
—	—	2	1	—	12	14	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	28	22	1	30	12 & 13	13	3 & 4	4 & 5	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	5	4	—	—	13	14	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	16	23	4	—	12	13	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	6	7	1	210	12 & 13	13 & 14	3 & 4	4 & 5	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	19	25	1	23	13	13	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	11	17	5	—	10	13	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	11	10	1	200	10	13	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	16	14	—	—	11,12,13	12,13,14	3 & 4	4 & 5	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	14	18	7	—	13	13	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
90	126	142	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(b) 187 voluntary schools did not reply to Question 18.

CIRCULAR A. 3.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.	1			2			4			Schools in which some Children are habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction.			Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			
	Daily.	Not at all.	No reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Berks - - -	179	—	—	179	121	177	17	138	24	6
Devon - - -	306	1	3	306	176	302	27	244	39	31
Dorset - - -	197	—	—	197	139	195	22	160	13	11
Durham - - -	247	3	1	247	108	233	22	212	15	24
Gloucester - -	330	1	1	330	207	329	36	251	41	13
Kent - - -	376	1	2	373	268	366	35	231	110	33
Lancashire - -	1,069	93	18	1,071	477	1,054	62	913	130	61
Leicester - - -	198	1	2	198	116	198	18	169	11	9
Lincoln - - -	389	1	1	388	242	385	27	336	22	11
Stafford - - -	331	1	2	329	225	329	20	271	38	6
Total - - -	3,622	102	30	3,618	2,079	3,568	286	2,925	443	205
Per-centage -	96	—	—	96	55	—	8	78	12	—
BOARDS.										Boards.
Berks - - -	5	—	—	5	1	5	—	5	—	—
Devon - - -	165	3	1	102	22	100	4	98	3	—
Dorset - - -	10	—	—	10	1	10	—	9	1	—
Durham - - -	36	2	1	34	—	34	1	29	6	4
Gloucester - -	22	—	—	21	3	22	—	21	1	1
Kent - - -	45	9	—	54	7	52	2	33	18	5
Lancashire - -	22	6	—	22	—	22	1	19	1	4
Leicester - - -	22	5	—	27	6	27	1	23	3	—
Lincoln - - -	51	8	1	53	2	54	2	54	1	—
Stafford - - -	30	—	—	30	1	30	—	27	3	2
Total - - -	348	33	3	358	43	356	11	318	37	16
Per-centage -	90	—	—	93	11	—	3	83	10	—

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire				Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.			
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children with-drawn.	Religious Training.		Moral Training.		Yes.		No.	
	With Schools.	Sepa-rately.					No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.
70	8	62	35	Slight	158	18	163	91.	159	89.	70	39.	82	46.
140	21	100	94	Slight	174	314	282	91.	285	92.	117	38.	154	50.
84	11	69	41	Slight	177	106	183	93.	179	91.	99	50.	77	39.
170	21	149	118	Slight	182	159	244	95.	249	97.	100	39.	114	45.
146	24	122	65	Slight	273	33	298	90.	297	89.	139	42.	157	47.
188	21	156	93	Sligh	349	152	358	94.	358	94.	157	41.	166	44.
866	66	654	518	Slight	857	682	1,026	87.	1,072	91.	507	43.	562	48.
98	13	84	61	Slight	190	72	190	95.	191	95.	93	46.	86	43.
155	14	129	119	Slight	334	76	374	96.	375	96.	202	52.	149	38.
224	18	203	117	Slight	282	205	320	96.	321	96.	127	38.	176	53.
2,141	217	1,728	1,261	—	2,976	1,817	3,438	92.	3,486	93.	1,611	46.	1,723	48.
—	10*	81	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boards.			Boards.											
2	—	2	—	—	1	—	4	80.	4	80.	2	40.	—	—
102	12	28	34	Slight	52	Some	76	70.	76	70.	63	58.	20	18.
2	—	1	2	Slight	4	1	7	70.	7	70.	6	60.	3	30.
21	13	8	12	Slight	7	33	25	63.	25	63.	27	68.	10	25.
15	6	5	6	Slight	10	6	19	86.	18	82.	12	55.	10	45.
27	9	7	18	Slight	15	2	47	87.	48	89.	38	70.	14	26.
23	6	10	5	Slight	7	256	22	79.	24	86.	22	79.	4	14.
15	5	3	4	Slight	7	—	23	85.	24	89.	19	70.	7	25.
24	11	6	12	Slight	8	3	50	83.	52	87.	39	65.	12	20.
24	5	14	10	Slight	12	2	26	87.	25	83.	17	57.	6	20.
265	67	84	103	—	123	303	299	78.	303	79.	245	64.	86	22.
—	25*	32	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Per-centage on schools and boards with pupil-teachers.

RETURN D.

HEAD TEACHERS.

SUMMARY of the 12 Districts, with Per-centages.

SUMMARY OF OPINIONS ON ACTS, CODE, and ADMINISTRATION (given in Answers to Questions 1, 5, and 19), arranged in the order of frequency.

Circular D. was sent to the head teachers (of departments) in 3,130 schools. Replies were received from 3,496 head teachers of departments. The following summary gives briefly the opinions (which are stated more at length in the report on each district) for all cases in which those opinions occur more than 10 times. Under each head the first opinions are numerous, and they gradually decline to the above limit at the end.

ACTS.

Compulsion is inefficient.
 The age and standard of exemption should be raised.
 Half-time should be abolished.
 The byelaws should be made uniform.
 Heavier fines for irregularity should be inflicted.
 Employers of children under the legal age should be punished.
 The system of paying the fees of poor children needs revision.
 Regular attendance should be encouraged by prizes and remission of fees.
 Education should be free.
 The Acts need consolidation.
 Voluntary schools should be put on an equality with board schools, and receive a share of rates.
 There should be special courts for school cases.
 Compulsory attendance should begin at an earlier age.
 Exemption should be based on attendance.
 Parents, not schools, should suffer for irregular attendance.
 School board areas should be enlarged.
 The cumulative vote should be abolished.
 The Education, Factory, and Mining Acts should be assimilated.
 There should be a census of children of school age.
 The qualifications of members of school boards should be raised.
 Voluntary schools should receive larger grants.
 Dame schools should be supervised or abolished.
 Boards and school attendance committees should have power to appeal against the decisions of magistrates.
 Special schools for wastrels and truants should be provided.

The Education Department should fix the standard of exemption.

All certificates of exemption should be signed by teachers.

Honour certificates should be revived.

Fees of irregular children should be raised.

The cost of prosecution should be reduced.

There should be the option of paying rates or subscribing to voluntary schools.

Exemption should be based on standards only.

Schools ought not to be rated.

CODE.

Payment by results should be abolished.
 The merit grant should be abolished.
 There should be complete liberty of classification.
 Arithmetic should be simpler.
 Too many reading books are required.
 The 22 weeks' system should be abolished.
 A larger fixed grant should be paid on average attendance.
 The work of the upper standards is too difficult.
 The examination should be simplified for country schools and poor town schools.
 Grammar (English) is too difficult.
 The requirements of the Code are too severe, and induce cramming.
 The 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished.
 The examination should be simplified for poor and dull children.
 There should be liberty to withhold children from examination.
 Sewing should be easier.
 Individual examination should give place to class examination.
 The examination of half-timers should be more lenient.
 There should be free choice of class subjects.
 Irregular children should be excluded from the examination.
 Geography should be simplified.
 Allowance should be made for bad weather and epidemics.
 Spelling is too difficult.
 The drawing examination is too severe.

Young children should be treated with more leniency.
 The work of girls should be reduced.
 The standard system should be abolished.
 Infant boys should not be taught sewing.
 Dictation should be given from the literary reader.
 There should be a syllabus for infants.
 After six weeks absence names should be removed from registers.
 The examination of Welsh children should be modified on account of the bi-lingual difficulty.
 There should be fewer changes in the Code, and it should be simplified.
 Technical and scientific teaching needs encouragement.
 Dictation should be given out by the teacher, who should take a part in the examination.
 Eight should be made the age for Standard I.
 Notice should be given of all changes in the Code.
 The per-centage system should be abolished.
 Overtime in schools should be prohibited.
 There should be a syllabus for class subjects, and these should be simplified.
 Schools should be made more attractive to children.
 Drawing should be examined by the Science and Art Department.
 There should be fewer object lessons (less kindergarten).
 Composition should be made easier.
 Special schools should be provided for half-timers.
 Writing and spelling should be separated in examination.
 The standard and labour pass should be assimilated.
 Night schools should be encouraged, and should have a separate syllabus.
 The work of infants should be reduced.
 There should be fewer subjects of examination.
 Specific subjects should be made easier.
 Singing should be simplified.
 The step from Standard III. to Standard IV. should be easier.
 The Education Department should choose the dictation.
 Corporal punishment should be recognised.
 The number presented for examination should be a per-centage of the number on the books.
 Shorthand, mensuration, and book-keeping should be taught.
 Drill, calisthenics, and hygiene should be taught.
 Poetry should be excluded from English or simplified.
 There should be a uniform system of weights and measures.
 There should be no individual examination of infants.
 Examination by sample should be abolished.

ADMINISTRATION.

Pressure is required to compel magistrates, local authorities, and attendance officers to carry out the Education Acts.
 There is great want of uniformity in the method and standard of examination.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should be practical men, selected from elementary teachers.
 The minimum staff should be increased.
 There should be a minister of education.
 Her Majesty's Inspectors should not exceed the Code or their instructions; should be less severe and more considerate, and should have less power.
 Teachers should have security of tenure.
 The examination papers should be returned.
 The endorsement of parchment certificates should cease.
 The Education Department should carry out compulsion.
 The examination should be less hurried.
 There should be a court of appeal for teachers.
 Attendance officers should be more numerous.
 Managers and teachers desire more power and freedom.
 Visits without notice should be more frequent.
 Persons interested in juvenile labour should not be allowed to become members of school attendance committees.
 Police should act as attendance officers.
 A larger staff should be provided in small schools.
 The results of pupil-teacher examinations should be made known sooner.
 Boards and school attendance committees need to be reconstituted.
 The age of appointment and salary of Her Majesty's Inspectors' assistants should be raised.
 A Government inspector of attendance should be appointed.
 Local authorities should have less power.
 The supply of teachers should be limited.
 The reports and grants should follow examination more quickly.
 Pupil-teachers ought not to count on the staff during first years, and they should have less work.
 Parents should be supplied with copies of the Acts.
 Teachers should have fixed salaries and pensions.
 Her Majesty's Inspectors' assistants should have less power.
 Her Majesty's Inspectors should be punctual at examinations; their districts should be changed, and their instructions made public.
 A higher standard of efficiency should be required for a teacher's certificate.
 School attendance committees should be abolished.
 Attendance officers should have power of arrest.
 Attendance officers should have same power as factory inspectors.
 Teachers should have less clerical work.
 Managers should have less power.
 Pupil-teachers should serve a longer apprenticeship.
 Local authorities should have more power.
 Examination and inspection should take place on different days.
 Factory inspectors should be made to do their duty.
 Certificates of birth should be issued only by registrars.

DISTRICTS.	Total Number of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.		Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to Satisfactory Education.		Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).				Cases of Overwork.				
		Number.	Per-centage.		Number.	Per-centage.	Yes.		No.		Total Number of Departments making any Complaint.		Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Departments in which some Scholars are said to be over-worked.
							Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.			
Yorkshire, W.R.	1,356	1,101	81·	1,440	431	30·	926	64·	476	33·	496	34·	267	125	327
Chelsea -	92	52	57·	101	18	18·	80	79·	17	17·	26	26·	16	8	15
Greenwich -	87	64	74·	140	72	51·	102	73·	38	27·	70	50·	52	5	54
Southwark -	67	46	70·	100	29	29·	63	63·	36	36·	35	35·	27	8	24
Bedfordshire -	145	124	86·	150	49	33·	79	53·	67	45·	38	25·	25	12	14
Glamorgan -	108	57	53·	103	19	18·	60	58·	41	40·	22	21·	15	10	12
Sussex -	422	362	86·	476	126	26·	307	64·	138	29·	168	35·	90	22	118
Wiltshire -	355	316	89·	374	82	22·	227	61·	135	36·	7	21·	41	15	46
Merioneth -	73	52	71·	60	8	13·	22	37·	37	62·	17	28·	11	10	9
Birkenhead -	25	18	72·	36	18	50·	10	28·	25	69·	11	31·	9	5	7
West Ham -	25	22	88·	53	39	74·	23	43·	30	57·	20	38·	16	10	15
Warwickshire -	375	315	84·	463	206	44·	264	57·	188	41·	153	33·	96	61	92
Total	3,130	2,529	81·	3,496	1,097	31·	2,163	62·	1,228	35·	1,133	32·	665	291	733

(a) 105 give no reply.

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DISTRICTS.	Departments adequately supplied with Appliances (a).						Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.						Super-									
	Yes.		Fairly.		No.		Number.		In these the Loss was borne by						Approved (b).		Mode of					
	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Teacher.			Committee.			Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.		Teacher and State.				
							Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.				Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.
Yorkshire, W.R.	1,261	88·	97	7·	49	3·	128	9·	16	12·	74	58·	38	30·	1,146	80·	102	7·	157	13·	189	17·
Chelsea -	90	89·	9	9·	2	2·	2	2·	—	—	—	—	2	100·	87	86·	7	7·	16	18·	16	18·
Greenwich -	132	94·	4	3·	3	2·	4	3·	—	—	3	75·	1	25·	123	86·	10	7·	36	29·	22	17·
Southwark -	98	98·	1	1·	1	1·	6	6·	—	—	4	67·	2	33·	78	78·	9	9·	12	15·	11	14·
Bedfordshire -	136	91·	5	3·	9	6·	14	9·	—	—	9	64·	5	36·	130	87·	4	3·	20	16·	25	19·
Glamorgan -	91	88·	3	3·	4	4·	34	33·	5	15·	27	79·	2	6·	94	91·	2	2·	9	9·	12	13·
Sussex -	419	88·	28	6·	19	4·	30	6·	4	13·	16	54·	10	33·	417	88·	20	4·	46	11·	69	17·
Wiltshire -	349	93·	3	1·	22	6·	28	7·	1	4·	16	57·	11	39·	320	86·	8	2·	56	17·	90	28·
Merioneth -	43	72·	7	12·	10	17·	5	8·	1	20·	3	60·	1	20·	49	82·	3	5·	7	15·	8	16·
Birkenhead -	23	78·	4	11·	3	8·	13	88·	1	8·	10	77·	2	15·	36	100·	—	—	—	—	1	3·
West Ham -	52	98·	1	2·	—	—	3	6·	—	—	3	100·	—	—	49	92·	2	4·	—	—	8	17·
Warwickshire -	395	85·	37	8·	15	3·	69	15·	2	3·	48	70·	19	27·	408	88·	9	2·	36	9·	70	17·
Total	3,094	89·	190	6·	137	4·	336	10·	30	9·	213	63·	93	28·	2,937	84·	176	5·	395	13·	521	16·

(a) 66 give no reply.

(b) 383 give no reply.

CIRCULAR D. 1. (HEAD TEACHERS.)

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DISTRICTS.	Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.(a)				Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.						Cookery.			
	Yes.		No.		Industries or use of Tools.		Domestic Duties (Girls).		Cookery.		Departments taught.		Cost.	Difficulties, why not taught.
	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.		
Yorkshire, W.R.	151	10·	1,169	81·	296	21·	422	29·	436	30·	81	6·	—	Time; expense; accom- modation; convenience; apparatus; teachers; girls leave too young; excessive requirements of code; disposal of food; indifference of parents; irregular at- tendance.
Chelsea	25	25·	66	66·	31	31·	25	26·	32	32·	16	16·	—	
Greenwich	25	18·	109	78·	29	21·	37	26·	44	31·	20	14·	—	
Southwark	7	7·	86	86·	19	19·	33	33·	38	28·	26	26·	—	
Bedfordshire	18	9·	129	86·	37	25·	47	31·	26	17·	3	2·	—	
Glamorgan	11	11·	82	80·	31	30·	46	45·	39	38·	7	7·	—	
Sussex	62	13·	386	81·	114	24·	179	38·	153	32·	10	2·	—	
Wiltshire	35	9·	319	85·	45	12·	145	39·	126	34·	4	1·	—	
Merioneth	7	12·	48	80·	25	42·	29	48·	26	43·	5	8·	—	
Birkenhead	16	44·	17	47·	8	22·	12	33·	11	31·	2	6·	27l. 16s.	
West Ham	3	6·	43	81·	10	18·	12	23·	16	30·	16	30·	—	
Warwickshire	51	11·	376	81·	66	14·	149	32·	165	36·	27	6·	—	
Total	406	12·	2,880	81·	711	20·	1,136	32·	1,112	32·	217	6·	—	

(a) 260 do not reply.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

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DISTRICTS.	Departments in which Religious Instruction is given			Religious Instruction given (d)			Registers marked (d)			Departments in which some Children are habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Daily.	Not at all.	No reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Through- out the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Yorkshire, W.R.	1,277	157	6	1,329	352	1,324	101	1,028	254	55
Chelsea	101	—	—	101	33	101	29	8	64	16
Greenwich	139	—	1	139	27	139	8	29	102	20
Southwark	100	—	—	100	14	100	9	14	77	12
Bedfordshire	147	2	1	140	41	144	14	120	12	5
Glamorgan	29	72	2	35	7	38	—	55	5	2
Sussex	469	7	—	475	223	472	37	390	49	18
Wiltshire	370	1	3	363	183	364	52	295	32	11
Merioneth	28	32	—	36	12	37	3	41	2	6
Birkenhead	35	1	—	36	10	35	3	26	5	4
West Ham	53	—	—	53	2	53	—	5	48	8
Warwickshire	413	48	2	413	158	412	25	333	91	34
Total	3,161	320	15	3,220	1,062	3,219	281	2,344	741	191
Per-centage	90·	9·	1·							

(d) The answers to questions 2 and 4 include some cases where prayers and hymns are used, though no definite religious instruction is given.

15 and 16.				17						18			
Most frequent Recommendations respecting Attendance at School.				Compulsion applied. (b)						Has Attendance improved during past Three Years. (c)			
Age for compulsory Attendance.		Standard for Exemption.		Fairly and effectively.		Fairly only.		Neither.		Yes.		No.	
Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.
12 and 13	14	4 and 5	5 and 6	316	22·	304	21·	759	53·	893	58·	516	36·
13	14	4 and 5	6	20	20·	26	26·	51	51·	39	39·	56	56·
13 and 14	14 and 15	4 and 5	6	12	9·	29	21·	97	69·	43	31·	95	68·
13	14	4	6	25	25·	20	20·	49	49·	38	38·	60	60·
13	14	4	5	51	34·	26	17·	68	45·	65	43·	76	51·
12 and 13	14	4 and 5	5 and 6	44	43·	40	39·	19	18·	62	60·	35	34·
12 and 13	13 and 14	3 and 4	5 and 6	98	21·	107	22·	249	52·	295	49·	223	47·
12 and 13	13 and 14	3 and 4	4 and 5	127	34·	43	11·	191	51·	161	43·	189	51·
13	14	4 and 5	5	6	1·	6	1·	38	64·	23	38·	37	62·
11	13 and 14	4	5	5	14·	2	6·	29	80·	10	28·	22	61·
13	14	4	5	13	24·	19	36·	21	40·	17	32·	36	68·
13	14	4	5	61	13·	116	25·	274	59·	273	59·	167	36·
13	14	4	5	778	22·	748	21·	1,845	53·	1,799	51·	1,512	43·

(b) 125 do not reply.

(c) 185 do not reply.

5		6			7			8				9				
Religious Instruction of Pupil-Teachers given		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.			Examination of Religious Teaching.			Departments in which it is stated Parents desire				Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training. (e)				
With Scholars.	Separately.	Departments.		Extent.	Departments.		Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.		Moral Training.		Yes.		No.		
		Number.	Per-centage.		Number.	Per-centage.		Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	
173	629	468	33·	} One half in many cases Slight	778	54·	306	1,191	88·	1,262	88·	915	64·	465	32·	
2	83	26	26·		96	95·	24	96	95·	96	95·	65	64·	27	27·	
6	117	13	9·		Slight	136	97·	19	127	91·	128	91·	89	64·	45	39·
5	70	17	17·		Slight	97	97·	5	79	79·	81	81·	51	51·	36	36·
17	31	53	35·		Slight	70	47·	15	115	77·	118	79·	88	59·	49	33·
10	10	26	25·		Slight	17	17·	11	39	38·	64	62·	58	56·	26	25·
25	148	139	29·		Slight	425	89·	68	450	95·	448	94·	267	56·	171	36·
24	105	97	26·		Slight	306	82·	83	381	89·	339	91·	234	63·	103	28·
9	4	8	13·		Slight	17	28·	3	42	70·	47	78·	33	55·	21	35·
5	23	13	36·		Slight	29	81·	1	32	89·	33	92·	16	44·	16	44·
7	46	1	2·		Slight	53	100·	38	46	87·	46	87·	32	60·	15	28·
22	198	152	33·		Slight	348	75·	108	411	89·	422	91·	263	57·	165	36·
805	1,464	1,013	32·		Slight	2,372	68·	681	2,959	85·	3,084	98·	2,111	60·	1,199	33·

(e) 246 do not reply.

DRAWING AND SCIENCE RETURN.

CIRCULARS A. 4 and D. 3.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATION ACTS.

*It is requested that the Class, National, British, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Undenominational, Board, as well as the local name of the School, may be specified.

† State whether Rural or Urban, Manufacturing or Agricultural, &c.

To Head Teachers of Elementary Schools.

* School in the County of
School Board of (or)

and in the District of the
School Attendance Committee of

Character of District †

QUESTIONS AS TO DRAWING and SCIENCE.

1. Is Drawing taught in your School—

(a) As a Class Subject?

or

(b) Under the Science and Art Department?

(c) From the Flat or from Models, or both?

(d) Is your School adequately provided with Models for instruction in Geometrical Drawing?

2.—(a) Do you consider the Subjects and Grades of Instruction in Science prescribed or allowed by the Code adapted to children of the ages attending the Elementary Schools of your neighbourhood?

(b) Is their division into Class Subjects and Specific Subjects adapted to the wants of your locality?

(c) Is Natural Science taught in your School?

(d) Is it taught experimentally, and do the Children themselves carry out the experiments?

(e) What apparatus for instruction (for instance, chemical or physical apparatus, or models for instruction in Animal or Vegetable Physiology) is provided in your School?

The above Circular, marked A. 4, was sent to Managers of Voluntary Schools and to School Boards in the following 10 counties:

Berkshire,
Devonshire,
Dorset,
Durham,
Gloucestershire,

Kent,
Lancashire,
Leicester,
Lincolnshire,
Staffordshire.

The above Circular, marked D 3, was sent to Head Teachers of Schools in the following districts:

West Riding of Yorkshire,
Chelsea, }
Greenwich, } London School Board District.
Southwark, }
Bedfordshire,
Two Mining Unions in Glamorganshire,

Sussex,
Wilts,
Merionethshire,
Birkenhead,
West Ham, Essex,
Warwickshire.

The Circulars were sent out in October and November 1886, and the replies were received early in 1887; they contain many complaints respecting the 17s. 6d. limit. Drawing has since been re-transferred to the Science and Art Department, so that the grant is now paid independently of the 17s. 6d. limit, and a new Code for drawing has been introduced.

The Returns are given in two tables corresponding to the two groups. In Table I. it will be seen that the figures refer to School Boards, and not to Board Schools; each Board received one circular only. In Table II. the first column refers to schools; circulars were sent to all Head Teachers (heads of departments) in all the schools in those districts.

TABLE

DRAWING—(A. 4.)

MANAGERS OF VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS

County.	—	Voluntary Schools and School Boards.		Drawing taught						Supplied with Models for Geometrical Drawing.	
		Drawing Circulars.		As a Class Subject.	Under Science and Art Department.	Not for Grant.	From Flat.	From Models.	From both.	Adequately.	Fairly.
		Sent.	Returned.								
Berkshire	Voluntary schools	224	163	1	18	—	10	—	9	4	3
	Boards - - -	8	5	—	2	1	2	—	1*	—	—
Devonshire	Voluntary schools	398	271	2	34	2	11	—	25	17	1
	Boards - - -	188	109	2	9	1	4	—	8	—	1
Several request that drawing should be excluded from the 17s. 6d. limit.											
Dorsetshire	Voluntary schools	245	177	1	9	—	6	—	4	4	1
	Boards - - -	19	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Durham	Voluntary schools	351	251	9	55	—	24	2	36	21	4
	Boards - - -	49	29	6	16*	—	6	—	15	10	1
* One board teaches drawing in 13 departments. Some will discontinue drawing unless the 17s. 6d. limit is removed.											
Gloucester	Voluntary Schools	427	388	7	33	2	7	1	34	22	3
	Boards - - -	85	32	2	3	—	1	—	4	3	—
Several intend to discontinue drawing if the 17s. 6d. limit is maintained.											
Kent	Voluntary schools	467	355	7	25	3	12	—	21	16	3
	Boards - - -	64	39	4	5	1	2	—	7	6	1
Lancashire	Voluntary schools	1,543	1,106	78	225	22	115	3	177	122	22
	Boards - - -	32	26	5	13	—	3	1	11	9	—
Many complain that drawing is impossible under the 17s. 6d. limit. Thirty schools have discontinued teaching it.											
Leicestershire	Voluntary schools	244	196	4	13	—	7	—	10	7	5
	Boards - - -	33	24	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	—
Some do not teach it because the 17s. 6d. limit would prevent receipt of grant.											
Lincolnshire	Voluntary schools	487	357	12	24	5	15	—	18	12	3
	Boards - - -	84	60	2	4	1	2	—	5	2	1
Staffordshire	Voluntary schools	440	313	9	61	3	20	2	47	23	8
	Boards - - -	36	25	8	13	1	1	—	16	8	3
Some state drawing will have to be discontinued on account of 17s. 6d. limit.											

I.

SCIENCE—(A. 4.)

AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

Are Code Regulations for Science adapted for Children in Elementary Schools.		Is the Division into Class and Specific Subjects, adapted to wants of Locality.		Schools in which Natural Science is taught				Apparatus provided.
Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	At all.	Experimentally.	Children, Experiment.	As Object Lessons only.	
6	7	7	3	—	—	—	3	A few diagrams and charts for physiology; some pictures of plants and animals for object lessons.
1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
14	17	17	11	7	4	4	7	Diagrams for physiology; pictures, microscope; electrical apparatus; chemical apparatus; seeds, flowers, &c.
3	4	4	4	2	2	—	—	
4	2	2	1	2	1	—	1	Air-pump, electrical machines, galvanic battery, models for physiology, and diagrams.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28	22	37	9	7	6	4	4	Apparatus for teaching chemistry, sound, light, heat, electricity, physiology, anatomy, and botany; diagrams, charts, drawings.
9	8	13	1	7	4	1	—	
15	15	16	13	8	3	2	1	Chemical and electrical apparatus; minerals, bones, rocks; models and diagrams for physiology and natural history.
2	2	3	—	1	1	—	—	
14	12	13	9	9	4	2	6	Apparatus and diagrams for teaching chemistry, electricity and heat; school museum, specimens.
1	5	3	3	—	—	—	—	
133	126	167	68	58	38	18	16	Apparatus for chemistry, light, sound, heat, electricity, and magnetism; cabinet of specimens; minerals; pumps, barometers, syphons; botanical specimens; bones; diagrams, charts; models.
9	4	11	1	7	7	3	—	
<p>There are great complaints that the science requirements are too advanced. Some suggest that science should be a class subject; that it should be substituted for English, and agriculture for geography; that there should be grants for models—technical schools—that science should form a Seventh Standard. There are excellent collections of specimens and apparatus at Manchester, Liverpool, Wigan, and other large towns. The school boards for Liverpool and Hambleton lend out a museum of specimens.</p>								
8	8	10	3	1	1	1	4	Maps and charts for physiology; small museum; model of steam engine.
1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	
10	17	14	15	5	3	1	9	Charts for physiology, animals, and plants; a few models.
1	4	2	3	—	—	—	1	
35	20	32	20	10	4	1	3	Apparatus for chemistry and electricity; microscopical objects; diagrams and charts for physiology.
11	4	10	2	4	2	1	1	
<p>Many object to the severity of the science examination.</p>								

DRAWING (D. 3).

TABLE

HEAD

District.	—	Drawing Circulars.		Drawing taught.						Supplied with Models for Geometrical Drawing.	
		Number of Schools to which Circulars were sent for the Head Teachers in all Departments.	Number of Circulars returned.	As a Class Subject.	Under Science and Art Department.	Not for Grant.	From Flat.	From Models.	From both.	Adequately.	Fairly.
Yorkshire, West Riding.	Voluntary Schools. Boards -	1,856	1,405	58	96	18	54	1	104	68	9
				69	91	4	46	—	107	83	4
Some say they will have to discontinue Drawing on account of 17s. 6d. limit.											
Chelsea	Voluntary Schools. Boards -	92	85	6	7	2	8	—	10	5	1
				19	8	—	2	—	24	19	2
Greenwich	Voluntary Schools. Boards -	87	125	9	6	—	4	—	10	8	1
				33	8	3	1	—	38	28	2
Southwark	Voluntary schools. Boards -	67	88	1	7	1	4	—	5	3	—
				18	12	—	6	—	24	21	—
Bedfordshire	Voluntary schools. Boards -	145	137	2	9	—	7	—	4	5	—
				—	4	4	2	—	4	1	1
Glamorgan Unions of— Pontypridd. Merthyr Tydvil.	Voluntary schools. Boards -	108	90	—	2	—	1	—	1	1	—
				3	9	—	8	—	2	2	—
Sussex	Voluntary schools. Boards -	422	386	10	14	3	6	—	18	9	2
				10	9	1	5	—	18	9	—
Wilts	Voluntary schools. Boards -	355	317	3	12	5	7	—	9	5	4
				—	5	—	—	—	5	2	—
Merioneth	Voluntary schools. Boards -	78	56	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
				—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Birkenhead	Voluntary schools. Boards -	25	31	—	5	1	2	—	4	1	1
West Ham (Essex)	Voluntary schools. Boards -	25	46	—	2	—	—	—	2	1	1
				2	15	1	5	—	14	9	2
Warwickshire	Voluntary schools. Boards -	375	480	22	34	2	20	—	36	17	8
				27	12	1	8	—	34	23	4
Many complain that the 17s. 6d. limit prevents Drawing from being taught.											

II.

SCIENCE (D. 3).

TEACHERS.

Are Code Regulations for Science adapted to Children in Elementary Schools.		Is the Division into Class and Specific Subjects adapted to wants of Locality.		Schools in which Natural Science is Taught				Apparatus provided.
Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	At all.	Experimentally.	Children, Experiment.	As object Lessons only.	
54	67	75	39	18	12	9	17	Minerals; apparatus for chemistry, physiology, electricity, physics; microscopes, charts, models, diagrams, museum; some are the property of the Demonstrator.
61	63	81	34	19	18	17	9	
There is a laboratory at the Leeds Centre. Models for physiology are lent by the Board to the schools. Dewsbury, Huddersfield, and other towns have also a supply of models. Many complain of the severity of the science requirements. Some recommend hygiene and technical schools.								
12	2	12	2	5	2	—	2	Chemical and mechanical apparatus; models and charts for physiology; microscopes and preparations for botany; museums, &c.; apparatus for electricity; specimen bones; animal, vegetable, and mineral collections; diagrams and pictures.
22	7	22	2	17	17	6	9	
11	2	12	—	2	1	1	—	
27	12	30	6	23	21	9	10	
4	2	4	1	1	1	1	—	
11	12	12	6	9	7	5	9	Large models for physiology are lent by the London School Board. There is excellent provision for science in the Board schools.
5	7	10	2	6	3	1	—	Very little except for Bedford Harper Trust and Luton Board Schools.
3	2	3	2	1	2	—	5	
1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	A few charts and diagrams for physiology.
3	5	6	3	1	1	1	—	
6	12	14	7	7	5	2	2	Minerals; fossils; chemical, magnetic, and electrical apparatus; materials and apparatus for physics; diagrams, maps, charts, for physiology and natural history.
11	7	13	5	10	5	2	3	
Brighton School Board has a fully equipped chemical laboratory and apparatus for all branches of physics and physiology, and also 2,000 specimens of rocks and fossils for geology.								
6	9	8	7	4	3	2	2	Diagrams; a few plants, and some apparatus for mechanics and chemistry.
2	1	3	2	1	1	1	—	
—	2	1	1	—	—	—	1	Pictures; some chemical apparatus.
1	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	
4	3	4	2	3	3	1	2	Apparatus for magnetism electricity and chemistry.
1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	Charts and diagrams for physiology. Chemical apparatus, air-pump, &c.
8	10	11	—	—	—	—	6	
Several complain that the examination is too difficult in higher standards.								
23	16	25	9	4	4	1	9	Charts, diagrams, maps, models, pictures for physiology, &c.; botanical specimens and diagrams; chemical and electrical apparatus; apparatus for mechanics; museums, &c.
23	8	29	7	21	20	13	3	
The Birmingham School Board has a very complete set of mechanical apparatus which is taken round by the Science Demonstrator.								

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B)

SUMMARY,

Giving GENERAL RESULTS of COMPARISON between

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS with Average Attendance less than 300,
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS with Average Attendance 300 and over,
BOARD SCHOOLS with Average Attendance less than 300,
BOARD SCHOOLS with Average Attendance 300 and over,**

for 125 Boroughs and Towns.

And also between

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS with Average Attendance less than 100,
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS with Average Attendance 100 and over,
BOARD SCHOOLS with Average Attendance less than 100,
BOARD SCHOOLS with Average Attendance 100 and over,**

for 30 Unions.

COMPARATIVE

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

GENERAL RESULTS.

SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

—	Population, 1881, for the 125 Districts.	Total Number of Schools,	Total Average Attend- ance.	Average Size of School.	Schools giving Returns for 12 Months only.			
					Total Grant earned 1884-5.	Average Grant earned 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Average Cost.
Voluntary (A.)	6,680,873 -	954	162,002	170	£ —	s. d. —	£ —	s. d. —
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months only</i> }	915	155,885	—	125,366	16 1	267,091	34 3½
Board (B.)	- - -	209	37,135	178	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months only</i> }	194	34,846	—	29,849	17 1½	75,182	43 1½

SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

Voluntary (C.)	- - -	737	375,907	510	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months only</i> }	719	366,411	—	319,558	17 5½	623,287	34 0½
Board (D.)	- - -	462	321,404	696	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months only</i> }	435	302,189	—	276,049	18 3½	593,163	39 3

TOTAL SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

Voluntary (A.)	- - -	954	162,002	170	125,366	16 1	267,091	34 3½
Board (B.)	- - -	209	37,135	178	29,849	17 1½	75,182	43 1½
	Total	1,163	199,137	171	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months only</i> }	1,109	190,731	—	155,215	16 3½	342,273	35 10½

TOTAL SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

Voluntary (C.)	- - -	737	375,907	510	319,558	17 5½	623,287	34 0½
Board (D.)	- - -	462	321,404	696	276,049	18 3½	593,163	39 3
	Total	1,199	697,311	582	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months only</i> }	1,154	668,600	—	595,607	17 9½	1,216,450	36 4½

RETURN (B).

STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—125 BOROUGHES AND TOWNS.

ATTENDANCE LESS THAN 300.

Number presented for Examination.	Total Passes.	Percentage of Passes.	Merit Grant (Departments and Classes).				Class Subjects (Senior Departments).						Specific Subjects.	
			Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	English.			2nd Subject.		Senior Departments.		
							1s.	2s.	Re-fused.	Paid.	Re-fused.	Took.		Did not take.
105,626	264,190	83.	533	844	268	92	322	490	78	719	45	890	62	1,417
	Per-centages.		31.	49.	15.	5.	36.	55.	9.	94.	6.	—	—	—
23,247	60,816	87.	73	175	99	13	52	131	9	167	4	192	8	1,072
	Per-centages.		20.	48.	28.	4.	27.	68.	5.	98.	2.	—	—	—

ATTENDANCE 300 AND OVER.

265,330	685,015	86.	352	1,111	538	31	312	933	51	1,247	21	1,296	11	7,035
	Per-centages.		17.	55.	26.	2.	24.	72.	4.	98.	2.	—	—	—
220,751	589,519	89.	162	683	498	14	157	698	45	873	9	900	1	11,236
	Per-centages.		12.	50.	37.	1.	17.	78.	5.	99.	1.	—	—	—

ATTENDANCE LESS THAN 300.

105,626	264,190	83.	533	844	268	92	322	490	78	719	45	890	62	1,417
23,247	60,816	87.	73	175	99	13	52	131	9	167	4	192		1,072
128,873	325,006	84.	606	1,019	367	105	374	621	87	886	49	1,082	70	2,489
	Per-centages.		29.	49.	17.	5.	34.	58.	8.	95.	5.	—	—	—

ATTENDANCE 300 AND OVER.

265,330	685,015	86.	352	1111	538	31	312	933	51	1,247	21	1,296	11	7,035
220,751	589,519	89.	162	683	498	14	157	698	45	873	9	900	1	11,236
486,081	1,274,534	87.	514	1,794	1,036	45	469	1,631	96	2,120	30	2,196	12	18,271
	Per-centages.		15.	53.	31.	1.	22.	74.	4.	99.	1.	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

GENERAL RESULTS

SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

	Population, 1881, for the 30 Unions.	Total Number of Schools.	Total Average Attend- ance.	Average Size of School.	Schools giving Returns for 12 Months only.			
					Total Grant earned 1884-5.	Average Grant earned 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Average Cost.
Voluntary (A.)	1,081,901	482	27,487	57	£ —	s. d. —	£ —	s. d. —
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months</i>	474	27,094	—	21,712	16 0½	52,803	39 11½
Board (B.)	-	97	6,106	63	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months</i>	91	5,721	—	4,663	16 3½	11,180	39 1

SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

Voluntary (C.)	-	301	67,738	225	55,815	16 5½	114,341	33 9
Board (D.)	-	107	27,568	258	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months</i>	104	27,199	—	23,168	17 0½	45,845	33 8½

TOTAL SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

Voluntary (A.)	-	482	27,487	—	21,712	16 0½	52,803	39 11½
Board (B.)	-	97	6,106	—	4,663	16 3½	11,180	39 1
	Total	579	33,593	58	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months</i>	565	32,815	—	26,375	16 1	63,983	39 0

TOTAL SCHOOLS WITH AVERAGE

Voluntary (C.)	-	301	67,738	—	55,815	16 5½	114,341	33 9
Board (D.)	-	107	27,568	—	23,168	17 0½	45,845	33 8½
	Total	408	95,306	234	—	—	—	—
	<i>Schools giving Re- turns for 12 months</i>	405	94,937	—	78,983	16 7½	160,186	33 9

RETURN (B.)

STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—30 UNIONS.

ATTENDANCE LESS THAN 100.

Number presented for Examination.	Total Passes.	Percentage of Passes.	Merit Grant (Departments and Classes).				Class Subjects (Senior Departments).							Specific Subjects.
			Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	English.			2nd Subject.		Senior Departments.		
							1s.	2s.	Re-fused.	Paid.	Re-fused.	Took.	Did not take.	
20,661	48,830	79·	238	262	52	64	166	143	47	179	21	356	109	72
		Per-centages.	39·	43·	8·	10·	47·	40·	13·	90·	10·	—	—	—
4,687	11,602	83·	52	57	14	7	29	39	6	46	2	74	17	1
		Per-centages.	40·	44·	11·	5·	39·	53·	8·	96·	4·	—	—	—

ATTENDANCE 100 AND OVER.

48,877	123,353	84·	167	351	107	34	98	239	40	308	16	377	16	397
		Per-centages.	26·	53·	16·	5·	26·	63·	11·	95·	5·	—	—	—
19,565	51,122	87·	50	128	66	3	46	99	7	134	1	152	5	252
		Per-centages.	20·	52·	27·	1·	30·	65·	5·	99·	1·	—	—	—

ATTENDANCE LESS THAN 100.

20,661	48,830	79·	238	262	52	64	166	143	47	179	21	356	109	72
4,687	11,602	83·	52	57	14	7	29	39	6	46	2	74	17	1
25,348	60,432	79·	290	319	66	71	195	182	53	225	23	430	126	73
		Per-centages.	39·	43·	9·	9·	46·	42·	12·	91·	9·	—	—	—

ATTENDANCE 100 AND OVER.

48,877	123,353	84·	167	351	107	34	98	239	40	308	16	377	16	397
19,565	51,122	87·	50	128	66	3	46	99	7	134	1	152	5	252
68,442	174,475	85·	217	479	173	37	144	338	47	442	17	529	21	649
		Per-centages.	24·	53·	19·	4·	27·	64·	9·	96·	4·	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN.—B.

GENERAL RESULTS. STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.

—	No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av. Att.	Vol. Subs.	Merit Grant.				English.			No. Class Subject.
						F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
Table A. -	804	435,860	394,400	296,633	£ 57,588	466	1,005	377	65	297	776	60	28
„ B. -	218	87,330	80,455	62,580	12,961	114	251	93	20	100	160	18	11
„ C. -	53	17,936	16,118	12,659	2,809	26	50	30	2	13	44	3	4
Total -	1,075	541,126	490,973	371,872	73,358	606	1,306	500	87	410	980	81	43
	—	503	456	346 68·7% of Acc.	—	25·	52·	20·	3·	27·	65·	8·	

Voluntary subscriptions per head in average attendance, 4s. 0½d., calculated on 12 months' returns only.

BOARD SCHOOLS.

—	No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av. Att.	Rates.	Merit Grant.				English.			No. Class Subject.
						F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
Table A. -	464	351,068	368,608	284,326	£ 157,410	148	641	447	2	132	646	26	3
„ B. -	140	75,796	71,598	55,255	35,097	71	150	92	5	62	112	21	4
„ C. -	37	12,317	11,776	9,039	4,313	9	42	22	5	5	87	3	2
Total -	641	439,181	451,982	348,620	196,820	228	833	561	22	199	795	50	9
	—	685	705	544 79·% of Acc.	—	14·	51·	34·	1·	19·	75·	6·	

Rates per head in average attendance, 11s. 10½d., calculated on 12 months' returns only.

—	Totals.			Per-centage Voluntary Schools.			Per-centage Board Schools.		
	Acc.	Roll.	Av. Att.	Acc.	Roll.	Av. Att.	Acc.	Roll.	Av. Att.
Table A. -	786,928	768,008	580,959	55·	51·	51·	45·	49·	49·
„ B. -	163,126	152,058	117,835	54·	53·	53·	46·	47·	47·
„ C. -	30,253	27,894	21,698	59·	57·	58·	41·	43·	42·

TABLE A. (Results).

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS in 27 Large Towns having not less than 10,000 Children on the Roll in all Public Elementary Schools.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Vol. Subs.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
204	435,860	894,400	296,633	£ 57,588	466	1,005	377	65	297	776	60	28
		Average size of school = 369		—	24·	58·	20·	3·	25·	67·	8·	

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 75.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 68.

Cost per head to voluntary subscriptions = 3s. 11d.

BOARD SCHOOLS in 27 Large Towns having not less than 10,000 Children on the Roll in all Public Elementary Schools.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Rates.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
464	351,068	368,608	284,326	£ 157,410	148	641	447	12	132	646	26	3
		Average size of school = 613		—	12·	51·	36·	1·	17·	80·	3·	

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 77.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 81.

Cost per head to rates = 11s. 9d.

TABLE B. (Results).

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS in 23 Medium Towns having less than 10,000 and more than 3,000 Children on the Roll in all Public Elementary Schools.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Vol. Subs.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
218	87,330	80,455	62,580	£ 12,961	114	251	93	20	100	160	18	11
		Average size of school = 287		—	24·	53·	19·	4·	31·	56·	13·	

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 78.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 72.

Cost per head to voluntary subscriptions = 4s. 3d.

BOARD SCHOOLS in 23 Medium Towns having less than 10,000 and more than 3,000 Children on the Roll in all Public Elementary Schools.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Rates.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
140	75,736	71,598	55,255	£ 35,097	71	150	92	5	62	112	21	4
		Average size of school = 395		—	22·	47·	29·	2·	31·	56·	13·	

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 77.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 73.

Cost per head to rates = 12s. 9d.

TABLE C. (Results).

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS in 15 Smaller Towns having less than 3,000 Children on the Roll in all Public Elementary Schools.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Vol. Subs.	Merit.				English.			No. Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
53	17,936	16,118	12,659	£ 2,809	26	50	30	2	13	44	3	4
				—	24·	46·	28·	2·	20·	69·	11·	
Average size of school = 239												

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 79.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 66.

Cost per head to voluntary subscriptions = 4s. 10d.

BOARD SCHOOLS in 15 Smaller Towns having less than 3,000 Children on the Roll (the Smallest having 934 on the Roll) in all Public Elementary Schools.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Rates.	Merit.				English.			No. Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
37	12,817	11,776	9,089	£ 4,313	9	42	22	5	5	87	3	2
				—	12·	54·	28·	6·	11·	79·	10·	
Average size of school = 244												

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 77.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 73.

Cost per head to rates = 9s. 10d.

TABLE D. (Results).

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS in 21 Towns where there are no Board Schools and where the number on the Roll is upward of 3,000.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av. Att.	Vol. Subs.	Merit.				English.			No. Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
365	178,171	148,006	110,371	£ 19,228	186	401	176	21	132	279	28	21
				—	24·	51·	22·	3·	28·	61·	11·	
Average size of school = 302												

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 75.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 62.

Cost per head to subscriptions = 3s. 6½d.

TABLE E. (Results).

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS in 33 Towns where there are no Board Schools and where the number on the Roll is less than 3,000.

No. of Schools.	Acc.	Roll.	Av. Att.	Vol. Subs.	Merit.				English.			No. Class Subject.
					F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.	
232	72,283	59,490	47,341	£ 13,203	89	225	113	12	88	145	17	9
				—	20·	51·	26·	8·	34·	56·	10·	
Average size of school = 204												

Per cent. average attendance to number on roll = 71.
Per cent. average attendance to accommodation = 65.

Cost per head to voluntary subscriptions = 5s. 10½d.

TABLE A. (Details).

Twenty-seven LARGE TOWNS having not less than 10,000 Children on the Roll in all Public Elementary Schools.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.

	Pop., 1881.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Vol. Subs.*	Merit.				English.			No. Class Subject.	No. of Schools.
						F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.		
Liverpool	552,508	65,712	61,584	48,188	6,486	65	144	26	8	29	184	1	—	87
Manchester	373,588	46,160	37,958	27,785	7,735	86	102	46	8	16	98	3	1	80
Birmingham	400,774	80,283	29,534	21,704	4,581	14	95	26	2	18	64	3	1	52
Leeds	309,119	27,351	24,275	17,901	3,896	30	68	33	4	19	55	6	3	53
Sheffield	284,508	25,117	23,142	16,189	2,630	36	55	5	17	21	27	14	4	49
Bradford	183,032	20,036	16,996	11,850	1,293	33	25	13	9	17	18	7	3	37
Nottingham	186,575	17,062	16,479	12,609	1,572	14	43	23	4	10	40	—	3	32
Bristol	206,874	25,259	22,690	17,377	3,007	43	50	34	4	18	48	3	4	58
Hull	154,240	12,540	10,024	7,874	1,243	13	31	10	—	13	17	3	—	22
West Ham	128,953	9,123	8,966	6,899	5,827	12	20	10	2	11	13	1	1	19
Leicester	122,376	11,673	10,997	8,639	1,198	12	29	8	1	17	11	1	—	24
Newcastle	145,359	15,146	14,867	10,750	1,746	19	23	10	4	11	20	2	—	25
Bolton	105,414	17,361	12,922	9,889	2,834	8	31	20	—	7	21	2	3	25
Oldham	111,843	19,750	18,235	12,853	757	29	36	21	1	22	24	1	—	42
Portsmouth	127,989	4,764	3,739	2,989	440	11	13	1	—	5	10	—	1	10
Sunderland	116,542	8,888	8,971	6,556	776	7	24	4	2	8	13	—	1	18
Swansea	83,965	7,296	7,578	5,922	845	—	23	6	1	4	13	—	—	13
Derby	81,168	11,021	10,375	7,868	1,092	12	31	9	4	7	24	3	—	23
Huddersfield	81,841	9,516	6,873	5,334	2,107	7	23	15	—	4	21	—	—	21
Cardiff	82,761	7,827	5,782	5,718	1,126	8	21	15	1	3	21	—	1	19
Brighton	107,636	9,228	7,117	5,471	3,186	14	30	6	—	5	22	4	1	21
Norwich	87,842	5,166	4,738	4,007	653	11	16	6	—	3	16	2	—	18
Wolverhampton	75,766	8,900	8,057	6,518	947	13	21	9	1	15	9	1	—	19
S. Shields	56,875	3,131	3,778	2,804	280	2	9	1	1	5	2	1	—	5
Plymouth	73,794	7,167	6,335	4,964	743	6	16	10	—	1	22	—	—	13
Middlesboro'	55,934	5,575	5,574	4,376	506	1	12	4	—	3	8	—	—	6
Walsall	58,795	4,808	5,019	3,699	632	10	14	6	1	5	10	2	1	13
Total	4,355,566	435,860	394,400	296,638	57,588	466	1,005	377	65	297	776	60	28	804

290,048 av. att. for schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

BOARD SCHOOLS.

	Pop., 1881.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Rates.*	Merit.				English.			No. Class Subject.	No. of Schools.
						F.	G.	E.	F.	1/	2/	R.		
Liverpool	552,508	20,053	20,554	17,127	8,382	3	39	37	—	4	54	—	—	20
Manchester	373,588	29,929	31,538	23,126	8,254	3	68	58	—	8	79	—	2	45
Birmingham	400,774	32,682	39,103	31,228	23,954	3	58	31	—	1	61	—	—	31
Leeds	309,119	35,187	35,497	26,194	18,429	13	68	54	—	19	65	2	—	48
Sheffield	284,508	32,299	26,588	20,381	6,446	15	43	16	2	18	29	4	—	26
Bradford	183,032	23,198	20,350	14,994	10,386	14	39	23	3	15	30	6	—	32
Nottingham	186,575	19,508	17,511	13,470	6,875	9	34	16	1	9	30	—	—	22
Bristol	206,874	7,107	7,237	5,553	4,621	8	14	9	—	2	17	—	1	13
Hull	154,240	17,384	18,253	14,579	4,651	20	42	6	1	13	28	4	—	26
West Ham	128,953	14,740	15,825	12,412	9,929	12	26	9	—	5	24	2	—	17
Leicester	122,376	11,262	12,534	10,120	5,129	—	8	25	—	4	16	—	—	14
Newcastle	145,359	7,889	8,525	6,258	2,924	1	5	11	—	—	8	—	—	10
Bolton	105,414	10,295	9,121	6,926	4,400	1	14	18	—	3	14	—	—	18
Oldham	111,843	3,402	3,792	2,695	818	2	9	3	—	3	4	—	—	7
Portsmouth	127,989	13,792	14,713	11,461	2,862	13	29	6	—	5	24	2	—	17
Sunderland	116,542	8,970	8,927	7,015	2,987	—	11	12	—	1	14	—	—	8
Swansea	83,965	10,056	9,725	7,627	4,266	2	34	6	1	2	24	—	—	19
Derby	81,168	5,381	5,699	4,521	1,533	1	8	5	—	1	8	—	—	5
Huddersfield	81,841	10,068	9,002	7,464	5,321	—	11	22	—	1	18	—	—	14
Cardiff	82,761	7,812	8,128	5,663	3,535	1	7	19	—	2	16	—	—	10
Brighton	107,636	7,638	7,908	6,197	5,092	3	14	12	—	1	19	—	—	9
Norwich	87,842	8,489	8,939	6,902	7,279	11	11	12	1	6	14	2	—	15
Wolverhampton	75,766	4,442	4,224	3,650	1,895	3	9	6	—	1	9	2	—	6
S. Shields	56,875	7,124	8,359	6,131	2,801	2	13	7	1	2	12	—	—	9
Plymouth	73,794	5,336	5,412	4,227	1,267	—	6	13	—	—	10	—	—	9
Middlesboro'	55,934	4,969	5,328	4,074	1,127	2	12	5	—	2	10	—	—	7
Walsall	58,795	5,656	5,868	4,331	2,247	6	9	6	2	4	9	2	—	8
Total	4,355,566	351,068	368,608	284,326	157,410	148	641	447	13	132	646	26	3	464

267,854 av. att. of schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

* The voluntary subscriptions and rates are for schools giving 12 months' returns only, and in calculating the cost per head to subscriptions and rates the average attendances for the same schools are taken.

TABLE B. (Details).

Twenty-three MEDIUM TOWNS having less than 10,000 and more than 3,000 Children on the Roll of all Public Elementary Schools.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.

	Pop., 1881.	Total Roll, Vol. and Board.	Voluntary.				Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.	No. of Schools.
			Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Subs.	F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.		
Burton-on-Trent	39,288	9,651	1,669	1,700	1,419	101	3	5	2	—	2	4	—	—	4
Southampton	60,051	9,365	4,271	3,972	3,105	311	8	18	2	—	7	9	—	1	11
Hedworth, Monk- ton and Jarrow.	37,719	8,834	3,815	3,652	2,866	579	3	9	1	—	1	6	—	—	7
Reading	42,054	8,721	5,296	4,882	3,951	1,135	—	11	19	—	—	18	—	—	18
Dudley	46,252	8,254	4,486	4,273	3,333	682	14	12	—	—	8	3	—	3	13
Stoke-upon-Trent	37,332	8,253	5,516	5,256	4,065	639	14	8	4	3	10	4	3	—	14
Ipswich	56,546	8,243	3,976	3,867	2,941	541	4	14	5	—	2	13	—	—	9
Tynemouth	44,118	7,395	4,275	3,618	2,835	380	8	8	2	3	7	1	3	—	11
Coventry	42,111	7,212	5,578	5,673	3,952	511	5	21	6	—	5	12	—	1	14
Great Yarmouth	46,159	6,988	3,946	3,904	3,037	212	5	10	1	2	4	6	1	—	9
King's Norton	34,071	6,709	1,454	1,262	937	234	5	4	—	—	3	3	—	—	4
Darlington	35,104	6,459	3,570	3,345	2,615	213	—	16	—	—	6	4	—	—	6
Worcester	40,354	6,384	5,830	5,649	4,545	1,039	2	10	22	—	5	15	—	—	16
Bath	51,814	6,247	6,467	5,498	4,317	1,838	16	17	6	2	16	5	2	4	20
Wakefield	30,854	5,801	5,646	4,841	3,646	404	5	18	6	—	6	11	—	—	13
Carlisle	35,884	5,337	3,524	3,269	2,575	317	5	8	4	—	2	7	1	—	7
Scarborough	30,504	5,153	2,700	1,961	1,471	867	8	4	—	4	2	1	6	1	8
Great Grimsby	28,503	5,041	2,779	2,747	2,032	149	1	16	1	3	4	5	1	1	10
Exeter	37,665	5,036	3,794	3,162	2,552	793	—	14	4	—	4	11	—	—	9
Kidderminster	24,270	4,991	3,137	3,055	2,425	1,308	4	9	5	—	2	9	—	—	7
Luton	26,140	4,706	2,851	2,338	1,835	148	2	8	1	—	—	6	1	—	4
Leamington	22,979	3,355	2,378	1,653	1,236	516	2	7	1	3	4	4	—	—	7
Swindon	19,904	3,918	872	878	790	44	—	4	1	—	—	3	—	—	2
Total	63,676	152,053	87,330	80,455	62,530	12,961	114	251	93	20	100	160	18	11	218

60,721 av. att. for schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

BOARD SCHOOLS.

	Pop., 1881.	Total Roll, Vol. and Board.	Board Schools.			Rates.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.	No. of Schools.
			Acc.	Roll.	Av.		F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.		
Burton-on-Trent	39,288	9,651	8,301	7,951	6,482	4,004	4	12	19	—	4	16	1	—	16
Southampton	60,051	9,365	5,582	5,393	3,905	2,023	8	14	1	—	5	7	1	1	10
Hedworth, Monk- ton, and Jar- row.	37,719	8,834	5,660	5,182	4,023	2,124	3	9	8	—	3	4	1	—	6
Reading	42,054	8,721	4,858	3,839	3,070	4,331	—	8	12	—	—	10	—	—	5
Dudley	46,252	8,254	3,627	3,981	3,157	1,664	3	12	3	—	7	2	2	—	7
Stoke-upon-Trent	37,332	8,253	2,956	2,997	2,255	939	10	4	2	—	6	3	2	—	7
Ipswich	56,546	8,243	4,543	4,376	3,383	2,287	3	10	8	—	2	11	2	—	12
Tynemouth	44,118	7,395	3,973	3,777	2,929	2,236	8	6	—	1	2	4	4	—	6
Coventry	42,111	7,212	1,459	1,539	1,236	482	1	2	3	—	1	3	—	—	2
Great Yarmouth	46,159	6,988	3,076	3,084	2,254	1,322	5	7	2	—	6	2	1	—	6
King's Norton	34,071	6,709	5,331	5,447	4,002	1,931	2	12	5	1	2	9	1	—	8
Darlington	35,104	6,459	3,136	3,114	2,566	1,393	5	11	3	1	3	8	—	—	9
Worcester	40,354	6,384	918	735	587	597	—	3	2	—	—	3	—	—	2
Bath	51,814	6,247	865	749	576	472	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	2
Wakefield	30,854	5,801	1,113	960	676	532	2	1	2	—	2	1	—	—	3
Carlisle	35,884	5,337	2,714	2,068	1,599	1,108	—	4	4	—	1	4	—	—	3
Scarboro'	30,504	5,153	3,182	3,192	2,437	2,073	5	4	1	2	3	1	4	—	3
Great Grimsby	28,503	5,041	1,825	2,294	1,772	308	—	4	3	—	1	4	—	—	2
Exeter	37,665	5,036	1,994	1,874	1,440	853	—	8	2	—	—	5	—	—	6
Kidderminster	24,270	4,991	1,932	1,936	1,396	1,269	2	8	3	—	3	5	—	1	4
Luton	26,140	4,706	2,627	2,368	1,831	733	5	6	4	—	5	1	2	—	8
Leamington	22,979	3,355	2,900	1,702	1,116	913	4	2	3	—	4	2	—	—	6
Swindon	19,904	3,918	3,724	3,040	2,563	953	1	6	5	—	1	6	—	—	6
Total	863,676	152,053	75,796	71,598	55,255	35,097	71	150	92	5	62	112	21	4	140

55,091 av. att. for schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

TABLE C. (Details).

Fifteen SMALLER TOWNS having less than 3,000 Children on the Roll of all Public Elementary Schools.

	Pop., 1881.	Total Roll, Vol. and Board.	Voluntary Schools.				Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.	No. of Schools.
			Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Subs.	F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.		
Newark -	14,018	2,519	2,610	2,295	1,693	221	5	2	6	—	1	5	1	—	6
Chesterfield -	12,221	2,521	1,291	1,046	774	154	3	3	1	1	4	1	—	3	
Folkestone -	18,986	2,497	1,985	1,824	1,468	469	3	10	2	—	1	6	1	2	7
Ilkeston -	14,122	2,944	1,553	1,767	1,414	193	6	2	2	—	2	2	1	—	5
Bromsgrove -	12,813	2,338	1,232	993	825	149	—	4	3	—	1	4	—	—	4
Loughboro' -	14,681	2,140	1,268	1,081	837	212	—	6	2	—	1	4	—	—	6
Carmarthen -	10,514	1,814	1,298	1,014	782	287	3	3	3	—	—	5	—	1	4
Hinckley -	7,673	1,721	692	767	613	56	—	3	2	—	1	1	—	—	3
Tiverton -	10,462	1,704	1,222	1,082	838	579	—	2	4	—	—	4	—	—	2
Retford -	9,748	1,673	1,366	1,328	1,010	218	2	6	1	—	1	4	—	—	4
Carnarvon -	10,258	1,606	1,157	779	604	94	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	1
Penrith -	9,268	1,269	1,096	958	908	No return.	2	4	1	1	—	3	—	1	5
Bideford -	6,512	1,169	414	429	338	91	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Haverfordwest -	6,900	1,045	495	479	343	88	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Llanidloes -	3,421	934	257	276	212	48	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1
Total	161,597	27,894	17,936	16,118	12,659	2,809	26	50	30	2	13	44	3	4	53

11,703 av. att. for schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

BOARD SCHOOLS.

	Pop., 1881.	Total Roll, Vol. and Board.	Board Schools.				Rates.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.	No. of Schools.
			Acc.	Roll.	Av.	F.		G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.			
														£		
Newark -	14,018	2,519	250	224	140	85	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	
Chesterfield -	12,221	2,521	1,604	1,475	1,181	644	1	7	—	—	—	5	—	—	3	
Folkestone -	18,986	2,497	815	673	413	314	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	
Ilkeston -	14,122	2,944	916	1,177	800	244	1	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	3	
Bromsgrove -	12,813	2,338	1,455	1,345	1,104	525	2	7	3	—	—	6	1	—	5	
Loughboro' -	14,681	2,140	1,013	1,059	866	625	—	2	3	1	1	2	—	1	2	
Carmarthen -	10,514	1,814	774	800	623	100	1	3	2	—	1	3	—	—	3	
Hinckley -	7,673	1,721	779	954	746	221	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	
Tiverton -	10,462	1,704	649	622	482	321	2	7	1	—	—	4	—	1	6	
Retford -	9,748	1,673	586	345	277	227	1	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	
Carnarvon -	10,258	1,606	812	827	635	242	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	
Penrith -	9,268	1,269	281	311	266	No return.	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Bideford -	6,512	1,169	956	740	612	308	—	4	1	—	—	3	—	—	3	
Haverfordwest -	6,900	1,045	800	566	449	248	1	2	4	—	—	4	—	—	3	
Llanidloes -	3,421	934	677	658	445	209	—	2	2	—	1	2	—	—	3	
Total	161,597	27,894	12,817	11,776	9,089	4,313	9	42	23	5	5	37	3	2	37	

3,778 av. att. for schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

TABLE D. (Details).

TOWNS with no BOARD SCHOOLS, having more than 3,000 Children on the Roll.

	Pop.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Subs.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.	No. of Schools.	
						F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.			
															£
Preston -	96,537	27,884	19,733	14,085	2,821	6	42	40	1	13	38	—	—	—	36
Birkenhead -	84,006	15,416	13,878	10,972	1,472	14	37	20	—	14	28	3	—	—	25
Stockport -	59,553	13,488	11,560	8,776	600	5	20	17	1	3	19	1	—	—	20
*Burnley -	58,751	11,420	10,650	7,114	1,096	9	20	11	1	6	18	—	2	2	21
York -	49,530	9,975	8,879	6,619	783	13	27	12	3	8	22	2	2	2	24
*Wigan -	48,194	10,692	8,836	6,344	1,298	9	21	7	2	1	23	—	1	1	16
Warrington -	41,452	9,981	8,293	6,243	674	12	10	7	3	5	11	3	—	—	18
*Ashton -	37,040	9,942	6,731	4,843	894	11	16	5	3	4	8	5	2	—	17
Lincoln -	37,313	7,208	6,649	5,161	817	9	21	7	1	9	14	—	—	—	19
Accrington -	31,435	9,067	6,401	4,546	755	8	21	5	1	7	11	1	2	—	17
Chester -	36,794	8,092	5,938	4,855	1,300	16	23	5	—	6	14	5	1	—	23
*Oxford -	35,264	7,648	5,739	4,575	1,895	8	27	13	2	14	14	—	5	—	25
*Maidstone -	29,628	5,078	4,864	3,403	1,008	4	18	11	—	6	12	2	1	—	14
Crewe -	24,385	4,726	4,708	3,831	262	5	15	1	—	4	7	1	—	—	9
Doncaster -	21,139	3,882	3,984	3,035	762	2	15	1	—	6	5	—	—	—	7
*Dukinfield -	16,942	4,278	3,720	2,393	218	8	11	1	1	6	5	—	—	—	10
Colchester -	28,374	3,687	3,646	2,374	772	15	12	1	2	8	5	2	1	—	20
Bilston -	22,730	4,027	3,620	2,384	290	9	8	2	—	5	4	—	—	—	9
Torquay -	24,765	4,363	3,453	2,768	1,119	7	16	4	—	8	10	1	2	—	12
Glossop -	19,574	4,125	3,442	2,513	215	12	11	—	—	4	5	1	1	—	13
*Stafford -	19,977	3,297	3,282	2,582	177	4	10	6	—	—	11	1	—	—	10
Total	828,378	178,171	148,006	110,371	19,228	186	401	176	21	132	279	28	21	—	365

109,103 av. att. for schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

* Boards but no Board Schools.

TABLE E. (Details).

TOWNS with no BOARD SCHOOLS, having less than 3,000 Scholars on the Roll.

	Pop.	Acc.	Roll.	Av.	Subs.	Merit.				English.			No Class Subject.	No. of Schools.
						F.	G.	E.	R.	1/	2/	R.		
Bishop Auckland	11,632	3,210	2,935	2,424	715	—	12	5	—	1	8	—	—	9
Tunbridge Wells	26,554	3,750	2,764	2,299	1,284	4	10	8	—	6	8	—	—	15
Eastbourne	22,014	2,776	2,724	2,225	855	1	7	8	—	2	6	—	—	9
Chatham	12,985	2,814	2,691	2,090	198	1	10	4	—	1	8	—	—	6
Leek	11,486	3,705	2,691	2,072	456	9	7	5	2	5	2	5	—	11
Bedford	19,533	3,597	2,677	2,397	12	—	3	6	—	1	4	—	—	5
Oldbury	18,306	2,556	2,591	2,011	150	4	5	2	—	3	3	1	—	6
Taunton	16,614	3,364	2,521	1,902	575	7	10	5	1	6	7	1	—	12
Bury St. Edmund	16,111	2,803	2,506	1,930	510	2	7	6	—	1	8	—	—	10
*Salisbury	14,792	3,008	2,501	1,894	773	3	9	7	—	6	4	—	2	7
Winchester	17,780	3,174	2,495	2,059	839	5	14	2	—	6	5	1	—	12
Kendal	13,696	3,379	2,305	1,717	422	6	7	2	2	3	3	4	—	8
Boston	14,941	2,558	2,094	1,653	411	4	11	3	—	3	7	—	—	10
*Barnstaple	12,282	2,464	2,060	1,666	512	3	15	3	—	4	3	—	—	11
Worksop	11,625	1,779	1,895	1,414	299	4	3	2	—	2	6	—	—	3
Frome	11,181	1,882	1,790	1,321	424	3	5	1	3	3	3	—	2	7
Trowbridge	11,394	1,853	1,781	1,482	120	—	8	7	—	—	6	—	—	6
Maidenhead	8,220	1,924	1,699	1,394	609	2	7	5	—	1	7	—	—	6
Rugby	9,890	1,812	1,682	1,306	239	2	8	2	1	4	5	—	—	5
Pontefract	8,798	1,554	1,670	1,186	208	6	3	—	—	4	—	—	—	5
Worthing	11,976	1,979	1,625	1,320	593	7	4	—	1	3	3	1	—	8
Newbury	10,144	1,969	1,608	1,319	482	2	5	6	—	3	4	—	—	7
Beverley	11,425	2,452	1,592	1,580	226	3	8	1	—	2	4	—	—	8
Chichester	8,114	1,908	1,551	1,285	No return	5	6	—	—	5	2	—	1	9
Malvern	7,984	2,265	1,550	1,198	851	—	7	11	—	1	11	—	—	9
Devizes	6,645	1,677	1,343	937	409	1	9	3	—	3	2	—	1	5
Chippenham	1,352	1,050	1,015	738	208	—	7	1	—	4	1	2	—	3
Witney	3,017	1,079	726	626	29	—	4	3	—	1	3	—	—	3
Barnard Castle	4,269	1,005	692	571	173	1	3	—	1	1	2	—	—	4
Clevedon	4,869	1,212	670	505	452	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	1	5
Dunstable	4,627	852	540	432	—	—	4	—	—	1	2	—	—	2
Alston	4,621	432	292	217	60	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	2
Presteign	1,491	441	274	221	109	1	3	1	—	—	3	—	1	4
Total	370,318	72,283	59,490	47,341	13,203	89	225	113	12	88	145	17	9	232

45,073 av. att. for schools giving 12 months' returns of income.

* Boards but no Board Schools.

COMPARISON OF MERIT GRANT IN VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

Twenty-seven LARGE TOWNS with not less than 10,000 Children on the Roll in all Public Elementary Schools.

	Voluntary Schools.				Board Schools.			
	Merit, Per Cent.				Merit, Per Cent.			
	F.	G.	E.	R.	F.	G.	E.	R.
Liverpool	27.3	60.5	10.9	1.3	3.8	49.4	46.8	—
Manchester	19.3	54.6	24.6	1.5	2.3	52.7	45.	—
Birmingham	10.2	69.8	19.	1.5	3.3	63.	33.7	—
Leeds	22.2	50.4	24.4	3.	9.6	50.4	40.	—
Sheffield	31.9	48.7	4.4	15.	19.7	56.6	21.1	2.6
Bradford	41.2	81.2	16.3	11.3	17.7	49.4	29.1	3.8
Nottingham	16.7	51.2	27.4	4.7	15.	56.7	26.7	1.6
Bristol	32.8	38.2	26.	3.	25.8	45.2	29.	—
Hull	24.1	57.4	18.5	—	29.	60.9	8.7	1.4
West Ham	27.3	45.5	22.7	4.5	25.5	55.3	19.2	—
Leicester	24.	58.	16.	2.	—	24.3	75.7	—
Newcastle	33.9	41.1	17.9	7.1	5.9	29.4	64.7	—
Bolton	13.6	52.5	23.9	—	3.	42.4	57.3	—
Oldham	33.8	41.4	24.1	1.2	14.3	64.3	21.4	—
Portsmouth	44.	52.	4.	—	27.1	60.4	12.5	—
Sunderland	18.9	64.9	10.8	5.4	—	47.8	52.2	—
Swansea	—	76.7.	20.	3.3	4.7	79.1	13.9	2.3
Derby	21.4	55.4	16.1	7.1	7.2	57.1	35.7	—
Huddersfield	15.6	51.1	33.3	—	—	33.3	66.7	—
Cardiff	17.8	46.7	33.3	2.2	3.7	25.9	70.4	—
Brighton	28.	60.	12.	—	10.3	48.2	41.5	—
Norwich	33.8	48.5	18.2	—	31.4	31.4	34.3	2.9
Wolverhampton	29.5	47.7	20.5	2.3	16.7	50.	33.3	—
S. Shields	15.4	69.2	7.7	7.7	8.7	56.5	30.4	4.4
Plymouth	18.8	50.	31.2	—	—	31.6	68.4	—
Middlesboro'	5.9	70.6	23.5	—	10.5	63.2	26.3	—
Walsall	32.8	45.2	19.3	3.2	26.1	39.1	26.1	3.7

TOWNS with no BOARD SCHOOLS, having more than 3,000 Children on Books in all Public Elementary Schools.

	Per Cent. of Merit.				Total.		Per Cent. of Merit.				Total.
	F.	G.	E.	R.			F.	G.	E.	R.	
Preston -	6.7	47.2	45.	1.1	89	Oxford -	16.	54.	26.	4.	50
Birkenhead -	19.7	52.1	28.2	—	71	Maidstone -	12.1	54.6	33.3	—	33
Stockport -	11.6	46.5	39.5	2.4	43	Crewe -	23.8	71.4	4.8	—	21
Burnley -	21.9	48.8	26.8	2.5	41	Doncaster -	11.1	83.3	5.6	—	18
York -	22.6	49.1	21.8	5.5	55	Dukinfield -	38.2	52.4	4.7	4.7	21
Wigan -	23.1	53.8	17.9	5.2	39	Colchester -	50.	40.	3.3	6.7	30
Warrington -	37.5	31.2	21.9	9.4	32	Bilston -	47.4	42.1	10.5	—	19
Ashton -	31.4	45.7	14.3	8.6	35	Torquay -	25.9	59.3	14.8	—	27
Lincoln -	23.7	55.3	18.4	2.6	38	Glossop -	52.2	47.8	—	—	23
Accrington -	22.9	60.	14.3	2.8	35	Stafford -	20.	50.	30.	—	20
Chester -	36.4	52.3	11.3	—	44						

FOREIGN RETURNS.

Abstract of answers to the questions relating to Compulsion, Gratuitous Instruction, State and Voluntary aid, Religious Teaching, Night Schools and Training Schools, received in the replies to inquiries made from certain European countries, the United States, and the Colonies.

ABSTRACT OF

Country.	Compulsion			Instruction gratuitous.	Primary schools maintained by		
	Yes or No.	Between ages	Attendances required.		State.	Local Authorities.	Voluntary action.
Austria	Yes.	6 to 14.	Until scholar has acquired prescribed subjects, religion, and reading, writing, and arithmetic.	Free, except in Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia.	—	Cost of building by commune. Salaries of teachers by province, district, or commune.	—
Bavaria	Yes.	6 to 13 (13 to 16 in Sunday schools.)	No reply.	Free. In some parishes by ancient custom the school board can levy 2s. 6d. per scholar per annum.	—	"From public funds."	—
Belgium	No.	—	—	Commune can grant, and all poor can claim gratuitous instruction. Fees vary from 6 to 24 francs per annum in other schools.	—	Commune.	—
France	Yes.	6 to 13.	For 4 absences of half a day in a month the parent is summoned before local school committee. For repeated absences, he may be fined 15 francs or sent to gaol 5 days.	No fees.	—	"Public funds."	Voluntary contributions are asked to create fund for rewards for regularity and aid to poor children.
Holland	No.	—	—	"Fees may be required from all children."	—	"Public elementary education from public funds."	"Non-public elementary education from voluntary contributions."
Hungary	Yes.	6 to 13 day, 12 to 15 continuation.	8 months country, 10 months town.	No. Cost is 8s. 8d. a year in State schools, but arrears are not exacted.	—	611 State schools. 1,856 parish schools, assisted by State. 13,839 denominational schools, assisted with school requisites, but not with money. 168 private schools. 31 by societies.	—
Italy	Yes.	6 to 9.	No fixed rule.	Free by law, but in some communes there are schools where an entrance fee is paid of 2s. 6d. to 8s. 4d.	—	Commune aided by State when commune requires it.	—
Norway	Yes.	8 (7 in town) until they are confirmed.	12 weeks per annum.	Free, in elementary schools.	By State, county treasury, and the locality.	—	Rarely any.
Prussia	Yes.	4 to 14	8 years.	Free, generally. In some places parents pay 4 to 8 marks per annum.	—	Maintained in principle by the communities and patrons. State provides salaries and pensions for teachers.	Church co-operates from church funds.
Saxony	Yes.	7 to 15	Special dispensation after 7 years, or 1 years' prolongation for ignorance.	No.	—	Partly parish taxation, partly school pence, partly State aid.	—
Sweden	Yes.	7 to 14	34½ weeks.	Free.	—	Partly by State and partly by school district.	—
Berne	Yes.	6 to 15	Five-sixths of possible attendances.	Free in most, but 1s. 8d. a year can be demanded for each child.	—	"Public funds"; partly by the locality and partly by State.	—
Geneva	Yes.	6 to 15	4 days a week; 6 hours a day.	Free.	Yes.	"When a commune is too poor to build a school, the State pays."	—
Neuchâtel	Yes.	7 to 16	After age of 13 they are only required to attend 10 hours a week.	Free.	—	"Public funds." State aids all local funds, and gives extra aid to poorer localities.	—
Tessin (Switzerland)	Yes.	6 to 14	28 hours a week for 6 to 9 months.	Free.	—	Partly by parish and partly by State.	—
Vaud (Switzerland)	Yes.	7 to 16.	33 hours per week.	Free; a fee of 2s. 6d. paid by parents to the municipality; poor parents exempted.	—	"Public funds."	—
Grisons (Switzerland)	Yes.	7 to 15	Not stated. Fines and imprisonment for constant non-attendance.	Gratuitous.	—	By Communes. Poor communes receive contributions from cantons, and Government subsidies, teachers.	—

FOREIGN RETURNS.

18 and 19		33 and 34			38		41 and 42		
Religious Teaching given.	Continuation or Night Schools.			Training Schools supported by		Training College.			
	Yes or No.	System.	Compulsory.	State.	Voluntary action.	Day.	Boarding.	Religious Instruction given.	
Yes, under the various church authorities.	Yes.	In some Italian communes, to learn German.	Yes.	Yes.	In a few provinces.	Yes.	In two provincial institutes.	Obligatory.	
Yes, by parish priest.	Yes.	Free. 4 to 6 hours a week to 18 years of age.	For males "professional workmen."	Yes.	—	Day for first 3 years.	Board for last 2 years.	Yes.	
Optional at beginning and end of school. Children can be exempted.	Yes.	"Ecoles de perfectionnement" evenings and Sundays free.	Optional.	Yes.	Normal schools which accept State inspection.	—	In 46 cases they live in college; in five they board out.	In 47 out of 51.	
None, but Thursday is a holiday, to allow for religious instruction elsewhere.	Yes.	Night schools and also continuation schools of three kinds. (a) To follow primary. (b) Higher primary. (c) Apprenticeship.	No.	By departments, with some aid from State.	—	—	Live in college; day students admitted in exceptional cases.	None.	
None (see Articles 22 and 33 of law.)	Yes.	Free. Cost borne by communes.	No.	State, commune, and private individuals.	—	No.	Boarded and lodged gratis by inhabitants of commune.	No.	
Yes, denominational and obligatory.	Yes.	10 months in year, 8 hours week in summer, 5 hours in winter, fees small or nil, aided by State, parish, and religious bodies.	Yes, from 12 to 15.	24	46 by religious bodies.	—	Females, and for males if accommodation can be found.	Obligatory.	
Given when requested out of school hours.		Night for adults, optional. Continuation for boys, compulsory until they pass examination. Free. Maintained by municipalities.		Yes.	—	Yes.	Yes.	No.	
Lutheran obligatory, except for Dissenters.	Yes.	Higher elementary county schools and night schools.	No.		No reply.		No reply.		
Yes, by teacher compulsory.		Continuation schools in the country, and for artisans.	—	Yes.	—	One-third.	Two-thirds.	Yes.	
Yes, Denominational obligatory.	Yes, both.	State provides for higher and middle popular schools.	3 years unless they have attended higher schools to 15.	Yes.	—	—	Yes.	Systematic.	
Yes, Lutheran obligatory, except for those professing another faith.	Yes.	For 6 weeks annually, 30 hours a week.	Optional.	Yes.	—	—	Yes.	Yes.	
Given by teachers or ministers of religion, exemption allowed.	Yes.	State aid is given.	Optional.		At their own cost, but a stipendium is paid by the State.		Students live with families of peasants.	No.	
None. State makes grants to a corporation of "Pasteurs" who give religious instruction to children sent to them by parents.	Yes.	Classes for boys of 14 and 15 to learn use of tools.	No.		No special training. Take a diploma at their own cost.	Yes.	—	—	
None.	Yes, in some localities.	"Ecoles complémentaire" for males of 16 to 20. Half cost paid by State.	Optional.	State.	—	Yes.	—	No.	
Given by priest, but not compulsory.	Yes.	"Schools of repetition" supported by parish.	Optional.	State.	—	Males.	Females.	Yes.	
By teacher, "from historical point of view."	Yes.	From December to March, gratuitous, 3 hours a week.	Yes, from 16 to 19.	State.	—	Daily.	—	Both National, Protestant, and Catholic Church.	
Given by clergy of the two confessions. Not obligatory.	Yes.	Continuation schools for males from 15 to 17.	Yes.	One State.	One private.	—	Yes.	Yes.	

Country.	Compulsion			Instruction gratuitous.	Primary schools maintained by		
	Yes or No.	Between ages	Attendances required.		State.	Local Authorities.	Voluntary action.
Zurich	Yes.	6 to 16.	Every day; penalties for 10 absences.	Free	"Public funds."		A few private schools from voluntary subscriptions.
Wurtemberg	Yes.	7 to 14.	Every school-day. Parents can be warned, fined, and imprisoned.	Free, in a few places, when endowments exist; fee generally, 2s. to 3s. 6d. a year.	Parishes with subsidies from State.		—
British Columbia	Yes.	7 to 12.	Attendances not stated. Absences punished by fine or imprisonment.	Free.	"Public funds."		—
Cape Colony	No.	—	—	No; fees range from 1d. a week to 15s. a year.	In equal proportions from State and voluntary contributions.		—
New Brunswick		No reply.		Free.	From public funds and from county and district assessment.		—
New Zealand	Yes, can be adopted locally.	7 to 13.	"One half of the period during which the school is open."	Free.	Public schools at the cost of the general government, except about 1 per cent. from voluntary contributions.		Not more than one-eighth of children receive elementary education in voluntary schools.
Nova Scotia	Yes, on vote of two-thirds of rate-payers.	7 to 12.	80 days a year.	Free.	"Public funds entirely."		—
Ontario	Yes.	7 to 13.	100 days a year.	Free.	1. Public funds. 2. An equal sum for municipal funds. 3. Vote levied by trustees.		—
Prince Edward Island	Yes.	8 to 13.	13 weeks a year.	Free.	Public funds and local assessment in the ratio of 5:1'6d.		—
Quebec	No.	—	—	A compulsory monthly fee, varying from 5 cents to 40 cents for every child between ages of 7 and 14.	1. Government grant. 2. Local assessment. 3. Monthly fees.		—
Queensland	Law provides that it may be. "Not at present."	6 to 12.	60 days in each half year.	Free.	"Public funds."		—
South Australia	Yes.	7 to 13.	35 school days per quarter.	No. Fees are 4d. per week under 8, 6d. per week over 8. Fees remitted if parents poor.	"Public funds."		—
Tasmania	Yes.	7 to 13.	3 days a week.	No. 9d. a week for one child of family, 7d. each for two, and 6d. each if more.	"Public funds and fees."		—
State of Colorado, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	State school funds and local taxes.		—
Connecticut, U.S.A.		No reply.		Free.	Public funds and local taxation.		—
Dakota, U.S.A.	Yes (not enforced).	10 to 14.	12 weeks a year.	Free.	Public funds and local taxation.		—
Illinois, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 14.	12 weeks a year.	Free.	Public funds and local taxation.		—
Iowa	No.	—	—	Free.	State and local taxes.		—
Kansas	Yes.	8 to 14.	12 weeks a year (6 consecutive).	Free.	State and county school funds and local taxation.		—
Manitoba	Yes, nominally.	7 to 12.	Fixed locally.	Free.	Public funds only.		—
Minnesota, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 16.	12 weeks each year (6 must be consecutive).	Free.	State and county funds and local taxation.		—
Missouri, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	State funds and local taxation.		—
Montana, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 14.	12 weeks each year.	Free.	"Taxation."		—

FOREIGN RETURNS—continued.

16 and 19		33 and 34		38		41 and 42		
Religious Teaching given.	Continuation or Night Schools.			Training Schools supported by		Training College.		
	Yes or No.	System.	Compulsory.	State.	Voluntary action.	Day.	Boarding.	Religious Instruction given.
Reformed Church by master or clergymen; not obligatory on all children.	Yes.	Monthly, for winter months; fee low or nil; for both sexes, ages, 14 to 20.	Optional		1 State. 1 Evangelical. 1 town of Zurich, with State subsidy.	Daily. — Daily.	— Board. —	Yes. State. Church.
One-third of school-time is given to religious matters; children may be excused.	Yes.	Sunday schools (1 hour a week) are prescribed by law, and can be supplemented by night school, which if established, are obligatory.	—	At 15, students enter a preparatory school, subsidized by Government, and at 17, a training college. There are 7 State training colleges, and 2 small private training colleges.		—	Yes.	Religious teaching provided; not obligatory in State colleges. The two private colleges are strictly Protestant.
None.	—	None.	—	State.	—	No reply.		—
May be given. Not obligatory.	—	Such schools for adult natives are promoted by religious bodies.	No.	Department gives aid up to 24l. a year for a normal student.		—	Resident.	Yes. Dutch Reformed Church.
None.	—	Provision is made, but no advantage is taken of it.	—	Maintained at public cost.		Daily.	—	No.
None.	No.	Left to voluntary effort.	—	Four training colleges supported by the Colonial Government.		Daily.	—	No.
None.	—	A very limited number of night schools supported by taxation and public grant (not required).	—	Provincial normal school. Tuition free; all else at expense of students.		No residence.		No.
Provided, but optional.	Some in towns, but not required by law.		No.	Joint cost of municipality and province.		Daily.	—	Provided, but optional.
None.	None.	—	No.	Provincial normal schools. Tuition at cost of province.		Daily.	—	No.
Yes. Denominational. Exemption is granted.	Some under local boards and private control, and some for industrial work in towns.		No.	Three provincial normal schools at cost of State.		One day.	Two boarding.	Two Roman Catholic, 1 Protestant.
None.	—	Some night schools.	No.	No training college.				
None.	A few night schools; not well attended.		No.	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.
Ministers of religion are allowed half-hour in morning, and half-hour in afternoon. Not obligatory.	Night schools are encouraged, but not compulsory. Teachers meet expenses.		—	No training college.				
None.	None.	—	—	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.
None.	Some night schools aided by State.		No.	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.
None.	None.	—	—	Cost of Territory.	—	—	Not necessarily.	No.
None.	None.	—	—	State and local taxation.	—	—	Not necessarily.	No.
None.	None.	Or wholly voluntary.	—	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.
None.	None.	—	—	County.	—	Daily.	—	No.
Protestants give undenominational Bible instruction. Roman Catholic schools give full religious instruction.	None.	—	—	Province.	—	Daily.	—	Roman Catholic only.
None.	None.	—	—	State and county funds.	—	Daily.	—	No.
None.	None.	—	—	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.
None.	None.	—	—	County.	—		No reply.	

Country.	Compulsion			Instruction gratuitous.	Primary schools maintained by		
	Yes or No.	Between ages	Attendances required.		State.	Local Authorities.	Voluntary action.
Nebraska, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 14.	12 weeks each year.	Free.	One-fifth State.	Four-fifths local taxes.	—
Wisconsin, U.S.A.	Yes.	7 to 15.	12 weeks each year.	Free.	One-fifth State.	Four-fifths district taxation.	—
Wyoming, U.S.A.	Yes.	7 to 16.	3 months.	Free.	County school funds and local taxation.		—
Alabama, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Mainly by State.		Some.
Arizona, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds entirely.		—
California, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 14.	80 days.	Free.	Public funds.		—
Columbia	Yes (not enforced).	—	—	Free.	From State appropriations exclusively.		—
Florida, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds entirely.		—
Georgia, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds or local taxation.		—
Idaho, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 14.	12 weeks each year (of which 8 must be consecutive).	Free.	Public funds.		—
Louisiana, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds.		—
Maine, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 15.	16 weeks a year.	Free.	Public funds; partly by State; partly by a tax levied on towns.		—
Maryland, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds only.		—
Massachusetts, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 and 14.	20 weeks a year.	Free.	Public funds.		—
Michigan, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 and 14.	4 months a year.	Free.	Public funds and local taxation.		—
Mississippi, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	State and county.		—
New Hampshire, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 and 14.	12 weeks, of which 8 must be consecutive.	Free.	Public funds.		—
New Jersey, U.S.A.	Yes.	7 and 12.	20 weeks.	Free.	Public funds.		—
New York, U.S.A.	Yes; but not enforced.	8 and 14.	Not stated in Act.	Free.	Public funds.		—
North Carolina, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds.		—
Oregon, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds.		—
Pennsylvania, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds.		—
Rhode Island, U.S.A.	Yes.	7 to 14.	12 weeks, of which 8 must be consecutive.	Free.	Public funds and about 1 per cent. from voluntary contributions.		—
South Carolina, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	Public funds and local taxation.		—
Washington Territory, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 18.	3 months, or 60 days.	Free.	Public funds.		—
Vermont, U.S.A.	Yes.	8 to 14.	3 months.	Free.	Public funds.		—
Virginia, U.S.A.	No.	—	—	Free.	State. Counties and cities.		—

FOREIGN RETURNS—*continued.*

16 and 19		33 and 34			38		41 and 42		
Religious Teaching given.	Continuation or Night Schools.			Training Schools supported by		Training College.			
	Yes or No.	System.	Compulsory.	State.	Voluntary action.	Day.	Boarding.	Religious Instruction given.	
None.	None.	—	—	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	No regular system. There are 20 night schools in the State.			State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	None.	—	—	County school funds.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	None.	—	—	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	None.	—	—	Only one normal school just established.					
None.	Night schools in San Francisco maintained from city school tax.		No.	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	Night schools maintained by Government 3 nights a week for 5 months.		No.	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
Devotional exercises non-sectarian, children may absent themselves.	None.	—	—	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	None.	—	—	No training school.			—	—	
None.	None.	—	—	No training but in the free common schools of United States.					
None.	None.	—	—	State.	—	Both.		No.	
General, not sectarian, optional.	School boards provide night schools in some towns.		No.	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	Some night schools under city system. Free; meet 4 months in winter.		No.	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	Some night schools in winter months. Free.		No.	State.	—	3	2	No.	
Given; not compulsory.	None.	—	—	Private expense; only part trained in Normal College.		Daily.	—	No.	
None.	None recognised.		—	State.	—	Both.		No.	
Non-sectarian.	Yes; night.		No.	State. Most teachers are trained in other colleges and schools.		Both.		No.	
Bible reading, without comment; not obligatory.	Only such as are maintained by local boards.		—	State; optional attendance.		—	Yes.	No.	
None.	No State system; some by education boards.		—	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	None.	—	—	State.	—	No reply.		No.	
Given by teachers; not compulsory; no special provision.	None.	—	—	Their own cost.		Optional.		No.	
No sectarian religious instruction allowed.	Some in cities and large boroughs.		No.	Partly State; partly private; cost of students.		Both.		No.	
None.	Some night schools in large towns in winter months. Free.		No.	State.	—	Daily.	—	No.	
None.	No State system; some private.		No.	State, and Peabody legacies.		Both.		No.	
None.	No public system.		—	Teachers' expense.		Daily.	—	No.	
Bible read in most schools; not compulsory.	Night schools in some large towns.		No.	State partly.		Both.		No.	
Not required by State; teachers usually give unsectarian religious instruction.	Some night schools in cities.		No.	State and Peabody fund.		Both.		No.	

RETURN A.

**MANAGERS OF VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS AND
SCHOOL BOARDS.**

Drawn up from replies to Circulars marked A (1) and A (3) sent to Managers of all Voluntary Schools in receipt of annual grants, and Circulars marked A (2) and A (3) sent to all School Boards in the following counties :—

Berkshire,
Devonshire,
Dorsetshire,
Durham,
Gloucestershire,
Kent,
Lancashire,
Leicestershire,
Lincolnshire,
Staffordshire.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATION ACTS.

CIRCULAR A (1).—VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.

(To Managers of Voluntary Schools.)

* It is requested that the Class National, British, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Undenominational, as well as the local name of the school, may be specified.

Append a statement of each teacher's name, adding whether he or she be trained or untrained.

in the County of _____ and in the District of the _____
 school board of (or) _____ }
 school attendance committee of }

GIVE FOR THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR—

Number on Books. Average Attendance.
 Rate of grant per head. Cost per head.
 Composition of school staff.

N.B.—You are requested to confine your answers as much as possible within the space after each question.

1. Is there anything in the Education Acts which hinders the satisfactory education of the children in your school?

2. Is the course of teaching prescribed by the Code suited to the children in your school?

3. During the last three years have any teachers, pupil teachers, or scholars in your schools suffered from over-work?

4. Are you satisfied with the administration of the Acts and of the Code by the Education Department?

5. What changes, if any, would you desire—
 (a) In the Acts?
 (b) In the Code?
 (c) In the Administration?

6. Give list of managers of your school, stating their occupation, and also how many of them, if any, are parents of scholars attending the school.

7. (a) State the fee charged in your school? If it is variable, state to what extent and for what reason?

(b) Is the fee in any cases remitted?
 (c) Is it paid without difficulty?
 (d) What extras are there, if any?
 (e) Have objections been made to the payment of fees by parents?

8. Is any charge made for books? If so, what did it come to per head on last year's average attendance?

9. Is there any savings bank connected with your School? If so, give the amount contributed by the scholars last year?

10. Has your school sustained a diminution of grant this year from the 17s. 6d. limit? If so, state amount of Government grant and of deduction.

11. (a) What arrangement have the Poor Law Guardians made as to the payment of school fees?

(b) Has the arrangement worked satisfactorily?
 (c) Is it desirable to transfer from the boards of guardians to school boards the obligatory duty of paying the fees to voluntary schools on behalf of the children of indigent parents?

12. (a) In the case of how many children, during the last school year, have parents availed themselves of the conscience clause by withdrawing, wholly or in part, their children from religious instruction or religious observances?

(b) Have there been any complaints of the violation of the conscience clause?

13. Have you found in your school that the present educational system tends, or has tended, to indispose or unfit children for manual employments?

14. Would you recommend the introduction into your school of practical instruction—

(a) In any of the industries of the district? or in the use of tools for working in wood or iron?
 (b) (For girls) in the domestic duties of home?
 (c) Is practical cookery taught to girls? If so, give the scheme and cost of instruction. If not taught, what are the difficulties? Do you approve of such instruction?

15. Up to what age are you in favour of keeping children at school—

(a) Full-time?
 (b) Half-time?

16. What should be the minimum standard of —

(a) Partial exemption?
 (b) Total exemption?

17. Has any case occurred in your district in which offers to supply a deficiency in school accommodation from voluntary sources have been refused in consequence of the action of the school board by the Education Department?

18. Is compulsion fairly and effectively applied in your district in bringing children to school, and in securing regularity of attendance?

19. Have you any further suggestions to make?

Name in full }
 and }
 designation }
 of }
 correspondent }
 Address }
 Post Town }

CIRCULAR A (2).—SCHOOL BOARDS.

(To School Boards.)

School board of

In the county of _____

GIVE FOR THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR (IN GROSS)—

Number of schools. Accommodation.

Number on books. Average attendance.

Rate of grant per head. Cost per head.

Composition of school staff
for all the schools of your board.

Append a statement of each teacher's name, adding whether he or she be trained or untrained.

N.B.—You are requested to confine your answers as much as possible within the space after each question.

1. Is there anything in the Education Acts which hinders the satisfactory education of the children in your schools?

2. Is the course of teaching prescribed by the Code suited to the children in your schools?

3. During the last three years have any teachers, pupil teachers, or scholars in your schools suffered from over-work?

4. Are you satisfied with the administration of the Acts and of the Code by the Education Department?

5. What changes, if any, would you desire—
 (a) In the Acts?
 (b) In the Code?
 (c) In the administration?

6. Do you appoint local managers for your schools under secs. 15 and 52, Education Act, 1870?

(a) By whom are they selected?

7. (a) State the fee charged in your schools? If it is variable, state to what extent and for what reason?
 (b) Is the fee in any cases remitted? If so, to what extent?
 (c) Is it paid without difficulty?
 (d) What extras are there, if any?
 (e) Have objections been made to the payment of fees by parents?
8. Is any charge made for books? If so, what did it come to per head on last year's average attendance?
9. Is there any savings bank connected with your schools? If so, give the amount contributed by the scholars last year?
10. Have your schools sustained a diminution of grant this year from the 17s. 6d. limit? If so, state amount of Government grant and of deduction.
11. (a) What arrangement have the Poor Law Guardians made as to the payment of school fees?
 (b) Has the arrangement worked satisfactorily?
12. (a) In the case of how many children, during the last school year, have parents availed themselves of the conscience clause by withdrawing, wholly or in part, their children from religious instruction or religious observances?
 (b) Have there been any complaints of the violation of the conscience clause?
13. Have you found in your schools that the present educational system tends, or has tended, to indispose or unfit children for manual employments?
14. Would you recommend the introduction into your school of practical instruction—
 (a) In any of the industries of the district? or in the use of tools for working in wood or iron?
 (b) (For girls) in the domestic duties of home?
 (c) Is practical cookery taught to girls? If so, give the scheme and cost of instruction. If not taught, what are the difficulties? Do you approve of such instruction?
15. Up to what age are you in favour of keeping children at school—
 (a) Full time?
 (b) Half time?
16. What should be the minimum standard of
 (a) Partial exemption?
 (b) Total exemption?
17. Have you any further suggestions to make?
 Name in full }
 and }
 designation }
 of }
 correspondent }
 Address
 Post town

CIRCULAR A (3).—VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

(To Managers of Voluntary Schools and to School Boards.)

* It is requested that the Class, i.e., National, British, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Undenominational, as well as the local name of the school, may be specified.

In the county of _____ and in the district of the _____
 school board of (or) _____
 school attendance committee of }

* School

ment inspection? And if encroached upon, to what extent?

N.B.—You are requested to confine your answers as much as possible within the space after each question.

QUESTIONS AS TO RELIGIOUS AND MORAL TEACHING IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- What time is given daily to—
 (a) Reading of Holy Scripture;
 Is it with or without explanation?
 (b) Religious instruction;
 (c) Prayer;
 (d) Hymns?
 - Is the religious instruction given by the teachers? If it is given by other persons, state (a) by whom it is given? (b) Whether it is given on fixed days? (c) and if so, how often?
 - Is religious teaching given at the same time to the whole school, or is religious teaching given to different classes at the beginning and end of the two meetings of the school while other classes are engaged in the secular work of the school?
 - Is the register marked before or after, or both before and after, the religious observances and teaching, if the school day commences with them? If the registers are marked after such religious observances, &c., do many children habitually absent themselves? If so, state what proportion in the last school year.
 - Is religious teaching given to the pupil teachers with the whole school, or separately? If separately—
 (a) Is it given daily?
 (b) For how long?
 (c) By whom?
 - Are the times given to religious observances and teaching encroached upon, or altogether superseded before the time of, and in preparation for, the Govern-
7. Is there any inspection or examination of the religious teaching of the children?
 (a) If so, by whom?
 (b) How often?
 (c) How long does it last?
 (d) Were any children withdrawn from such inspection or examination in the last school year by the parents?
 (e) What contribution, if any, is made by your school to the expenses of such religious inspection?
8. Do you find that the parents of your scholars desire that their children should receive (a) religious and (b) moral training in your school?
9. Are you satisfied with the encouragement given by the State to instruction in morals and moral training?
10. How is the obligation laid down in * Article 109 of the Code as to discipline,—i.e., as to the moral training of the children in your school,—fulfilled, and how do you satisfy Her Majesty's Inspector on the subject?
11. Have you any suggestions to make respecting any of the above-named subjects?
- * "To meet the requirements respecting discipline, the managers and teachers will be expected to satisfy the Inspector that all reasonable care is taken, in the ordinary management of the school, to bring up children in habits of punctuality, of good manners and language, of cleanliness and neatness, and also to impress upon the children the importance of cheerful obedience to duty, of consideration and respect for others, and of honour and truthfulness in word and act."
- Name in full }
 and designation }
 of }
 correspondent }
 Address
 Post town

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

BERKSHIRE.

SUMMARY of MAIN POINTS in the ANSWERS to QUESTIONS 1, 5, 19 (A. 1 and 2).

The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

The complaints and suggestions in this county come chiefly from voluntary schools. There are only eight school boards, five of which have given replies. They make the same complaints as voluntary schools with regard to inefficient compulsion, irregular attendance, half-time, want of liberty in classification, and the severity of the examination.

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a.) IN THE ACTS?

Compulsion is inefficient, and attendance irregular.
The system of exemption allows children to leave too early, and they are forced through the standards at the expense of real education.
The half-time system is unfit for rural districts.
Guardians and School Attendance Committees should have power to levy school rates.
Religion should be taught in schools, and the Cowper-Temple clause be repealed.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b.) IN THE CODE?

The 17s. 6d. limit, merit grant, and payment by results should be abolished; the grant on average attendance should be increased, and full liberty of classification should be permitted.
Grammar (English) should be made optional for examination; arithmetic easier, especially for girls; and geography should be encouraged.
The examination for rural schools and dull children should be relaxed.
The number of reading books should be reduced.
The 22 weeks' system should be abolished, and 250 attendances again adopted.

(Less frequent requests.)

Non-elementary subjects should be excluded from examination.
Science and technical education should be more encouraged.
The Code should be simplified, and there should be fewer changes.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(c.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

Greater uniformity is required in the standard of examination.
The instructions of Her Majesty's Inspectors should be made public.
Examination by sample should not be permitted.
More consideration should be shown for the circumstances of small and rural schools, and the special difficulties of teachers.
There should be more elasticity in the methods of the Department and the Inspectors.
Managers' lists of exemption should be accepted.
Inspectors should be men of experience,—practical teachers.
Dictation at inspection should be given by the teachers.
The power of H.M. Inspectors to order costly apparatus should be limited.

Question 19.—The suggestions are in great part a repetition of what has been stated under Questions 1 and 5. They dwell on the unwillingness of magistrates to enforce compulsion; complain that the present system induces cramming, and that the examinations are too severe; urge higher grants to poor districts, and a better method of paying fees for poor children.

Question 6.—The school managers are returned as including:—189 ministers of religion, 130 farmers and yeomen, 111 gentlemen, 75 tradesmen, 31 ladies, 28 churchwardens, 29 solicitors, bankers, and stockbrokers, 21 justices of the peace, 20 estate agents, architects, accountants, tutors, &c., 16 landowners, 13 military and naval officers, 11 manufacturers, 11 wine merchants, brewers, &c., 10 peers, baronets, Members of Parliament, 10 artisans, 8 medical men, 7 mayors, aldermen, town councillors, &c., and 36 parents of scholars.

Question 10 (A. 3.)—Article 109 is enforced by example, precept, the moral influence of the teachers, religious instruction, and every care in training, &c.

Her Majesty's Inspector is said to ask no questions, but to judge for himself from the discipline and general tone at inspection.

Question 11 (A. 3.) A considerable number of voluntary schools ask that religious instruction should be encouraged by the State. Some state that moral teaching must be based on religion, and some complain that the requirements of the Code leave no time for religious teaching.

BERKSHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1 and 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.*			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools	Church - 198 Wesleyan - 8 Roman Catholic - 4 British - 14 Total - 224	39,854	26,150	Church - 158 Wesleyan - 6 Roman Catholic - 3 British - 12 Total - 179	32,240	26,805	21,642
Boards	8 Boards, with 14 Schools.	4,545	3,524	5 Boards, with 9 Schools.	3,772	3,970	3,064

* From Appendix to Official Report of Education Department.

	3 Cases of Over-work.				4 Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code (a).			6 Managers.		7 Fees.					
	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Parents of Scholars who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Secs. 15 & 52 of Act of 1870.	Schools with Maximum Fee of					
										1d.	2d.	3d.	6d.	9d.	Not stated.
Voluntary Schools.	41	19	14	Some in 27 schools	120	39	20	36 in 24 schools.	—	20	69	26	56	6	2
Boards	1	—	—	A few under one Board.	3	—	2	—	2	—	3	1	1	—	—

(a) The approval or otherwise is not always unqualified.

Rate of Grant per Head.				No Re- turns.	Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).	
Average Attendance.			—				Yes.	No.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.						
Under 10s. - -	4	1	13	79 schools cost more than the average for Eng- land and Wales, i.e., (1l. 15s. 9½d.) Of these, 24 have an average attendance less than 60.	32	131	42	
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - -	13	13						
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - -	16	24						
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - -	5	44						
17s. 6d. - -	2	4						
Over 17s. 6d. - -	10	30						
Boards.					2 Boards	4	—	
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - -	1							
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - -	2							
Over 17s. 6d. - -	2							

(a) The approval or otherwise is not always unqualified.

Fees.									Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted (c).	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents.	Schools.	Amount.
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes.	No.			
16	16	64	45	5	58	157	19	19 (d)	12 41 10 5	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over.
1	2	—	1	1	2	4	1	—	1 1 1	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s.

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, illness, large families, temporary distress, &c.

(d) The objections are few and insignificant.

BERKSHIRE.

	10			11			12		13	
	Schools which have sustained Diminution of Grant from the Operation of the 17s. 6d. Limit (Article 114).			Should Duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?			Conscience Clause.		Does System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment?	
	Schools.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	Yes.	No.
Voluntary schools.	8	£ s. d. 2,093 14 2	£ s. d. 82 16 7	16	96	67	32 in 16 schools.	None	54*	115†
Boards	—	—	—	—	—	—	None	None	1	3†

* Many state "for agriculture."

† Many state "children leave too early" for education to have this effect.

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4		
	Schools giving Religious Instruction Daily.	Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.	
		By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.		
Voluntary Schools.	179 (a)	179	121 (b)	177	17	138	24	A few in 6 schools.	
Boards	5	5	1 clergy.	5	—	5	—	—	

(a) Religious instruction 80 minutes to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 75 schools; reading without explanation in one school. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school.

(b) Mostly ministers of religion; in a few, ladies and managers give religious instruction.

14			15 and 16				18						
Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.			Most frequent recommendations respecting attendance at School (*).				Compulsion applied.			
Industries or use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.		Age for compulsory attendance.		Standard for exemption.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
							Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
18	57	71	1	At rectory in winter.	Expense; time; accommodation; girls leave too early.	The recommendations vary :— In voluntary schools from In boards „	10 to 14	12 to 15	2 to 5	2 to 7	98	9	64
—	—	2	1	Fittings, 84l.; instruction, 20l.	Accommodation	In both the most frequent are.	12	14	4	5	—	—	—

* Half time is practically unknown, but is disapproved of. On the whole the age limit is preferred to the standard limit.

5			6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training. (e.)	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Number receiving Religious Instruction.		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With School.	Separately.								
70	8	62	35	Generally very slight.	158 (c)	18 children in 6 schools.	163	159 (d)	70	82
2	—	2	—	—	1	—	4	4 (f)	2	—

(c) In most cases by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies half a day. The cost is borne by Church collections.

(d) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e) 43 schools and two boards state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement." 27 schools give no reply.

(f) One states "No objection ever made."

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

DEVONSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1, 5, 6, 19 (A. 1 & 2).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5 (A).—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE IN THE ACTS?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Compulsion is a complete failure, some better method should be devised to make it real and easy. There should be a uniform standard of exemption.

A *small number* ask that, the age and standard of exemption should be raised, half-time should be abolished, the Acts should be consolidated, heavier fines inflicted, persons illegally employing children be prosecuted, dame schools be suppressed, and a system of paying the fees of indigent children should be adopted which has not a pauperizing tendency.

A *few boards* ask that the local authorities should have power to recover fees, and more discretion as to the time when children in an agricultural district should be allowed to leave school.

Some voluntary schools wish to be placed on an equality with board schools (as regards rates, &c.) that ratepayers should have the option of paying rates to voluntary schools, and that in the absence of a board the committee of a voluntary school should be its own attendance committee and appoint its own attendance officer.

QUESTION 5 (B).—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE IN THE CODE?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Abolish the 17s. 6d. limit, merit grant, and payment by results, and pay an increased grant on average attendance.

Simplify the Code, and reduce the requirements especially in arithmetic, grammar, and the work of the upper standards, and let the alterations in the Code be less frequent.

Simplify the examination for country schools and dull children. Give full liberty of classification and freedom in the choice of class subjects. The system is too rigid, it does not discriminate between small and large schools or allow for different capacities; it tends to push on dull children at the cost of keeping back the clever ones, destroys individuality, and reduces education to one dead level.

Abolish individual examination and the standard system, the rule for 22 weeks, and allow managers freely to withdraw children from examination.

Reduce the number of reading books and give a larger grant for needlework.

Make allowance for the effects of bad weather and epidemics on the average attendance.

Give some technical education, a special grant for drawing, and encourage night schools.

Provide a syllabus for infants, and abolish sewing for infant boys.

QUESTION 5 (C).—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, DO YOU DESIRE IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Pressure should be put on the local authorities to enforce the law. The magistrates are too lenient, the attendance officer often lives many miles away, and has too large a district; in some cases he is inactive, and in others his efforts are paralyzed by the magistrates who will not convict.

The examination should be more uniform, Her Majesty's Inspectors less exacting and more gentle with the children; they should be men of larger experience; they should show consideration for circumstances, be less hurried in the examination, and make more visits without notice.

There should be a court of appeal for teachers.

The results of pupil teachers' examinations should be made known sooner.

The minimum staff should be increased.

There should be a Minister of Education.

A *few voluntary schools* ask that teachers should all be trained, have less clerical work, fixed salaries and pensions, and be eligible for Inspectors, that examination papers should be returned and corporal punishment be recognized.

Question 6.—The managers are returned as including:—292 ministers of religion; 203 farmers, yeomen, millers, and nurserymen; 154 gentlemen; 71 peers, baronets, and naval and military officers; 54 tradesmen; 41 solicitors, bankers, accountants, architects, and artists; 29 merchants, builders, shipowners, contractors, and managers; 27 ladies; 27 magistrates, prison officials, mayors, and police superintendents; 25 churchwardens, overseers, and parish clerks; 21 landowners, agents, and bailiffs; 20 medical men and chemists; 16 mechanics, clerks, travellers, customs officers, and railway inspectors; 9 brewers, wine merchants, innkeepers, and maltsters; and 125 parents of scholars.

Question 10 (A. 3).—Article 109 is satisfied by careful religious and moral training, example, reproof, prizes, and by every reasonable care.

Her Majesty's Inspector does not ask questions; does not complain; observes tone and conduct; reports favourably; expresses satisfaction.

Question 11 (A. 3).—89 voluntary schools and 10 boards ask that the State should give definite encouragement to religious instruction and moral training; *some* complain that the Code presses out religion for grant earning subjects, and *some* insist that morality cannot be taught except on a religious basis; a *very few* express the opinion that religious instruction should be excluded from schools aided by the State.

DEVONSHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1 and 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools -	Church - 841 Wesleyan - 7 Roman Catholic 9 British - 41 <hr/> 398	71,108	44,234	Church - 265 Wesleyan - 5 Roman Catholic 7 British - 33 <hr/> 310	57,094	47,635	36,220
Boards -	138 Boards, with 222 Schools.	40,060	27,441	109 Boards, with 185 Schools.	33,956	31,548	24,109

	3				4			6		7						
	Cases of Over-work.				Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code (a).			Managers.		Fees.						
	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Parents of Scholars who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Secs. 15 & 52 of Act of 1870.	Schools with Maximum Fee of						
									Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	
Voluntary Schools.	81	44	30	Some in 51 schools	205	69	36	135 in 68 schools.	—	3	30	92	79	46	44	12
Boards -	31	13	14	Some under 22 boards.	65	28	16	—	None	—	9	30	29	19	20	2

(a) The approval or otherwise is not always unqualified.

Rate of Grant per Head.				No Returns.	Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).	
Average Attendance.			Yes.				No.	
—	60 and under.	Over 60.						
Under 10s. - - -	7	2	22	118 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (1l. 15s. 9½d.) Of these, 51 have an average attendance less than 60.	48	206	92	
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	7	9						
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	34	23						
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	39	78						
17s. 6d. - - -	—	7						
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	30	57						
Boards.			6	—	19 Boards	71	38	
Under 10s. - - -	4							
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	5							
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	21							
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	39							
17s. 6d. - - -	7							
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	27							

(a) The approval or otherwise is frequently qualified by such phrases as, "On the whole, fairly," "for bright children," "for elementary subjects," "not for class subjects."

Fees.									Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted (c).	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents.	Schools.	Amount.
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes.	No.			
29	52	167	66	8	107	264	36	43 (d)	25 69 40 10 16	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Amount not stated.
36	7	71	29	2	58	94	14	30	3 21 19 3 2	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Amount not stated.

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, illness, large families, temporary distress, widows; also for regularity and for passing examination.

(d) The objections are few, and come mostly from the very poor or "bad payers."

DEVONSHIRE.

		10		11			12		13		14			
		Schools which have sustained Diminution of Grant from the Operation of the 17s. 6d. Limit (Article 114).		Should Duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?			Conscience Clause.		Does System of Education tend to indig-pose or unfit Children for Manual Employment?		Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.			
		Schools.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children with- drawn.	Com- plaints of Viola- tion.	Yes.	No.	Indus- tries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cook- ery.
Voluntary schools.	36	£ s. d. 5,577 5 10	£ s. d. 266 15 2	51	175	84	342 in 52 schools.	None	73	222	49	90	116	
Boards -	16	8,632 11 10	292 14 9	—	—	—	15 under 2 boards.	None	23	81	17	28	22	

* Some state "for agriculture" and "for service."

CIRCULAR A. 3.

		1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
		Schools giving Religious Instruction (a).			Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			
		Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	306	1	3	306	176 (b)	302	27	244	39	Some in 31 schools.	
Boards -	105	3	1	102	22 (b)	100	4	98	3	—	

(a) Religious instruction 30 minutes to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 281 schools and 97 boards; reading without explanation in 4 schools and 8 boards. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school. One school and one board have Prayers and Hymns only.

(b) Mostly ministers of religion; in a few ladies and managers give religious instruction.

14			15 and 16.				18			
Cookery taught.			Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a).				Compulsion applied.			
Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.	—	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
				Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
5	Cost not stated. Master's wife teaches older girls in one case. In another they aid in preparing penny dinners.	Cost; time; appliances; accommodation; teacher. Early age of leaving; not appreciated.	The recommendations vary:— In voluntary schools from In boards „	9 to 15 9 to 14	10 to 16 12 to 14	3 to 4 3 to 5	3 to 7 4 to 6	98	34	175
1	30%.		In both the most frequent are -	12 & 13	13	3 & 4	4 & 5	—	—	—

(a) Many answers are opposed to half-time; some state "none" or do not reply to the half-time queries. Some prefer an age limit only, a few give a standard limit only.

5			6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d)		School satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training. (e.)	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Number receiving Religious Instruction.		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With School.	Separately.								
140	21	100	94	Generally very slight.	174 (c)	314 children in 21 schools.	282	285	117	154
102	12	28	34	Slight.	52	Some under 3 boards.	76	76	63	20

(c) In most cases by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies half a day. The cost is mostly borne by Church collections.

(d) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e) 62 schools and 11 boards state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement." Some give no reply.

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

DORSETSHIRE.

SUMMARY of MAIN POINTS in the ANSWERS to QUESTIONS 1, 5, 19 (A. 1 and 2).

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QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a) IN THE ACTS?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Compulsion is inefficient, the Act is evaded, magistrates will not convict, attendance is very irregular; there should be some uniform system of enforcing compulsion, fines should be inflicted, and the expense of prosecution should fall on parents.

From Voluntary Schools only.

There is a want of uniformity in the labour qualifications, the Acts should be combined and made to harmonize with the Factory Acts; the age and standard of exemption should be raised and made uniform.

The system of paying fees for poor children through guardians should be abolished; school attendance committees might remit fees in cases of need.

A few ask that half time should be abolished in rural districts; that persons illegally employing young children should be punished; that the attendance officer should be independent of the guardians; that the cost of school boards should be reduced; that Voluntary Schools should be enabled to work with as low fees as Board Schools; that Board Schools should be handed over to Voluntary Committees if it is desired by the ratepayers.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b) IN THE CODE?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The requirements of the Code are much too severe for agricultural children; the Code should be simplified, and an easier standard adopted in rural districts and with dull children, and there should be fewer changes in the Code.

The merit grant should be abolished and larger grants paid on average attendance.

There should be full liberty of classification.

The 22 weeks' system should be abolished and a fixed number of attendances adopted.

Grammar is far too difficult; English should be optional as a class subject; geography might be adopted instead of grammar.

Managers should have the power to exempt children from examination up to 10 per cent.

The school should not suffer in consequence of bad weather or epidemics.

From Voluntary Schools only.

The 17s. 6d. limit and payment by results should be abolished, there should be no reductions from the grant earned.

The arithmetic should be simplified, many of the questions are riddles to the children; spelling should be made easier, and there should be two reading books only.

The standard system gives no stimulus to intellectual children who are kept back, while weak, dull, and irregular children are dragged forward.

Attendances made in other schools should count.

Class subjects should not be taught in country schools or should be quite optional. There are too many subjects for one teacher, this should receive consideration in the examination.

Needlework should be more encouraged.

School work should be made more attractive, and night schools should have more encouragement.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(c) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

There should be greater uniformity in the methods and standard of examination.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should have less authority and be more considerate; not exceed the Code or their instructions; and be lenient in their interpretation of the Code in dealing with country children.

Inspectors should be practical men; teachers should be eligible for the inspectorate.

A few Voluntary Schools ask: that all changes should be notified to managers by circular; that teachers should examine in class subjects; that the Education Department should appoint attendance officers; that registers should not be marked in stormy weather, or be marked in red ink; that children who reach the exemption standard should be compelled to attend school unless beneficially employed; that magistrates and local authorities should be made to enforce the Acts as to regular attendance.

Question 6.—The school managers are returned as including:—175 ministers of religion; 174 farmers, yeomen, millers, and gardeners; 78 gentlemen; 43 ladies; 41 tradesmen; 30 landowners, agents, stewards, &c.; 30 solicitors, bankers, accountants, auctioneers, barristers, and architects; 25 peers, baronets, naval and military officers, and M.P.s.; 15 magistrates, mayors, &c.; 11 mechanics and quarrymen; 10 churchwardens, guardians, &c.; 10 medical men and chemists; 8 merchants and shipbuilders; 8 clerks, postmasters, and schoolmasters; 2 brewers and malsters; and 48 parents.

Question 10 (A. 3).—Article 109 is said to be satisfied by example, precept, personal, influence, moral lessons, religious instruction, training, reproof, correction, punishment.

Her Majesty's Inspector is said to judge for himself; to make no remark; to observe tone, behaviour, &c.; to report favourably; to give good merit grant, &c.

Question 11 (A. 3).—About 40 Voluntary Schools ask that the State should distinctly recognise and encourage religious teaching; some urge that no time is left for moral or religious instruction; that religion is thrust in the background; that moral training cannot be separated from religious teaching.

DORSETSHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1 AND 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools - -	Church - - 228 Wesleyan - - 3 Roman Catholic 5 British - - 9 Total - 245	85,576	22,515	Church - - 182 Wesleyan - - 2 Roman Catholic 5 British - - 8 Total - 197	28,371	23,804	18,335
Boards - - -	19 Boards, with 25 Schools.	3,048	2,060	10 Boards, with 15 Schools.	1,627	1,250	1,011

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	Cases of Over-work.				Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.*			Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee of					
	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Parents of Scholars who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under sec. 15 and 52 of Act 1870.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	Over 6d.
Voluntary Schools.	39	20	16	Some in 24 schools.	148	34	20	48 in 27 schools.	—	38	84	41	18	12	4
Boards	3	—	1	Some under 2 Boards.	5	3	2	—	1 Board	1	6	2	1	—	—

* The answers are frequently qualified.

Rate of Grant per head.				Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to children (a.).	
Average Attendance.			No Returns.			Yes.	No.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.					
Under 10s. - - -	4	—	16	52 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (1l. 15s. 9½d.) Of these, 27 have an average attendance less than 60.	28	125	68
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	8	10					
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	26	18					
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	18	35					
17s. 6d. - - -	3	7					
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	29	23					
Boards.			1	—	2 Boards	4	5
Under 10s. - - -	—	—					
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	1	—					
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	—	—					
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	3	—					
17s. 6d. - - -	—	—					
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	5	—					

(a) The approval or otherwise is not always unqualified.

Fees.									Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted. (c)	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents. (d)	Schools.	Amount.
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes.	No.			
18	16	74	60	3	49	171	26	10	20 40 27 3	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over.
2	1	3	—	1	Boards. 4	7	3	3	1 1 1	Not stated 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s.

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Third or fourth child in family free; cases of poverty, sickness, and distress.

(d) The objections come from a very few parents.

DORSETSHIRE.

	10			11			12		13	
	No.	Amount of Grant.	Amount Deducted.	Should duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards.			Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	Yes.	No.
Voluntary schools.	23	3,487 7 9	818 3 9	16	113	68	186* in 26 schools.	None	35	124
Boards - -	1	51 19 10	3 14 10	—	—	—	6 children under 2 Boards.	None	1	9

* This includes 80 children exempted from Church Catechism in one Church School, which they were attending while their own (British) school was temporarily closed.

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	Schools giving Religious Instruction.	2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
		Religious Instructions given			Registers marked			
	Daily (a).	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher (b).	Throughout the School, at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	197	197	139	195	22	160	13	A few in 11 schools.
Boards -	10	10	1	10	—	9	1	None.

(a) Religious instruction 30 to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 194 schools and all the Boards; reading without explanation in 1 school. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school.

(b) Mostly ministers of religion; in 6 schools ladies and managers give religious instruction.

14				15 and 16				18					
Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.				Cookery taught.			Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a).				Compulsion applied.		
Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.	—	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
							Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
20	51	51	1	Taught by a Lady out of school hours.	Expense; time; teacher; accommodation; convenience; irregular attendance; children leave too early; no encouragement.	The recommendations vary:— In voluntary schools from In Boards „	10 to 14 9 to 13	11 to 14 10 to 14	3 to 5 2 to 4	4 to 6 3 to 7	58	36	93
4	5	4	—	—	—	The most frequent are— Voluntary - Boards -	12 13	13 14	} 4	5	—	—	—

(a.) There are many objections to half time, in other cases the questions relating to it are not answered, or the same age is given for full and half time; some give an age limit only.

5			6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d.)		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training (e.)	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given.		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With Schools.	Separately.								
84	11	69	41	Slight	177 (c)	106 children in 8 schools (f.)	183	179	99	77
2	—	1	2	Slight	4 (c)	1	7	7	6	3

(c.) In most cases by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies half a day. The cost is mainly borne by church collections.

(d.) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e.) 30 schools and 1 board state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement;" 21 do not reply.

(f.) See note to No. 12 above.

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DURHAM.

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From Voluntary Schools.

There are numerous complaints of inefficient compulsion and irregularity of attendance; magistrates will not convict; the fines for irregularity should be increased and enforced; attendance officers should have smaller districts, and be more efficient.

Voluntary Schools should not be rated, they should also share in School Board rates, or receive an increased grant.

Subscribers to Voluntary Schools should be exempt *pro tanto* from School Board rates.

School Boards should provide accommodation only when Voluntary Schools fail to do so; no efficient school with an average attendance of 30 should be regarded as unnecessary, and some limit should be placed to the School Board expenditure.

The system of School Board elections should be revised. The areas of school districts should be enlarged.

All schools should be placed under Boards, and the rating of districts equalised.

The Factory and Workshop Act should be revised.

Some systematised provision should be made for continuing the education of children after they leave day schools.

Religious instruction should be recognised and examined.

Fees of poor children should be paid by School Boards instead of by Guardians, and cost of procedure against parents should be reduced.

Voluntary Schools should be enabled to borrow money for building and enlarging premises.

A few urge that compulsory education should be free, while others state that free education would be unwise.

Some ask that Voluntary Schools should have more liberal treatment, to place them on a par with Board Schools.

From School Boards.

The Boards complain of the high rate of interest on loans for building, and the limited period for repayment, irregular attendance, inefficient compulsion, and the necessity for applying to Guardians to pay the fees of poor children.

A few ask for the Acts to be consolidated, a uniform standard of exemption, and power to recover fees, that penalties for non-attendance should be increased and enforced; that County Boards should be established, and Industrial Schools be provided for truants.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b.) IN THE CODE.

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Abolish the 17s. 6d. limit, merit grant, and payment by results; base the grant on average attendance. Give full liberty of classification; reduce the number of reading books.

Abolish the 22 weeks system, and return to a fixed number of attendances.

Reduce the requirements, especially in arithmetic and needlework; make English optional as a class subject. The whole work of girls is much too severe.

Relax the examination for small schools, rural districts, and dull children. The Code is too rigid and severe, it assumes all children to be alike in ability and circumstances, and makes no allowance for poverty, different capacities, and a shifting population.

The system does not encourage a love of learning, and is mere cramming; intelligent children are kept back that dull ones may be forced up to standards.

Managers ought to have discretion in marking registers in bad weather.

Simplify the Code, make fewer changes, and let proper notice of these be given.

From Voluntary Schools only.

Exempt from examination dull children and all less than a year on the register.

Pay the full grant earned, and increase the grants to infants.

Secure a larger staff of teachers, and place fewer restrictions on managers and teachers.

Modify drawing; allow liberty in choice of class subjects; substitute instruction of handicrafts for parts of the Code.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(c.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

There should be greater uniformity in examination, and strict adherence to instructions and Code.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should show greater consideration and more sympathy with managers, teachers, and children, and more regard for local circumstances.

The merit grant should be assessed on a uniform system.

The questions at inspection should be asked by the teachers, and the examination less hurried.

Inspectors should be practical men, selected from the most efficient teachers.

The power of Her Majesty's Inspectors to order costly apparatus should be limited.

Examination schedules should be returned to the schools, and the reports on examination be made earlier.

Remission of fees should not be made at Poor Law Offices.

There should be a Minister of Education, and a court of appeal for teachers.

Question 6.—The school managers are returned as including 193 ministers of religion; 95 colliery owners managers, cashiers, agents, and viewers; 76 tradesmen; 47 farmers and yeomen; 46 gentlemen; 34 land owners agents, and bailiffs; 34 mechanics and engineers; 33 accountants, cashiers, clerks, and schoolmasters; 32 ironmasters, shipowners, merchants, and builders; 22 architects, surveyors, solicitors, and bankers; 18 medical men; 16 mayors, town clerks, and school inspector; 14 churchwardens; 9 ladies and sisters of charity; 7 brewers and innkeepers; and 135 parents of scholars.

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DURHAM.

CIRCULARS A. 1. and 2.

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	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools - -	Church - - 214 Wesleyan - 25 Roman Catholic 49 British - - 68 <hr/> Total - 351	107,100	74,069	Church - - 165 Wesleyan - 20 Roman Catholic 31 British - - 40 <hr/> Total - 256	78,781	73,011	52,864
Board - - - -	49 Boards, with 139 Schools.	73,487	53,411	40 Boards, with 128 Schools.	69,707	64,780	50,928

	3				4			6		7							
	Cases of Over-work.				Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code (a).			Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee of							
	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Parents of Scholars who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers under sections 15 and 52 of Act 1870.	Free.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	Over 9d.	Not stated.
Voluntary Schools.	115	66	48	Some in 80 schools.	185	98	23	195 in 67 schools.	—	1	5	56	94	59	11	—	30
Boards	10	2	3	Some under 7 Boards.	28	10	2	—	6	—	2	6	15	13	1	1	2

(a) The approval or otherwise is not always unqualified.

Rate of Grant per head.				Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to children (a).	
Average Attendance.			No Returns.			Yes.	No.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.					
Under 10s. - - -	3	6	9	64 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (17.15s.9½d.) Of these, 17 have an average attendance less than 60.	51	142	113
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	1	23					
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	11	54					
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	12	78					
17s. 6d. - - -	—	7					
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	6	47					
Boards.			1	—	17 Boards	30	10
Under 10s. - - -	1						
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	2						
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	4						
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	16						
17s. 6d. - - -	1						
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	15						

(a) The approval or otherwise is often qualified:—"for strong," "healthy," "intelligent," "average" children, "fairly" &c.

Fees.									Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted. (c)	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents. (d)	Schools.	Amount.
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes.	No.			
45	135	9	20	—	170	192	54	65	7 32 86 36	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over.
10	20	—	5	—	Boards. 37	21	13	10	1 11 10 5	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over.

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Third or fourth child in family free, and cases of temporary distress.

(d) The objections are mainly from poor, improvident, or unemployed parents.

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	Schools which have sustained diminution of Grant from the operation of the 17s. 6d. limit (Article 114).			Should duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards ?			Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment ?	
	No.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	Yes.	No.
Voluntary schools.	28	£ s. d. 7,925 12 3	£ s. d. 372 15 8	75	117	64	380 in 36 schools.	None	42*	203
Boards	7	23,860 17 9	398 4 9	—	—	—	About 70 children under 5 Boards.	None	6	31

* Some state "girls only," or "girls especially."

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction.			Religious Instructions given			Registers marked			
	Daily (a).	Not at all.	No reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School, at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	247	3	1	247	108 (b)	233	22	212	15	A few in 24 schools.
Boards	36	2	1	34	—	34	1	29	6	A few under 4 boards.

(a.) Religious instruction 30 to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 213 schools; reading without explanation in six schools. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school. Five schools and one board have Prayers and Hymns only.

(b.) Mostly ministers of religion, in a few, managers give religious instruction.

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Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.			Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a).				Compulsion applied.			
Industries or use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.	—	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
							Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
40	94	130	3	£ 45	Expense; time; teacher; accommodation; convenience; irregular attendance; children leave too early; no encouragement.	The recommendations vary:— In Voluntary schools from In Boards „	10 to 16	13 to 16	3 to 6	4 to 7	98	28	113
11	16	23	4	Not stated.		The most frequent are:— Voluntary - Boards -	13 12	14 13	4	6			

(a.) Many object to half-time, others state "none," or make no reply to the partial exemption; some prefer an age limit, others a standard limit.

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training (e.)	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With Schools.	Separately.								
170	21	149	118	Slight	182 (c)	159 children in 23 schools.	244	249 (d)	100	114
31	13	8	12	Slight	7	33	25	25 (f)	27	10

(c.) In most cases by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies half a day. The cost is stated to amount to 209l. 17s.

(d.) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e.) 38 schools and six boards state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement."

(f.) 14 state "No objection ever made" or "parents indifferent."

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

SUMMARY of MAIN POINTS in the ANSWERS to QUESTIONS 1, 5, 19 (A. 1, 2).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a) IN THE ACTS?
From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Compulsion is inefficient, and needs to be enforced by better methods.
There should be uniformity in the age and standard of exemption from school attendance; the Bye Laws clash with the Acts.

A better system should be provided for paying the fees of poor children.

A small number suggest that:—Half-time should be abolished.—Fees should be recoverable like debts—Education should be free.—Dame schools should be supervised or abolished.

From Voluntary Schools only.

Voluntary schools should be placed on the same footing as Board schools with regard to rates, &c.
Subscribers to voluntary schools should be exempt from school board rates.
Some ask that the age and standard of exemption should be raised, a smaller number that they should be lowered.
The Acts should be consolidated.
Persons employing children illegally should be prosecuted.
Heavier fines should be inflicted.
Schools should not be rated.

QUESTION—5. WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b) IN THE CODE?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The 17s. 6d. limit, merit grant, and payment by results should be abolished, and a larger grant paid on average attendance.

The requirements are much too severe, and should be reduced, especially for country schools and dull children.

There should be full liberty of classification and free choice of class subjects, which should be made easier.

The work of the upper standards should be simplified and grammar excluded from examination.

Managers and School Boards should have power to exempt children from examination.

The 22 weeks' system should be abolished.

The number of reading books should be reduced.

Individual examination and the standard system should be abolished.

Night schools should be encouraged.

There should be fewer changes in the Code and more notice of them.

Drawing should be simpler and there should be some technical education.

A syllabus is needed for infant schools, and infant boys should not be taught sewing.

Grants should be given for blind, deaf, and dumb children.

From Voluntary Schools only.

Allowance should be made for the effects of bad weather and epidemics upon the average attendance and examination.

Arithmetic and sewing should be made easier.

The present system of "cramming" should be discouraged.

Overtime in school should be prohibited.

Specific subjects should be abolished.

The head teacher should give the dictation at the examination.

There should be more instruction in cookery and household work for girls.

There should be greater uniformity and simplicity of weights and measures.

Larger grants should be given to poor struggling schools.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(c) IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The suggestions occurring most frequently are:—that pressure should be put on local authorities to enforce regular attendance, and that the examination should be more uniform and less exacting.

Some boards and voluntary school managers ask for more power, a larger minimum staff, that pupil teacher examinations should take place monthly, and the results be made known sooner; that the police should act as attendance officers; and that Inspectors should show more consideration and sympathy.

Some voluntary schools ask that the teachers should have security of tenure and pensions; that the examination should be less hurried; that there should be some court of appeal; that Inspectors should be experienced men, and be selected from teachers; and that corporal punishment should be recognized.

Question 6.—The managers are returned as including 297 ministers of religion, 146 farmers and yeomen, 116 gentlemen, 101 tradesmen, 51 merchants, manufacturers, and builders, 41 auctioneers, architects, surveyors, solicitors, and actuaries, 34 magistrates, 33 peers, baronets, and naval and military officers, 33 ladies, 27 accountants, clerks, schoolmasters, actors, and travellers, 27 churchwardens, 19 mechanics and engineers, 18 medical men and chemists, 17 landowners, agents, and stewards, 9 brewers, maltsters, and publicans, 6 colliery owners or managers, and 56 parents.

Question 10 (A. 3).—Article 109 is said to be satisfied by careful training, religious teaching, scripture lessons, by moral influence, rewards, &c., and to best of ability. Her Majesty's Inspector is said to note discipline, conduct, and tone; to judge for himself; to make no complaints; to report favourably; to see Log book, &c.

Question 11 (A. 3).—90 voluntary schools and 5 boards ask that the State should encourage religious and moral training; 3 voluntary schools ask that religion should be excluded from State-aided schools.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1 AND 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools -	Church - - 365 Wesleyan - 11 Roman Catholic 12 British - - 39 Total - 427	83,441	51,819	Church - - 292 Wesleyan - 9 Roman Catholic 5 British - - 26 Total - 332	66,281	55,648	41,925
Boards -	35 Boards, with 84 Schools.	21,877	16,870	22 Boards, with 61 Schools.	18,053	18,579	14,740

	Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code (a).			Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee of							
	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Number of Parents who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Sections 15 and 52, Act 1870.	Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	Not stated.
Voluntary Schools.	209	81	42	56 in 36 schools.	—	1	17	142	81	38	44	6	3
Boards -	18	4	—	—	2	—	—	8	9	2	3	—	—

(a) Some state "fairly," or "on the whole."

Rate of Grant per head.				Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).		Cases of Over-work.			
Average Attendance.			No Returns.			Yes.	No.	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.									
Under 10s. - - -	9	6	23	133 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (11.15s. 9½d.) Of these, 57 have an average attendance less than 60.	71	201	127	80	50	37	Some in 57 schools.
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	17	12									
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	29	39									
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	25	76									
17s. 6d. - - -	1	6									
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	33	56									
Boards.			2	—	4 Boards.	16	6	7	3	3	Some under 3 Board.
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	3										
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	2										
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	11										
17s. 6d. - - -	1										
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	3										

(a) The approval or otherwise is often qualified.

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Fees.									Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted. (c)	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents. (e)	Schools.	Amount.
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes. (d)	No.			
25	59	74	142	10	106	268	60	57	28 69 86 9 19	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Sum not stated.
6	2	5	7	3	Boards. 9	16	6	5	7 3	3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s.

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, distress, sickness, want of employment, orphans, large families, regular attendance, foundation scholars.

(d) "Generally," or "as a rule."

(e) Cases of poverty, large families, improvidence, &c., and some few who claim free education.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	10			11			12		13		14		
	Schools which have sustained diminution of Grant from the operation of the 17s. 6d. limit (Article 114).			Should duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?			Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.		
	Number.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	Yes.	No.	Industries or use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.
Voluntary Schools.	31	£ 7,101 1 9	£ 342 1 5	72*	177	83	122 in 33 schools.	None	82	231	72	125	142
Boards -	4	3,058 15 1	66 18 7				22 under 2 Boards.	None	6	16	4	6	7

* Many state "to school attendance committee," or "some other local authority than guardians."

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction (a).			Religious Instructions given			Registers marked			
	Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	330	1	1	330	207 (b)	329	36	251	41	A few in 13 schools.
Boards -	22	—	—	21	3	22	—	21	1	A few under 1 Board.

(a) Religious instruction 30 to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 305 schools, and 20 boards; reading without explanation in three schools, and one board. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school.

(b) Mostly ministers of religion; in a few, ladies and managers give religious instruction.

(c) In most cases by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies about half a day. The cost is mostly defrayed by Church collections; in the few cases where the cost is stated, it amounts to 6l. 7s. 6d.

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Cookery taught.			Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a).				Compulsion applied.			
Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.	—	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
				Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
6	£ s. d.									
1	Evening class.	Expense; time; teacher; accommodation; convenience; irregular attendance; children leave too early.	The recommendations vary:— In Voluntary schools from In Boards „	10 to 14 11 to 14	12 to 16 13 to 14	} 3 to 5	4 to 7	89	48	175
1	209 17 10		In both the most frequent are	12 and 13	13 and 14					

(a) Many object to half-time altogether; a large number state "none," or do not answer the half-time question. Some prefer an age limit only for exemption, a few a standard limit; some would allow exemption to be determined by local circumstances.

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d)		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training (e)	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With Schools.	Separately.								
146	24	122	65	Very slight	273 (c)	33 in 13 schools.	298	297	139	157
15	6	5	6	Very slight	10	6 under 1 board.	19	18	12	10

(d.) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e.) 69 schools and 3 boards state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement."

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KENT.

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QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a) IN THE ACTS?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Compulsion is inefficient, some better system of enforcing attendance should be devised.
 Heavier fines should be imposed, and the expenses of prosecution should be reduced.
 The age and standard of exemption should be raised.
 Fees should be recoverable as a debt.
 Half-time should be abolished.
 The Acts need consolidating.
 Education should be free.
 A better method of paying the fees of poor children should be found. Parents have to walk long distances to appear before the Guardians, and lose a day's work in some cases; many will not apply to the guardians.

From Voluntary Schools only.

Subscribers to voluntary schools should be exempt from school board rates.
 Voluntary schools should be placed on an equality with board schools.
 A *small number* ask that the employers of juvenile labour should be punished; that byelaws should be abolished; that no voluntary schools should be treated as unnecessary, that rates should be levied for voluntary schools where no board school exists, and that voluntary schools should receive more encouragement.
 One suggestion is, that a school board be formed for every union, with a rate for all educational purposes, including the payment of fees of poor children, industrial, ragged, and truant schools; that such boards should have power to place neglected children in ragged and industrial schools as the compulsion which drives them into ordinary schools is not always beneficial to other children; and that the interest of parents be secured by a scheme which would give them representatives among the managers of all schools.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b) IN THE CODE?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Payment by results, the 17s. 6d. limit and the merit grant should be abolished, and a larger fixed grant should be paid on average attendance.
 The requirements are too numerous and too high, especially in arithmetic and the work of the upper standards.
 There should be more leniency and elasticity; the circumstances of the children and the locality should be considered.
 The Code is adapted for ideal and not for real children: it does not allow for difference in ability, health, or condition. The standard attained by a forcing system is not permanent; and under the present system the children who take most teaching earn least.
 There should be complete liberty of classification.
 The 22 weeks' system should be abolished.
 Managers and teachers should be able to withhold children from examination, or to present them again in the same standard.
 Grammar and geography should be simplified, there should be fewer reading books, and free choice of class subjects.
 The work of girls should be made easier, and more time devoted to needlework in which the examination should be less severe.
 Allowance should be made for dull children, half-timers, and bad weather.
 Teachers should give out the dictation, which should be taken from the Literary Reader.
 Individual examination should be abolished.
 Technical work should be encouraged in subjects likely to be useful hereafter (navigation, cooking, farming, &c.).
 There should be fewer changes in the Code and longer notice of them.
 Night schools should be encouraged.
 A *small number of Voluntary Schools* ask that young children be treated with more leniency; that 8 be adopted as the age for Standard I., composition be optional, and drawing and poetry easier; that teachers may ask the questions in class subjects; names be removed from the school registers after six weeks' absence; corporal punishment be allowed; the Code and labour pass be assimilated; writing and spelling be separated; the standard of merit be fixed; the pupil-teacher grant be not reckoned in the school income; infant boys be not taught sewing, and attendances made in other schools be allowed to count.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, DO YOU DESIRE—(c) IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Pressure should be put upon magistrates to enforce the Acts.

The examination should be less hurried.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should not exceed the Code or their instructions; they should have a larger practical experience of elementary teaching; the inspectorate should be open to teachers.

There should be greater uniformity in the examination.

Teachers should have pensions.

There should be a Minister of education.

From Voluntary Schools only.

The school boards and attendance committees need pressure to render them more efficient. The Education Department should undertake compulsion, police might act as attendance officers. Local school authorities should not be interested in child labour.

The scheme for the examination of pupil teachers should be simplified, and a larger choice of questions might be given.

The minimum staff should be increased.

The results of examination should be made known sooner.

Her Majesty's Inspector should advise teachers and managers, pay more surprise visits, and supervise the work of the sub-inspectors; the Inspectors' districts might be changed every few years.

Question 6.—The managers are returned as including;—411 ministers of religion, 259 gentlemen, 33 farmers, graziers, hop and fruit growers, and millers, 169 tradesmen, 63 magistrates and officials, 48 peers, baronets, Members of Parliament, and naval and military officers, 39 solicitors, merchants, bankers, barristers, engineers, surveyors, &c., 36 ladies, 25 mechanics, clerks, postmasters, &c., 17 churchwardens, 15 landowners, agents, stewards, &c., 15 medical men and chemists, 7 railway officials, 6 brewers, and 61 parents.

Question 10 (A. 3.)—Article 109 is satisfied by careful training, religious teaching, example, maxims, precepts, encouragement, rewards, punishments, and general vigilance.

Her Majesty's Inspector is said to express satisfaction with discipline; to report favourably; to judge from tone and demeanour; to make no inquiries; not to complain, &c.

Question 11 (A. 3.)—A considerable number of Voluntary Schools ask that religious instruction should be definitely encouraged by the State, that there should be religious examination and grants. A few ask that it should be excluded from State aided schools.

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CIRCULARS A. 1 AND 2.

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Boards - - - -	64 Boards, with 102 Schools.	28,573	17,530	54 Boards, with 89 Schools.	21,549	21,268	16,101

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	Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.			Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee								
	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Number of Parents who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Sections 15 and 52, Act 1870.	Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	Exceeding 9d.	Not stated.
Voluntary Schools.	262	69	48	61 in 35 schools.	—	1	1	81	158	44	63	23	2	6
Boards -	37	8	9	—	3 cases : In 2, the Boards appoint, in 1 the rate-payers.	—	—	13	25	7	5	2	—	2

Rate of Grant per Head.				Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).		Cases of Over-work.			
Average Attendance.			No Returns.			Yes.	No.	Total No. Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.									
Under 10s. - - -	6	8	24	154 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (1l. 15s. 9½d.) Of these, 39 have an average attendance less 60.	66	241	118	109	57	37	Some in 85 schools.
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	10	21									
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	32	38									
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	23	115									
17s. 6d. - - -	1	7									
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	14	80									
Boards.			2	—	16 Boards	39	14	18	6	12	Some under 12 Boards.
Under 10s. - - -	2										
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	1										
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	7										
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	27										
17s. 6d. - - -	1										
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	14										

(a) Many of the answers are qualified.

Fees.										Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted. (c)	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents (e)	Schools.	Amount.	
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes. (d)	No.				
25	51	103	164	9	108	337	40	80	15 78 46 9 83	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Not stated.	
8	10	19	22	3	Boards. 39	41	11	7	7 3 1	3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. Not stated.	

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, distress, sickness, want of employment, orphans, more than three children in family, regular attendance.

(d) For the most part.

(e) Most state "very few" or "rarely"; two boards state "many."

KENT.

	10			11			12		13		14						
	Schools which have sustained Diminution of Grant from the Operation of the 17s. 6d. Limit (Article 114).			Should Duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?			Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.						
	Num-ber.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Com-plaints of Viola-tion.	Yes.	No.	Indus-tries or Use of Tools. §	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.											
Voluntary Schools.	31	8,227	4	7	454	13	4	47	257	75	* 632 in 68 schools.	One by R.C. priest.	† 86	258	74	124	162
Boards	6	2,159	0	0	47	16	5	—	—	—	20 under 7 Boards.	None	14	39	12	19	25

* Many are withdrawn from Catechism only.

† Some say "for 'agriculture' or 'the clever ones.'"

‡ Amount not given for one Board.

§ Some recommend use of tools, agriculture, or trades suited to the locality.

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction.			Religious Instructions given			Registers marked			
	Daily (a).	Not at all.	No reply.	By teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	376	1	2	373	268 (b)	366	35	231	110	A few in 33 schools.
Boards	45	9	—	54	7	52	2	33	18	A few under 5 Boards.

(a) Religious instruction generally occupies 30 to 45 minutes daily. Reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 375 schools, and 44 boards; reading without explanation in one school, and under 10 boards. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school.

(b) Mostly ministers of religion; in a few, ladies and managers give religious instruction.

14			15 and 16				18			
Cookery taught.			—	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School.†				Compulsion applied.		
Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.		Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
				Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
3	£ s. d. 2 are taught in evening classes.	Expense; time; teacher; accommodation; convenience; children leave too young.	Voluntary. The recommendations vary between - The most frequent are -	10 & 15 12 & 13	11 & 16 14	3 & 5 4	4 & 7 5	145	8	203
1	23 3 8		Boards. The recommendations vary between - The most frequent are -	10 & 14 13	11 & 15 13	3 & 5 4	4 & 6 5			

† Many strongly object to half-time; others state "none," or do not answer the half-time question. Some ask for an age limit only, while a few prefer a standard limit; some object to any rigid rule, and would leave exemption to the discretion of managers.

5			6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d)		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training (e).	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools. (e)	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With Schools.	Separately.								
188	21	156	93	Slight.	349	152 in 37 schools.	358	358	157	166
27	9	7	18	Slight.	15	2 under 1 board.	47	48	38	14

(c) In 337 voluntary schools and 7 boards, by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies about half a day. The cost is mostly defrayed by Church collections.

(d) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e) 52 schools and 6 boards state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement."

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

LANCASHIRE.

SUMMARY of MAIN POINTS in the ANSWERS to QUESTIONS 1, 5, 19 (A. 1 and 2).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a) IN THE ACTS?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

A more efficient system of compulsion is desirable; magistrates are very reluctant to convict and to enforce penalties for irregular attendance; the mode of procedure should be more prompt, less costly, and heavier fines should be imposed.

The plan for paying the fees of poor children should be amended; parents resent the indignity of applying to the guardians, and the waste of time involved. The payment might be made on the authority of the Board, School Attendance Committee, or the managers, after investigation.

The age and standard of exemption should be raised; the byelaws should be made uniform; the Acts combined, simplified, and brought into harmony with the Factory Acts as regards the time of leaving school and going to work; children who have passed the exemption standard and are not employed in factories should be required to attend regularly one half of each day as under the Factory Acts.

School Boards should not be able to veto the building of voluntary schools. Section 38, Act 1870, should be repealed or amended so as to secure that no voluntary school should be refused an annual grant on the ground of its being "unnecessary" so long as the attendance reaches a reasonable number (30). Unnecessary building by School Boards should be prohibited; the managers of voluntary schools should have the opportunity to supply any deficiency if they choose (R.C.); half time should be abolished; it is a great hindrance to education and a hardship to the children; they lose all their brightness and vivacity; when they enter the mill, childhood ceases; some mode for recovering arrears of fees as a debt is necessary.

A small number of Voluntary schools and one or two Boards ask, that local authorities should have the power to give certificates of exemption; that attendance only should qualify for exemption; that age only should qualify for exemption; that the age of compulsion should be lowered; that it should be raised to six, as over-pressure is very prevalent with infants, and the examination is very strict; that grants should be awarded for the purpose of prizes for regular attendance.

From Voluntary Schools only.

A large number ask that voluntary and board schools should be placed on an equal footing; that voluntary schools should participate in local rates as a right. It is stated that the managers have sunk large sums in buildings, &c., in the belief that they would receive State aid, and that they are now being supplanted by the unfair competition of the boards, which practically give free education; efficient voluntary schools should receive the same support as boards, which are intended to supplement voluntary action, and not to stifle it (R.C.) Schools ought not to be rated (R.C.) There should be a limit to the power of taxation by school boards, and a check to their extravagance and lavish expenditure on furniture and all kinds of imaginary improvements by rates and loans, which become a burden upon the taxpayers (R.C.)

Subscribers to voluntary schools should (*pro tanto*) be free from rates, or they should be free to allocate their rate payments to a voluntary school.

A small number ask, that education should be free; that guardians should be compelled to pay the full school fees; that neighbouring schools should have the same scale of fees; that the Education Department should fix the age and standard of exemption; that farming schools should be prohibited; that school board areas should be enlarged; that an Education Board should be appointed for every district, with power to group and grade all State-aided schools and to control the building of new schools; that School Boards should be made universal; (education suffers from the multiplication of small denominational schools, which cannot be effectively or economically worked); that there should be a separate board for every board school; that there should be a census of children, and all parents should be compelled to give certificates of the age of their children; that private adventure schools should be placed under supervision or be prohibited; that honour certificates should be revived; that schools should be graded so as to pass deserving children from primary to secondary schools; that the Cowper Temple clause should be repealed.

A few Boards ask, that the Cumulative Vote should be abolished; that the clerk to the board should be the Returning Officer at elections; that loans should be obtainable on easier terms; that Boards of Guardians should support Industrial Schools.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b) IN THE CODE?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The 17s. 6d. limit should be repealed. The limitations of the grant (Art. 114) act as a fine upon efficiency, especially in the case of poor districts where the school fees are necessarily low.

Too many reading books are required.

Half-timers should be treated with more leniency and consideration; they should have a special syllabus, and an easier examination; at present Her Majesty's Inspector makes no distinction, and does not even know them from others; if possible separate schools should be provided for half-timers.

The merit grant should be abolished; it is not in any sense a compensation grant, it depends upon passes and can not gauge the labour and energy expended, since results depend greatly upon home circumstances, regularity, health, &c. of the children.

Payment by results should be abolished, and be replaced by larger fixed grants on average attendance. The aim of the present system is high percentages; it leads to cramming, over-pressure, superficial and mechanical teaching, and not to real education; there is too much preparing for examination and too little culture. The children are crowded with details which they cannot digest, and early acquire a dislike for books and study. Further, the system is unjust, since it cannot recognise differences in capacity or circumstances, and does not reward the most arduous labour which is expended in forcing backward children up to the Standard. It has also another effect, in some cases high percentages and grants are obtained while the average attendance is low, the poor and dull are neglected and not forced to attend.

Arithmetic should be simplified, especially for girls, there are too many catch questions and puzzles.

There should be complete liberty in the classification of scholars for instruction and examination; the hard and fast rule of advancing a Standard each year causes an immense waste of labour in striving to drag on dull and irregular children; the bright children meanwhile merely "mark time" for some months in the year.

The Code should be simplified, and its requirements greatly reduced, it attempts too much, both in the number of subjects and the standard of attainments for the average child; more elasticity is necessary to adapt the teaching to various conditions and capabilities.

The 22 weeks' system should be replaced by a fixed number of attendances; 75 or 80 per cent. of the possible attendances might qualify for examination.

There should be fewer changes in the Code, and longer notice of them; the frequent changes are capricious and vexatious.

The Code should be printed before it is laid before Parliament, and all changes should be there discussed. (R.C.)

The work of girls should be much reduced and simplified. More time should be devoted to sewing; the needlework regulations need revision, the cutting out imposes severe labour on the female teachers.

Country schools and dull children should be treated with leniency; the Code and system of examination assume equality of circumstances and talent.

Grammar is too difficult, and is much less useful than other subjects might be. English should be optional as a class subject.

Individual examination should be abolished, at all events in the early Standards, and there should be free choice of class subjects; none should be forced on dull children, it is waste labour and aims simply at earning grants to the neglect of real education.

All fines (deductions from grants) should be abolished. Schools should receive full grants if 90 per cent. pass.

A smaller number ask:—That spelling should be made easier, especially for the early Standards; that night schools should be encouraged as continuation schools, in which subjects bearing on the trades of the locality would be taught; that the work and examination of the lower standards and infants should be less severe; that the class and specific subjects should be simplified; that Standard I. should be paid at the same rate whether taught in infant schools or senior departments; that drawing should pass to the Science and Art Department; that attendances at former schools should count; that cookery should be a class subject, and that grants should be made for deaf, dumb, and blind children.

From Voluntary Schools only.

The schools in very poor districts should be treated with greater leniency and consideration for their circumstances. (R.C.)

There should be liberty to withdraw children from examination; a certain percentage of the dull and unfit might be exempted without question.

Geography should be simplified and rendered more practical.

The drawing schedule should be revised and simplified.

Allowance should be made for the effects of epidemics, bad weather, and long distances upon the attendance and examination.

Larger grants should be made to small struggling schools, and the standard of examination should have regard to their circumstances.

Fewer subjects should be taught; much of the teaching of the higher subjects is merely cram for grants, and is a waste of time and public money.

Technical training should be more encouraged.

Dictation should be taken from the literary reader, and be given out by the teacher; dictation or composition, not both, should be required in Standards V. to VII.

A smaller number of Voluntary Schools ask:—that over-time in school should be prohibited; that the limit of grant should be extended to 21s.; that merit grants should depend on percentage of passes; that infant boys should not be taught sewing; that composition should be made easier; that the step from Standard III. to Standard IV. should be reduced; that eight should be adopted as the age for Standard I.; that the Code and labour pass should be assimilated; that map-drawing should be abolished.

A few voluntary schools ask: that reading, writing, and arithmetic should be treated as class subjects; that singing should be easier and earn a larger grant; that irregular children should be refused examination; that natural science, drill and physical exercises should receive more attention; that there should be a syllabus for infants; that school work should be made attractive; that there should be a syllabus for geography and grammar; that the grants for sewing and for infants should be increased; that poetry should be excluded from English, kindergarten encouraged, history simplified, writing and spelling separated in examination; that parents who withhold children from examination should be fined; that pupil teacher grants should not count in school income; that names should be removed from registers after six weeks absence; that home lessons, the note to Article 35, geography in Standard I., and the 7th Standard should be abolished, and that structural expenditure should be allowed to count in income.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(c) IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

There should be greater uniformity in the method and standard of examination throughout the country.
 The reports and grants should follow more promptly upon the examination.
 The system of pensions for aged and incapacitated teachers should be much extended.
 Examination papers should be returned.
 There should be a court of appeal composed of persons having practical experience in the work of education, by whom the grievances of teachers and managers could be investigated.
 Magistrates should be compelled to enforce the law; and school cases should be dealt with so that parents would not have to appear with criminals.
 School examinations should be held at reasonable dates and hours, and the examination should be less hurried.
 Pupil-teacher examinations should occupy a longer time, and be simplified, and pupil-teachers should be allowed to work only 30 hours a week.
 Local authorities should have more power to deal with education, the principle of local self-government within suitable areas might be applied so as to limit the enormous power of the Education Department. (R.C.)
 The minimum staff should be increased.

From Voluntary Schools only.

The power of Her Majesty's Inspectors should be curtailed. Inspectors should be selected from practical teachers; they should have tact and skill in dealing with children, be less arbitrary and severe, show more appreciation for the difficulties of teachers, and sympathy with weak and dull children, and be less rigid in their interpretation of the Code. They should not exceed the Code or their instructions.
 More power should be given to managers and teachers; they should have greater latitude, and freedom as to system and details, and should be harassed with fewer injunctions so long as satisfactory results are obtained.
 There should be a permanent Board of Education, on which the different religious bodies interested in elementary education should be fairly represented. (R.C.)
 Local authorities should be compelled to act more efficiently.
 Her Majesty's Inspectors should pay more visits without notice, to confer with and advise managers and teachers, and cultivate good feeling, and to enable them to form a better judgment of the work of the school than can be obtained from examination only.
 The examination should not be unduly prolonged; there should be an interval for rest and refreshment.
 A smaller number ask that local authorities should have less power; that the wording of the Acts and Code should be simplified; that there should be a Minister of Education responsible to Parliament; that attendance officers should be more numerous and more efficient, and that relieving officers should not be appointed as attendance officers; that the Permanent Secretary to the Department should have less power (R.C.); that school board officials should devote the whole of their time to their duties; that half-time children should not be compelled to attend the employers' schools. (R.C.)
 A few Voluntary Schools ask that all teachers should be trained; that Her Majesty's Inspectors should speak very plainly, and that the teacher should take part in the examination in class subjects, and should be allowed to ask the questions when the children are not doing themselves justice; that Her Majesty's Inspectors should be more controlled by the Department; that there should be more inspection and less examination; that Inspectors' instructions should be made public; that Inspectors should change districts; that the Department should carry out compulsion, employ police, give less power to school boards; that teachers should have fixed salaries, security of tenure, and less clerical work; that parchments should not be endorsed, and the supply of teachers should be stopped; that teachers should be consulted (by conference with Inspectors) before the Code is altered; that managers and local authorities should not be interested in juvenile labour; that Sub-Inspectors should become Inspectors, and that there should be female Inspectors for sewing.
 One or two school boards ask that pupil teachers should be apprenticed to boards and not to schools, and that they should not count on the school staff.

(The suggestions marked (R.C.) come, with a few exceptions, mainly from Roman Catholic Schools—two or three exclusively so. They complain "that the tone and spirit of the Education Department are partial to the school board system, and tend to crush out the denominational schools.")

Question 6.—The school managers are returned as including:—954 ministers of religion, 615 tradesmen, 395 colliery and quarry owners, ironmasters, cotton, woollen, silk, and glass manufacturers; 290 gentlemen, 236 mechanics and factory operatives, 214 farmers, yeomen, and millers; 154 solicitors, barristers, bankers, accountants, &c.; 147 merchants, 117 medical men and chemists, 115 clerks, schoolmasters, postmasters, and insurance agents; 112 colliery overseers and factory managers, 108 cashiers, travellers, draughtsmen, and salesmen; 101 school board, parish, railway, bank, and municipal officers; 94 churchwardens and sidesmen, 86 magistrates and aldermen, 76 engineers, architects, and surveyors; 58 contractors, builders, and shipowners; 55 ladies, 27 brewers, publicans, and wine merchants; 24 peers, baronets, officers, and M.P.'s, and 750 parents.

Question 10 A. (3).—Article 109 is said to be satisfied by religious and moral training, careful supervision, example, precept, admonition, punishment, and by every possible means. Her Majesty's Inspector is said to ask no questions, but to ascertain for himself by what he sees and hears; the conduct, appearance, manners, discipline, and tone on the days of his visits form the basis of his judgment.

Question 11 A. (3).—A large number of Voluntary Schools ask that religious instruction should be definitely encouraged by the State; some point out that as a non-paying subject it is being crushed out by the pressure of the secular work; some urge that there should be examinations and grants for scripture; that moral and religious teaching cannot be separated.

A small number ask that the State should not interfere in religious matters, or that it should abolish dogmatic teaching in schools.

LANCASHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1 and 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools -	Church - - 877 Wesleyan - 154 Roman Catholic 243 British - - 269 Total - 1,543	636,532	398,745	Church - - 702 Wesleyan - 108 Roman Catholic 184 British - - 186 Total - 1,180	514,560	430,326	325,843
Boards -	32 Boards, with 187 Schools.	105,433	77,232	28 Boards, with 181 Schools.	104,119	101,051	76,279

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	Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.*			Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee.								
	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Number of Parents who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Sections 15 and 52, Act 1870.	Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	Exceeding 9d.	Not stated.
Voluntary Schools.	639	448	93	750 in 339 schools.	—	9	2	25	201	388	465	58	7	25
Boards -	18	7	3	—	3	—	—	—	9	11	4	4	—	—

* Some, while satisfied with the Acts and Code, complain of diversities in the mode of their interpretation and administration.

Rate of Grant per Head.				Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in the Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).		Cases of Over-work.			
Average Attendance.			No Returns.			Yes.	No.	Total No. Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.									
Under 10s. - - -	8	10	67	468 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (11.15s.9d.) Of these, 57 have an average attendance less than 60.	305	700	447	429	266	199	Some in 303 schools.
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	13	30									
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	28	129									
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	18	337									
17s. 6d. - - -	3	55									
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	29	453									
	99	1,014									
	Boards.		2	—	6 Boards.	21	7	5	1	3	Some under 3 Boards.
Under 10s. - - -	—	—									
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	—	2									
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	—	2									
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	—	5									
17s. 6d. - - -	—	1									
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	—	16									

(a) Many of the answers are qualified. "Suited for healthy and regular, intelligent," "too severe for poor, dull, irregular," "should be more elastic," &c.

Fees.											Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).						Schools in which some Fees have been remitted. (c)	Paid without difficulty. (d)		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents (e)	Schools.	Amount.	
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.	Half Time.		Yes. (d)	No.				
453	807	116	101	—	87	493	842	308	169	54 195 429 179 37	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Not stated.	
7	18	1	2	—	—	Boards* 20	24	4	3	1 4 10 3	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. Above 2s.	

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, distress, sickness, want of employment, more than three children in family, fatherless children.

(d) For the most part.

(e) Generally on plea of poverty, want of employment, large families; and from improvident parents,

* Manchester remitted 2,178l. Oldham, 412l. Liverpool none.

LANCASHIRE.

	10			11			12		13		14		
	Schools which have sustained Diminution of Grant from the Operation of the 17s. 6d. Limit (Article 114).			Should Duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?*			Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.		
	Num-ber.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Com-plaints of Viola-tion.	Yes.	No.	Indus-tries or Use of Tools. §	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.
Voluntary Schools.	188	£ s. d. 77,967 8 6	£ s. d. 3,298 16 4	496	403	192	1,155 in 179 schools.	None	† 228	896	295	385	477
Boards -	† 8	32,045 0 5	685 11 0	—	—	—	282 under 6 Boards.	None	2	26	14	11	17

* 89 would prefer payment by School Attendance Committee.

† Some say it indisposes rather than unfits for manual labour, too many seek to become clerks, &c.

‡ Amounts not given for one Board.

§ Some think it not practicable except in central schools, or in evening classes, or technical schools supported by the Government; some recommend teaching the scientific principles of local trades; others think the Code requirements much too severe to admit any additional work.

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction.			Religious Instructions given			Registers marked			
	Daily (a).	Not at all.	No reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	1,069	93	18	1,071	477 (b)	1,054	62	913	130	A few in 61 schools.
Boards -	22	6	—	22	None	22	1	19	1	A few under 4 Boards.

(a) Religious instruction generally occupies from 20 to 45 minutes daily. The Holy Scriptures are read with explanation in 986 schools, and under 21 boards; without explanation in 32 schools and under 4 boards. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in most schools.

(b) 465 ministers of religion in a few others, ladies and managers give religious instruction.

14			15 and 16				18			
Cookery taught.			—	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a.)				Compulsion applied.		
Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.		Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
				Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
50	Not stated fully; taught mostly in towns with boards. Teachers from central schools of Cookery, as at Liverpool. In some small towns the cost is borne by private individuals.	Suitable buildings; expense; time; teacher; accommodation; convenience; appliances; early age of leaving; half time system; extensive requirements of Code; disposal of food.	The recommendations vary between -	9 & 16	12 & 16	1 & 6	3 & 7	588	78	489
5			The most frequent are -	10, 11, & 12.	13 & 14	3 & 4	5 & 6			
			The recommendations vary between -	10 & 14	13 & 14	2 & 4	4 & 6			
			The most frequent are -	10	13	3	5			

(a) Some would abolish half time altogether, some approve of half-time schools, while others are satisfied with the present Code regulations; some would relax the rules in special cases and for dull children; a few ask for discretionary powers for managers of country schools in busy seasons; some desire technical schools to follow the elementary course. Some prefer an age and some a standard limit.

5			6		8		9			
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d).		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training (e).	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools. (c)	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With Schools.	Separately. (f)								
866	66	654	518	Slight in most cases, to a considerable extent in others, and superseded in a few cases.	857	682 in 124 schools.	1,026	1,072	507	562
23	6	10	5	Slight.	7	256 under 4 boards.	22	24	22	4

(c) In 820 voluntary schools and 2 boards, by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies about half a day. The cost is mostly defrayed by Church collections. Other sums stated amount to 38*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*

(d) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e) Of these 204 voluntary schools and 3 boards state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement."

(f) In 35 voluntary schools and under 4 boards it is given both separately and with the school.

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 19 (A. 1 and 2).

(The remarks are arranged in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times. The complaints in the County of Leicester are not so numerous as in other counties.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Compulsion is inefficient; some better system is necessary. Boards might have power to fine for irregularity; fines should be heavier, the cost of prosecution should be reduced and a less cumbrous method adopted.

The Acts should be combined into one.

Some different method of paying the fees of poor children is requisite.

Fees in arrear should be recoverable as a debt in county courts.

From Voluntary Schools only.

Half-time should be abolished; the age and standard of exemption should be raised, and byelaws made uniform; attendance officers should have smaller areas.

Voluntary schools should be placed on an equality with board schools, so as to receive a share of the rates; voluntary schools should not be rated; school boards should have no power to veto the establishment of voluntary schools.

A few ask that education should be free, that the restrictions on religious teaching should be removed, and religious education should be encouraged.

From School Boards only.

One or two boards ask for loans to be made on easier terms; a simpler and cheaper mode of election; power to summon overseers before the magistrate, so as to enforce the payment of precept.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGE, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE.

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The requirements are much too severe, particularly for country schools and dull children; the arithmetic especially is difficult and puzzling. Rural schools should be treated with greater consideration, and should receive larger grants; under the present method, those who have most, get most. A country school in which one teacher has to take all the standards cannot possibly produce the same results as a large well-organized town school.

Payment by results, the 17s. 6d. limit, and the merit grant should be abolished, and a larger fixed sum be paid on average attendance.

There should be freedom to classify children according to ability; the present plan keeps back the quick children, and wastes their time to push on the dull.

The number of reading books is excessive; the work of the upper standards is too difficult, and English is too severe. Grammar would be better replaced by agriculture and practical studies in rural schools.

The standard system should be abolished; pushing children through standards as rapidly as possible, does not increase their intelligence, it is mere cramming, and not thorough teaching.

The 22 weeks' system should be abolished.

The work of girls should be simplified; the Code is altogether too exacting, and it is so intricate and so frequently altered, that country managers cannot follow the changes.

There should be no restrictions in the selection of class subjects.

The effects of bad weather should be considered and allowed for.

Laws of health should be systematically taught.

A few voluntary schools ask:—that individual examination and examination by sample should be abolished, and that there should be more class examination; that geography and needlework should be made easier; that young children and half-timers should be treated with more consideration; that technical work and the use of tools should be encouraged to fit children for their real work in life; and that night schools should receive more encouragement.

A smaller number ask:—that there be liberty to withhold children from examination, and that irregular children be refused examination; that drill and calisthenics be taught; dictation be given from the Literary Reader; a syllabus be provided for infants; no deduction be made from grant earned (which is equivalent to a fine on poverty); and that State-aided education be limited to elementary and useful subjects; a smattering of many things unsettles children, and does not form a real education.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, DO YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

There should be uniformity in the method of examination, each Inspector has his own peculiar mode, and his favourite subjects; Her Majesty's Inspectors should be experienced men selected from the best teachers.

The results of pupil-teacher examinations should be made known earlier, and all examination papers should be returned.

Magistrates should be compelled to enforce the Acts,

From a few Voluntary Schools only.

The examination should be less hurried; Inspectors should have less authority, should show greater consideration for the children, and should pay more visits without notice.

School boards and attendance committees are not energetic in enforcing the Acts; some members are interested in juvenile labour; guardians are lax; magistrates won't convict; school attendance officers are inefficient, and have too large areas; compulsion is a failure, and attendance irregular. In many villages round Leicester, children (both boys and girls) are kept away regularly several half days every week to "seam stockings," and they leave school as early as possible to follow the same employment.

Managers of voluntary schools should have power to enforce attendance.

The minimum school staff should be increased.

The examination for pupil-teachers should be revised.

Private adventure schools need supervision.

Question 6.—The managers are returned as including 296 farmers, graziers, gardeners, and millers, 242 ministers of religion, 191 tradesmen, 143 gentlemen, 22 peers, baronets, M.P.s, and naval and military officers, 21 mechanics, draughtsmen, travellers, &c., 20 ladies, 18 magistrates and town clerks, 17 landowners, stewards, &c., 16 solicitors, bankers, surveyors, &c., 16 merchants, builders, manufacturers, &c., 13 churchwardens, 11 medical men and chemists, 5 brewers and wine merchants, and 110 parents.

Question 10 (A. 3).—Article 109 is satisfied by example, precept, influence, careful training, religious instruction, prizes, punishments. Her Majesty's Inspector satisfies himself by noting tone, discipline, &c.; makes no remarks; makes no inquiry; reports well on discipline, &c.

Question 11 (A. 3).—50 voluntary schools ask that the State should recognise or encourage religious instruction and examination; some urge that it should give grants for religion, and compel Bible teaching; a few ask that the State should not interfere.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1 AND 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools	Church - 212 Wesleyan - 6 Roman Catholic 13 British - 13 Total - 244	47,055	32,368	Church - 177 Wesleyan - 4 Roman Catholic 10 British - 10 Total - 201	39,263	34,632	26,779
Boards	33 Boards, with 53 Schools.	19,943	17,125	27 Boards, with 46 Schools.	18,529	20,361	16,184

	Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code (a).			Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee of							
	Yes.	No.	No Reply.	Number of Parents who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Sections 15 and 52, Act 1870.	Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	Not stated.
Voluntary Schools.	140	29	32	110 in 55 schools.	—	5	3	43	78	36	29	4	3
Boards	25	1	1	—	2	—	—	15	8	1	3	—	—

(a) Some state "fairly," or "on the whole."

Rate of Grant per Head.				Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a.)		Cases of Over-work.			
Average Attendance.			No Returns.			Yes.	No.	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.									
Under 10s. - - -	3	4	14	62 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (1l. 15s. 9½d.) Of these, 37 have an average attendance less than 60.	34	152	41	40	19	16	Some in 25 schools.
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	6	7									
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	18	23									
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	20	52									
17s. 6d. - - -	—	7									
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	22	25									
Boards.											
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	2		4	—	2 Boards.	15	10	6	—	3	Some under 5 Boards.
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	4										
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	11										
17s. 6d. - - -	1										
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	5										

(a) The approval or otherwise is often qualified.

Fees.										Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted. (c).	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents.	Schools.	Amount.	
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes.	No.				
8	50	63	56	5	50	161	33	7	16 46 36 6 81	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Amount not stated.	
5	2	3	7	1	Boards. 23	19	8	1	12 1 1 3	3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Amount not stated.	

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, distress, sickness, large families, &c.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

	10			11			12		14				
	Schools which have sustained Diminution of Grant from the Operation of the 17s. 6d. Limit (Article 114).			Should Duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?			Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.		
	Number.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.
Voluntary Schools.	28	£ 5,882 8 5	£ 311 1 6	23	127	51	98 in 17 schools.	None	38	160	85	68	76
Boards	*5	12,347 0 7	152 19 10	—	—	—	2 under 1 Board.	None	6	21	7	11	10

* The amounts are not given for one Board.

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction (a).			Religious Instructions given			Registers marked			
	Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	198	1	2	198	116 (b)	198	18	169	11	A few in 9 schools.
Boards	22	5	—	27	6	27	1	28	3	None

(a) Religious instruction 20 to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 178 voluntary schools, and 21 boards; reading without explanation in 2 voluntary schools and 6 boards. Infant schools do not always read Scriptures. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school.

(b) Mostly ministers of religion; in a few, ladies and managers give religious instruction.

14			15 and 16				18			
Cookery taught.			Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a).				Compulsion applied			
Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.	—	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.
				Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
7	Not stated.	Expense; time; teacher; accommodation; convenience; children leave too early; given up in several cases as parents objected.	The recommendations vary :— In voluntary schools from	10 to 15	12 to 17	3 to 6	4 to 7	98	15	86
1	£ 200		In boards „	10 to 13	10 to 14	2 to 4	3 to 6			
			The most frequent are :—							
			Voluntary -	12 & 13	13	4	5			
			Boards -	10	13	3	5			

(a) Some voluntary schools and school boards object to half-time; a large number state "none"; some prefer an age limit, others a standard limit.

5			6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d)		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training (e).	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With Schools.	Separately.								
98	13	84	61	Slight	190 (c)	72 in 9 schools.	190	191	93	86
15	5	3	4	Slight	7	None	23	24	19	7

(c) By the Diocesan Inspector, yearly, in 185 voluntary schools and 6 boards; the examination occupies about half a day. The cost is mostly defrayed by Church collections.

(d) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e) 20 schools and 1 board state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement."

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1, 5, 19 (A. 1 and 2).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a.) IN THE ACTS?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The hindrances are rather in the working of the Acts than in the Acts themselves.

There is a *general complaint* of irregular attendance; compulsion is not a reality; parents utilize the labour of their children in agriculture, some on their own holdings, and the authorities do not enforce attendance by judicial proceedings; the Acts should provide a remedy.

The age and standard of exemption should be raised, and there should be uniformity in the byelaws.

Boards and managers should have discretionary power to exempt the older children from attendance at the season of gathering in the potato crop.

Persons who employ children illegally should be prosecuted.

Private adventure schools should be placed under supervision and control, or be abolished.

The areas of school boards should be enlarged, the Acts should be consolidated, and the expenses of prosecution be reduced; the prosecutor loses more than the parents who do not mind small fines, since the children can earn much more than the fines.

From Voluntary Schools only.

Half-time should be abolished; it only legalizes irregularity; the half-timers do no good, and injure the rest of the school.

The managers of voluntary schools should have as much power as boards to secure compulsory attendance.

Voluntary schools should be placed on the same footing as boards, they should be empowered through the school attendance committees to levy rates, and subscriptions to voluntary schools should count instead of rates.

A few voluntary schools ask:—That boards should not be permitted to build so long as there are vacancies in voluntary schools; that boards should not have power to veto the building of voluntary schools; that compulsion should commence at an earlier age; that the age and standard of exemption should be lowered; that education should be free; that there should be a better system of paying the fees of indigent children.

From School Boards only.

A few boards ask:—That the clerks to school boards should act as returning officers; that the cumulative vote should be abolished; that the Education Department should fix the standard of exemption; that fees should be recoverable in county courts.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b.) IN THE CODE?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

There is great complaint that the requirements of the Code are too severe for rural schools, and that it is unfair to expect so high a standard from children of a scattered agricultural district. There should be great leniency and consideration for the circumstances of country schools. The whole system is rigid and aims at an unattainable level; there should be more elasticity, and the work should be more elementary and less of an intermediate or higher grade character. Much labour is expended on subjects which are soon forgotten, and in dragging dull children through the standards, the quick, who have a capacity for education, are neglected.

Payment by results should be abolished, it leaves the hardest and best work unrewarded, and leads to cramming.

The arithmetic is very difficult and puzzling.

The merit grant makes no allowance for circumstances, and is unfairly assessed on passes and class subjects.

The 17s. 6d. limit is unjust, and a fine on excellence; there should be a larger fixed grant on average attendance.

The work of the upper standards should be simplified.

There should be full liberty to classify children according to capacity for examination; the standard system should be abolished; children should be allowed to be re-presented in the same standard if they have failed in one subject.

Too many reading books are required.

The 22 weeks' system should be abolished, and allowance should be made for the effects of bad weather and long distances.

Grammar should be simplified, and there should be free choice of class subjects.

The signature of managers and teachers to exemption schedules should be a sufficient guarantee for withholding children from examination.

The work of girls should be reduced; needlework should be simplified, and should earn a larger grant.

Individual examination should be abolished, except for labour certificates.
 A full grant should be paid if 90 or 95 per cent. pass.
 Geography and spelling should be easier.
 Dictation should be given out by the teacher and be taken from the Literary Reader.
 The examination of rural schools should take place in the spring, when children have been six months at school during the potato season all the older children are absent for a long time.
 The wording of the Code should be simplified.
 Irregular children should be refused examination.
 Overtime in school should be prohibited.
 Attendance at former schools should count.

From Voluntary Schools only.

The class subjects and specific subjects should be made easier.
 The changes in the Code are very frequent and perplexing.
 Young children and half timers should be treated with more leniency.
 The examination for night schools needs revision.
 A few voluntary schools ask:—That eight should be adopted as the age of Standard I.; that technical instruction should be introduced; that a larger grant should be given for cookery; that drawing should be placed under the Science and Art Department; that corporal punishment should be authorised; that names should be removed after six weeks' absence; that writing and spelling should be separated; that mensuration should be taught instead of some of the more difficult arithmetic; that school attendance be enforced till 12, and the time be employed mainly upon the three R's, afterwards a year be spent in studying geography, history, mechanics and other subjects suitable to the circumstances of the children.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(c.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

Magistrates should be compelled to enforce the law; they are very reluctant to convict, and accept any excuses from parents. There should be greater uniformity in examination; Her Majesty's Inspectors have no uniform standard, a change of Inspector produces different results. Inspectors should have less power; they should not exceed the Code or their instructions; they should pay more visits without notice; and teachers should be appointed as Inspectors.
 The minimum staff should be increased.

From Voluntary Schools only.

School attendance committees and boards should be compelled to secure regular attendance; there should be more efficient attendance officers with smaller districts and fewer other duties; police might be employed.
 Persons who illegally employ children should not be allowed to serve on school attendance committees.
 The school attendance committees should not be appointed by the union.
 The Education Department might carry out compulsion.
 A few voluntary schools ask:—That pupil teachers should have a simpler examination and more choice of questions; that certificates should not be endorsed; that teachers should be paid specially for clerical work, and should have pensions; that the examination should occupy more time and the papers should be returned; that there should be female Inspectors and a court of appeal.

Question 6.—The school managers are returned as including:—559 farmers and millers, 451 ministers of religion, 284 tradesmen, 180 gentlemen, 64 churchwardens, overseers, &c., 51 trustees, subscribers, &c., 36 magistrates and mayors, 33 landowners, agents, and stewards, 22 peers, baronets, members of Parliament, naval and military officers, 22 bankers, solicitors, surveyors, architects, &c., 21 ladies, 19 mechanics, clerks, &c., 17 medical men and chemists, 9 merchants, builders, engineers, and manufacturers, 4 brewers, maltsters, and publicans, and 204 parents.

Question 10. (A. 3.)—Article 109 is satisfied by every care, moral training, religious teaching, example, precept, prizes, general attention.

Her Majesty's Inspector is satisfied by personal observation of the tone and discipline; makes no comments; reports excellent; does not complain; examines Log book; and pays visits without notice.

Question 11. (A. 3.)—A considerable number of voluntary schools and five boards ask that religious instruction should be encouraged or insisted upon; that the Bible or parts of the New Testament be used as reading books; that Her Majesty's Inspectors should examine in religion; that grants should be given for religious instruction; some insist that it is impossible to teach morality without a religious basis.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1 and 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools	Church - - 480 Wesleyan - 26 Roman Catholic 14 British - - 17 <hr/> 487	74,528	45,112	Church - - 351 Wesleyan - - 21 Roman Catholic 8 British - - 11 <hr/> 391	60,474	49,648	36,323
Boards	84 Boards, with 121 Schools.	19,574	13,453	60 Boards, with 91 Schools.	14,915	14,263	10,683

	3				4			6		7								
	Cases of Over-work.				Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code (a).			Managers.		Fees.								
	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.	Yes.	No.	No Reply.	Parents of Scholars who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers to Schools under Secs. 15 & 52 of Act of 1870.	Schools with Maximum Fee of								
									Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	Over 9d.	Not stated.	
Voluntary Schools.	95	45	25	Some in 62 schools	269	64	58	204 in 106 schools.	—	2	4	97	111	89	69	9	2	8
Boards	18	6	6	Some under 8 boards.	39	14	7	—	None	—	—	8	17	17	17	—	—	1

(a) The approval or otherwise is not always unqualified.

Rate of Grant per Head.				No Returns.	Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).	
Average Attendance.			Yes.				No.	
—	60 and under.	Over 60.						
Under 10s. - - -	6	4	23	153 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (1l. 15s. 9½d.) Of these, 78 have an average attendance less than 60.	63	274	110	
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	23	14						
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	39	61						
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	46	81						
17s. 6d. - - -	1	7						
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	41	45						
	156	212						
	Boards.		7	—	6 Boards	40	18	
Under 10s. - - -	3							
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	5							
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	17							
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	17							
17s. 6d. - - -	—							
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	11							

(a) The approval or otherwise is frequently qualified by such phrases as, "On the whole, 'fairly,' 'for bright children,' for 'elementary subjects,' 'not for class subjects,' 'should be more elastic.'"

Fees.									Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted (c).	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents.	Schools.	Amount.
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes.	No.			
46	70	144	188	7	138	322	60	19 (d)	24 86 76 13 74	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Amount not stated.
19	13	23	24	3	38	44	16	9	3 18 10 1 2	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Amount not stated.

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, illness, want of work, widows, &c.; more than 3 from same family.

(d) The objections are not numerous.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

10			11			12		13		1		
Schools which have sustained Diminution of Grant from the Operation of the 17s. 6d. Limit (Article 114).			Should Duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards?			Conscience Clause.		Does System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment?		Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.		
Schools.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children with-drawn.	Com-plaints of Viola-tion.	Yes.	No.	Indus-tries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cook-ery.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.										
Voluntary schools.	31* 5,705 17 5	396 16 0	28	275	38	66 in 15 schools.	One complaint of child copying Collect.	61	323†	59	117	109
Boards -	7 1,666 17 4	61 12 5				None	None	10	48	10	16	14

* Amounts not stated for three voluntary schools and one board.

† Some state "for agriculture" and "for service."

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction (a).			Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			
	Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	389	1	1	388	242 (b)	385	27	336	22	Some in 11 schools.
Boards -	51	8	1	53	2	54	2	54	1	-

(a) Religious instruction generally occupies 30 minutes to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation in 351 schools and under 42 boards; reading without explanation in 1 school and under 11 boards. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school.

(b) 284 ministers of religion; in a few, ladies and managers give religious instruction.

14			15 and 16				18			
Cookery taught.			Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a).					Compulsion applied fairly and effectively.		
Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.	—	Age.		Standard.		Yes.	Fairly only.	No.
				Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.			
4	Cost not stated. Covered, in two cases, by grant.	Cost ; time ; appliances ; accommodation ; teacher. Early age of leaving. Disposal of food.	The recommendations vary : — In voluntary schools from In boards „	10 to 15 8 to 14	10 to 18 11 to 14	1 to 5 2 to 4	1 to 6 4 to 6	172	8	199
—	—	—	The most frequent are— Voluntary - Board -	11, 12, & 13 10, 12, & 13	12, 13, & 14 13	} 3 & 4	4 & 5			

(a) Many are opposed to half-time ; others have no experience of half-time ; some state "none," or do not reply to the half-time queries. Some prefer an age limit only, others a standard limit only ; a few would make a pass in reading, writing, and arithmetic the limit.

5			6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d).		School satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training. (e).	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Number receiving Religious Instruction.		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With School.	Separately.								
155	14	129	119	Generally very slight.	334 (c)	76 children in 11 schools.	374	375	202	149
24	11	6	12	Slight in some ; considerable in others.	8	3 under 1 board.	50	52	39	12

(c) In 323 cases by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly ; the examination occupies half a day. The cost is mostly borne by Church collections.

(d) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e) 43 voluntary schools and 14 boards state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement." Some give no reply ; others deplore the absence of any recognition by the State of religious instruction and that even attendances on the day of Diocesan inspection are disallowed.

RETURN FROM MANAGERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

SUMMARY of MAIN POINTS in the ANSWERS to QUESTIONS 1, 5, 19 (A. 1 and 2).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a) IN THE ACTS?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

A uniform and better system of compulsion is required; fines for irregularity should be increased. The Acts need consolidating; the Factory and Education Acts should be harmonized. The method of paying the fees of poor children needs reforming. Parents have often to lose a day and walk long distances to appear before the Guardians; many respectable poor object to apply, they consider it carries the stigma of pauperism.

The age and standard of exemption should be raised, and uniformity in the Byelaws should be secured. The half-time system should be abolished. School fees should be recoverable like a debt. A small number add that school fees are a hindrance, and education should be free. Dame schools should be placed under supervision. Truant schools should be provided, and the parents of truants should be compelled to pay fees. One Board joins with a large number of Voluntary Schools in the request that Voluntary Schools should be placed on an equality with Board Schools as regards rates.

From Voluntary Schools only.

Subscribers to Voluntary Schools should be exempt from School Board rates. Voluntary Schools should not be rated. The over-building by Boards should be stopped, and no Voluntary School should be regarded as unnecessary. There should be a maximum school rate.

Some Boards ask that loans should be made on easier terms both as regards interest and the period of repayment.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b) IN THE CODE?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The 17s. 6d. limit, merit grant, and payment by results should be abolished, and a larger fixed grant should be paid. There should be complete liberty of classification, easier arithmetic, fewer reading books, and less grammar. The 22 weeks system should be abolished. Managers and Boards should be at liberty to withdraw children from examination. Country schools, poor districts, dull children, and half-timers should have a simplified examination, and be treated with leniency. Allowance should be made for the effects of bad weather and epidemics on the attendance and examinations. The Code is too rigid and the changes too frequent. There should be free choice of class subjects, drawing should be simplified, and dictation given from the Literary Reader. The standard system should be abolished. Infant boys should not be taught needlework.

From Voluntary Schools only.

The requirements, especially in the upper standards, are much too severe; they lead to cramming and overtime. All children cannot be educated up to one level; the system leads to the neglect of the intelligent children, while labour is wasted in dragging on the dull. It would be much wiser to give greater educational advantages to the talented, and, by teaching of a practical kind, to fit the rest for the work they will have to perform.

Individual examination should be abolished. Too much is required from girls and infants. Geography and sewing should be simplified. Technical education, cooking, drill, and gymnastics should be encouraged. Managers should be at liberty to choose reading books, and Teachers should give the dictation at the examination. Night schools should be encouraged, and a simpler Code be provided for them. A higher grant should be paid for infants and the First Standard. More assistance should be given to poor country schools. It is an anomaly that a pass in two subjects in Standard IV. necessitates a child advancing to Standard V., while a pass in three subjects is required for a labour certificate. The examination should be conducted, as far as possible, in writing; the papers and also slips for reading should be sent down from the Department. The decimal system should be adopted.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, DO YOU DESIRE—(c) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

From Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

The most frequent request is for uniformity in examination. The other requests are:—that pressure should be put on the local authorities and magistrates; that examination papers should be returned; that inspectors should be men of greater experience in teaching; and that children should be made to attend school in the parish where they live.

From Voluntary Schools only.

The examination schedules should be returned at once, and the results of pupil teachers' examinations be made known sooner.

The Inspectors should have less discretion, and be under supervision. They should change districts more frequently.

The examination should be less hurried; the children should be allowed an interval for a meal. The instructions of Inspectors should be published. They should show more sympathy with the children, and pay more visits without notice.

There should be a Court of Appeal and a Minister of Education.

The Department should carry out compulsion.

Teachers should have pensions.

The supply of acting teachers should be stopped.

A number of Roman Catholic schools ask that there should be a permanent Board of Education, with representatives of the different religious bodies which are recognised by the State as engaged in education.

Question 6.—The managers are returned as including 580 tradesmen; 397 ministers of religion; 264 farmers, yeomen, millers, and gardeners; 243 gentlemen; 78 manufacturers, builders, ironmasters, contractors, and merchants; 54 mechanics and engineers; 47 peers, baronets, naval and military officers, and M.P.'s; 46 magistrates and town councillors; 30 auctioneers, architects, bankers, solicitors, barristers, and accountants; 22 landowners and agents; 22 medical men and chemists; 20 brewers, maltsters, publicans, and wine merchants; 19 ladies; 14 colliery owners, cashiers, overseers, and managers; 14 clerks, relieving officers, reporters, artists, schoolmasters, and travellers; 12 churchwardens, and 186 parents.

Question 10 A. (3.) Article 109 is satisfied by constant supervision, general training, religious instruction, Bible lessons, rewards, example, precept, punishment; every opportunity is improved.

Her Majesty's Inspector is said to satisfy himself by the tone, appearance, behaviour, and character of the work; "never inquires;" "makes no complaints;" "reports favourably;" "gives good merit grants;" "judges as best he can;" "the test is not apparent."

Question (11, A. 3).—Some Voluntary Schools ask that religious and moral training should be encouraged; that grants should be given for religious instruction; that there should be freedom to give religious instruction in school hours; that Religious Instruction should be compulsory.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

CIRCULARS A. 1. & 2.

	Schools receiving Annual Grants.			Schools which have sent in Returns.			
	No.	Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	No.	Accommodation.	No. on Books.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary Schools	Church - - 349 Wesleyan - - 38 Roman Catholic 43 British - - 15 Total - 440	124,039	85,826	Church - - 264 Wesleyan - - 27 Roman Catholic 33 British - - 10 Total - 334	98,597	88,109	67,970
Boards	36 Boards, with 154 Schools.	77,647	63,053	30 Boards, with 139 Schools.	71,362	73,996	57,988

	Cases of Over-work.				Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code (a).			Managers.		Schools with Maximum Fee of							
	Total No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Parents of Scholars who are Managers.	Boards which have appointed Managers under sections 15 and 52 of Act 1870.								
										Free.	1d.	2d.	3d.	4d.	6d.	9d.	Over 9d.
Voluntary Schools.	80	48	43	Some in 60 schools.	193	108	38	186 in 80 schools.	—	1	2	50	90	109	61	13	1
Boards	10	2	7	Some under 8 Boards.	20	8	2	—	2	—	—	4	15	8	2	1	—

(a) The approval or otherwise is not always unqualified.

Rate of Grant per head.				Cost per Head.	Schools which complain of Hindrances in Acts to satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to children (a).	
Average Attendance.			No Re-returns.			Yes.	No.
—	60 and under.	Over 60.					
Under 10s. - - -	7	4	27	98 schools cost more than the average for England and Wales, i.e., (1l. 15s. 9½d.) Of these, 29 have an average attendance less than 60.	66	181	144
10s. and less than 12s. 6d. - - -	6	19					
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	16	68					
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	11	101					
17s. 6d. - - -	2	9					
Over 17s. 6d., - - -	12	52					
12s. 6d. and less than 15s. - - -	Boards. 3		1	—	9 Boards	23	7
15s. and less than 17s. 6d. - - -	20						
17s. 6d. - - -	1						
Over 17s. 6d. - - -	5						

(a) The answers are often qualified as "fairly," "in elementary subjects" for "town," "regular," "intelligent" children.

Fees.									Charge for Books.	
Causes of Variation (b).					Schools in which some Fees have been remitted. (c)	Paid without difficulty.		Schools in which Objections to Fees have been made by some Parents. (d)	Schools.	Amount.
Age.	Standard or Class.	Means and Status of Parent.	No. in Family.	In Parish or not.		Yes.	No.			
32	171	76	65	3	133	214	116	16	60 74 70 10	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over.
9	14	1	2	2	Boards. 27	13	16	9	5 5 2 2 1	Less than 3d. 3d., and less than 9d. 9d., and less than 2s. 2s. and over. Amount not stated.

(b) More than one cause may operate in a school.

(c) Cases of poverty, sickness, large families, depression of trade. Some Boards have remitted large amounts.

(d) Most of them state "in a few cases."

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	10			11			12		13		14		
	Schools which have sustained diminution of Grant from the operation of the 17s. 6d. limit (Article 114).			Should duty of paying Fees to Voluntary Schools for Poor Children be transferred from Guardians to School Boards ?			Conscience Clause.		Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment ?		Schools which approve of Practical Instruction.		
	No.	Amount of Grant.	Amount deducted.	Yes.	No.	No reply.	Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	Yes.	No.	Industries or use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.
Voluntary schools.	30	£ 9,941 1 7	£ 484 9 1	111	182	41	214 in 29 schools.	None	66	162	93	142	178
Boards -	7	11,611 10 0	381 4 11				About 49 children under 8 Boards.	None	1	27	11	14	18

CIRCULAR A. 3.

	1			2			4			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	Schools giving Religious Instruction.			Religious Instructions given			Registers marked			
	Daily (a).	Not at all.	No reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher.	Throughout the School, at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Voluntary Schools.	381	1	2	329	225 (b)	329	20	271	38	A few in 6 schools.
Boards -	30	—	—	30	1 clergy	30	—	27	3	A few under 2 Boards.

(a) Religious instruction generally occupies 30 to 45 minutes daily. This includes reading of Holy Scriptures with explanation. A few minutes are devoted to Hymns and Prayers in almost every school. One school has Prayers and Hymns only.

(b) Mostly ministers of religion; in a few schools, ladies and managers give religious instruction.

Cookery taught.				Recommendations respecting Exemption from School.*				Compulsion applied.			
Schools.	Cost.	Difficulties.		Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	
				Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.				
9	£ Not stated.	Expense; time; teacher; accommodation; convenience; irregular attendance; children leave too early.	The recommendations vary between—		9 & 14 } 10 & 14 }	12 & 15	3 & 5	{ 4 & 7 4 & 6	145	17	165
7	For 3 Boards 141/.	—	The most frequent are—								

* Very many are opposed to Half Time; some have no experience of it.

Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers.			Time for religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Schools in which it is stated Parents desire (d)		Schools satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training (e).	
Schools with Pupil Teachers.	Religious Instruction given.		Schools.	Extent.	Number of Schools.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
	With Schools.	Separately.								
224	18	203	117	Slight	232 (c)	205 children in 22 schools.	320	321	127	176
24	5	14	10	Slight	12	2 (Jews)	26	25	17	6

(c) In 270 cases by the Diocesan Inspector, yearly; the examination occupies half a day. The cost is stated to amount to 105/ 11s., but in many instances it is borne by Church collections.

(d) Some parents are stated to be indifferent, or to express no opinion.

(e) 41 voluntary schools state in various terms that "they are unaware of any State encouragement."

RETURN D.

HEAD TEACHERS.

Drawn up from replies to Circulars marked D (1) and D (2), issued to Head Teachers of Departments in all Schools in the following districts:—

West Riding of Yorkshire,
 Chelsea, }
 Greenwich, } London School Board District.
 Southwark, }
 Bedfordshire,
 Two Mining Unions in Glamorganshire,
 Sussex,
 Wilts,
 Merionethshire,
 Birkenhead,
 West Ham, Essex,
 Warwickshire.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATION ACTS.

CIRCULAR D (1).—TEACHERS.

(To Head Teachers of Elementary Schools.)

* It is requested that the Class, National, British, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Undenominational, as well as the local name of the school, may be specified.

† State whether Rural or Urban, Manufacturing or Agricultural, &c.

in the county of _____ and in the district of the _____
 school board of (or) _____ }
 school attendance committee of }
 character of district † _____

* School

N.B.—You are requested to confine your answers as much as possible within the space after each question.

1. Is there anything in the Education Acts which hinders the satisfactory education of the children in your school?
2. Is the course of teaching prescribed by the Code suited to the children in your school?
3. During the last three years have any teachers, pupil teachers, or scholars in your school suffered from over-work? If so, give particulars.
4. What has been your experience in regard to the administration of the Acts and of the Code in your district?
5. What changes, if any, would you desire—
 (a.) In the Acts?
 (b.) In the Code?
 (c.) In the administration?
6. Is the whole of your salary fixed? If not, to what extent is it dependent on the fees and grant?
7. (a.) Are the school fees paid without difficulty?
 (b.) What extras are there, if any?
 (c.) Have objections been made to the payment of fees or of extras by parents?
 (d.) Is any charge made for books?
 (e.) Would you prefer that one fee, covering all charges, should be made?
 (f.) Have you during the last year been adequately supplied with school appliances?
8. Is there any savings bank connected with your school? If so, give the amount contributed by the scholars last year.
9. Has your school sustained a diminution of grant this year from the 17s. 6d. limit? If so, state amount of Government grant and of deduction.
 Has the loss fallen upon you or upon the committee of management?
10. (a.) What arrangement have the Poor Law guardians made as to the payment of school fees?
 (b.) Has the arrangement worked satisfactorily?
11. Is it desirable that a general scheme for the superannuation of teachers should be adopted? (a.) If so, in what way should the means be provided?
 (b.) Should such a scheme be compulsory or optional for teachers?
12. (a.) In the case of how many children, during the last school year, have parents availed themselves of the conscience clause by withdrawing, wholly or in part, their children from religious instruction or religious observances?
 (b.) Have there been any complaints of the violation of the conscience clause?
13. Have you found in your school that the present educational system tends, or has tended, to indispose or unfit children for manual employments?
14. Would you recommend the introduction into your school of practical instruction—
 (a.) In any of the industries of the district? or in the use of tools for working in wood or iron?
 (b.) (For girls) in the domestic duties of home?
 (c.) Is practical cookery taught to girls? If so, give the scheme and cost of instruction. If not taught, what are the difficulties? Do you approve of such instruction?
15. Up to what age are you in favour of keeping children at school—
 (a.) Full-time?
 (b.) Half-time?
16. What should be the minimum standard of—
 (a.) Partial exemption?
 (b.) Total exemption?
17. Is compulsion fairly and effectively applied in your district in bringing children to school, and in securing regularity of attendance?
18. (a.) Has the attendance improved during the past three years?
 (b.) What are the obstacles to improved attendance?
 (c.) What remedies do you suggest for improving school attendance?
19. Have you any further suggestions to make?
 Name in full _____
 and _____
 qualifications { Name of head teacher
 (degree, certificate, &c.) }
 of _____
 correspondent { Age length of service
 Number of Government reports. }
 Address _____
 Post town _____

CIRCULAR D (2).—TEACHERS.

(To Head Teachers of Elementary Schools.)

* It is requested that the Class, National, British, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Undenominational, as well as the local name of the school, may be specified.

in the county of _____ and in the district of the _____
 school board of (or) _____ }
 school attendance committee of }
 character of district † _____

* School

N.B.—You are requested to confine your answers as much as possible within the space after each question.

QUESTIONS AS TO RELIGIOUS AND MORAL TEACHING IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1. What time is given daily to—
 (a.) Reading of Holy Scripture;
 Is it with or without explanation?
 (b.) Religious instruction;
 (c.) Prayer;
 (d.) Hymns?
2. Is the religious instruction given by the teachers?
 If it is given by other persons, state (a) by whom it is given? (b) whether it is given on fixed days? (c) and if so, how often?
3. Is religious teaching given at the same time to the whole school, or is religious teaching given to different classes at the beginning and end of the two meetings of the school while other classes are engaged in the secular work of the school?
4. Is the register marked before or after, or both before and after the religious observances and teaching, if the school day commences with them? If the registers are marked after such religious observances, &c., do many children habitually absent themselves? If so, state what proportion in the last school year?

5. Is religious teaching given to the pupil teachers with the whole school, or separately? If separately—

- (a.) Is it given daily?
- (b.) For how long?
- (c.) By whom?

6. Are the times given to religious observances and teaching encroached upon, or altogether superseded before the time of, and in preparation for, the Government inspection? And if encroached upon, to what extent?

7. Is there any inspection or examination of the religious teaching of the children?

- (a.) If so, by whom?
- (b.) How often?
- (c.) How long does it last?
- (d.) Were any children withdrawn from such inspection or examination in the last school year by the parents?
- (e.) What contribution, if any, is made by your school to the expenses of such religious inspection?

8. Do you find that the parents of your scholars desire that their children should receive (a) religious; and (b) moral training in your school?

9. Are you satisfied with the encouragement given by the State to instruction in morals and moral training?

10. How is the obligation laid down in *Article 109 of the Code as to discipline, *i.e.*, as to the moral training of the children in your school—fulfilled, and how do you satisfy Her Majesty's Inspector on the subject?

11. Have you any suggestions to make respecting any of the above-named subjects?

* "To meet the requirements respecting discipline, the Managers and Teachers will be expected to satisfy the Inspector that all reasonable care is taken, in the ordinary management of the School, to bring up children in habits of punctuality, of good manners and language, of cleanliness and neatness, and also to impress upon the children the importance of cheerful obedience to duty, of consideration and respect for others, and of honour and truthfulness in word and act."

Name in full and qualifications of correspondent { Name of head teacher
Professional qualifications }
(degree, certificate, &c.) }
Age length of service }
Number of Government reports }
Address
Post town



HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

YORKSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are arranged in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

There are *great complaints* that the compulsory clauses of the Acts are inoperative. The attendance is most irregular, the law is dilatory and uncertain in action; Boards and Attendance Committees are unwilling to prosecute; magistrates will not convict; children are absent for weeks on the slightest pretences. The fines are trivial and have no effect; parents disregard the threats of attendance officers which are seldom acted upon.

The age and standard of exemption should be raised; the attendance officer never interferes if a child has passed the standard of exemption, he may do this in some cases at 10 years of age and then attend school as irregularly as he likes; parents regard the legal minimum as a maximum; labour certificates ought not to be granted unless a child is beneficially employed.

There should be no half-time except in half-time schools, it disorganizes the working of the school. Boards and other local authorities should have power to exempt freely in the time of harvest and in special cases.

The system of paying the fees of poor children should be revised; parents have to attend at the guardians' office with paupers, and to be severely examined; many feel it so degrading that they will not apply.

Those who employ children illegally ought to be punished; local authorities never summon employers of children, and the law is easily evaded on this point.

The byelaws should be uniform; different standards of exemption in adjacent parishes cause great annoyance and inconvenience.

The Acts should be combined; and the Education, Factory, and Mining Acts should be assimilated as regards half-time.

Rewards or partial remission of fees might be adopted to secure more regular attendance.

Voluntary schools should be placed on an equality with board schools and allowed aid from rates.

Education should be free, at all events in poor districts.

Exemption should be gained only by regular attendance for a number of years.

Compulsion should begin at an earlier age.

The following occur less frequently:—

Voluntary schools should receive larger grants, the present tendency is for board schools to supplant voluntary schools.

Parents, whose children do not make a fixed number of attendances, should be fined. Non-compliance should fall directly upon parents. Grants depend upon attendance, this is not secured by law, and managers and teachers suffer in grants and reports for irregularity they cannot help.

The areas of school boards should be enlarged, and the cumulative vote should be abolished. Larger areas would obtain more independent and more competent men, better administration, and greater economy. Small boards do not secure the men most fit to superintend the education of the district. Some have little education themselves, and some are unwilling or afraid to carry out the law.

Dame schools should be placed under supervision.

Honour certificates should be revived.

Exemption certificates should be signed by the teachers, and fees should be raised to irregular children.

Some urge exemption by standard only, and others by age only.

The qualifications for members of school boards should be raised.

There should be a census of children of school age.

A *small number* ask:—that it should be optional to pay rates to voluntary schools instead of boards; that school boards should not be able to veto the building of voluntary schools; that the age and standard of exemption should be lowered; that there should be special courts for school cases; that the areas of school attendance committees should be reduced; that the same fees should be paid for full or half-time; that fees should be recoverable in county courts; that capricious change of school should be prohibited; that the cost of legal proceedings should be reduced; that schools should not be rated.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

The system of payment by results is unjust and pernicious, its whole aim is percentages; children are not educated but prepared for examinations; managers desire good grants, teachers are machines for obtaining grants, the pressure makes children dislike study and discontinue it as soon as possible.

The merit grant should be abolished, it is assessed very differently by different inspectors. They cannot take account of the special circumstances of the school. The grant is capricious, and its tendency is to enforce the monetary rather than the moral aspect.

There should be full liberty to classify children according to ability. The Code has no elasticity; it supposes all children to be equally intelligent, regular, and under good control at home.

The 22 weeks' system should be abolished, and there should be fewer reading books.

Arithmetic is much too difficult, the questions are puzzling and not practical; mensuration should be taught instead of some of the less useful rules.

The 17s. 6d. limit should be removed, and there should be a larger fixed grant on average attendance.

Half-timers and country schools should be treated with more leniency; and allowances should be made in examining poor and dull children. The teacher and school ought not to suffer for the effects of poverty and hunger on the capacities of the children.

The requirements of the Code are too severe, especially in the upper standards, and in English grammar and composition; the step from Standard IV. to Standard V. is very difficult.

The principle that a child should advance a standard each year in every subject is pernicious, it retards one subject for the rest, and causes quick children to be neglected to pull forward the dull; the result is over-pressure and cramming. The standard system should be abolished.

Teachers should be at liberty to withhold children from examination, they alone know the circumstances and powers of the children.

Individual examination should be abolished. Young children should be treated with more leniency.

Geography and sewing should be made easier, and the work of girls generally should be reduced.

Allowance should be made for the effects of bad weather and epidemics.

Drawing and spelling should be simplified.

There should be free choice of class subjects and a well defined syllabus for each subject.

The following occur less frequently:—

Infant boys should not be taught sewing, and there should be a syllabus for infants; 8 should be adopted as the age for the First Standard, and there should be no geography in Standard I.

The dictation should be taken from the literary reader, and given by the teacher whom the children can understand; the Department might set the subjects for dictation.

Irregular children ought not to be examined.

Schools should be made pleasant and happy, and the school work such as to attract the children.

There should be special schools for half-timers.

Technical teaching should be encouraged, instruction in natural science and in subjects likely to be serviceable for the industries of the locality, it is more important to teach children to use their hands than to analyse sentences.

There should be longer notice of changes in the Code, and these should be seldom; frequent changes are vexatious.

Kindergarten and object lessons should be reduced.

Drawing should be under the control of the Science and Art Department.

The specific subjects should be made easier.

A few ask:—That overtime should be prohibited; that writing and spelling should be separated; that fewer subjects should be taught; that there should be no examination by sample; that night-school examinations should be revised; that composition, singing, and domestic economy should be simplified; that shorthand, mensuration, and book-keeping should be taught; that the standard and labour examination pass should be assimilated; that the Code should be discussed in Parliament; that there should be a uniform system of weights and measures; that names should be removed from registers after six weeks' absence; the attendances of Standard VII. should be allowed, drill, calisthenics and hygiene should be taught, and poetry excluded; that the grants for three R's and cookery should be increased.

Question 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

A large number request that local authorities, magistrates, and attendance officers should be compelled to carry out the law effectively.

Many request uniformity in the method of examination, Her Majesty's Inspectors have different standards; they should adhere to the Code and their instructions; they should have less power, while managers and teachers should have more; Inspectors should be less severe and exacting, be less bound down by rules, and be less rigid in applying "the yard measure made for them." Her Majesty's Inspectors should be selected from practical teachers, the examination should be less hurried, and there should be more visits without notice.

The minimum staff should be increased, and a larger staff should be provided for small schools.

The Department should enforce compulsion, employ more attendance officers or make use of the police.

There should be a responsible Education Minister and a court of appeal for teachers, who ought to have security of tenure and not be dismissable without the authority of the State.

Examination papers should be returned.

Local authorities should have less power; a few ask that they should have more.

The following occur less frequently:—

Parents ought to be provided with copies of the Acts.

Pupil teachers should not count on the staff until their third year; they should have less work and longer apprenticeship, and the result of their examinations should be known sooner.

Attendance officers should have the same authority as factory inspectors; they should have power of arrest.

The supply of teachers should be stopped.

School attendance committees should be abolished.

Members of attendance committees should not be persons interested in child labour.

The endorsement of parchments should cease; teachers should have fixed salaries and pensions.

The instructions of Inspectors should be published; their districts should be changed; they should be punctual at examinations; inspection and examination should take place on different days.

A few ask:—That pupil teachers should be abolished; that Inspectors' assistants should be abolished; that teachers should have less clerical work; that Inspectors should not publish school books; that the centre system for pupil teachers should be extended; a smaller number ask that it should be abolished.

QUESTION 18.

The OBSTACLES to regular attendance are stated to be:—

Distance; sickness; bad weather; home duties; the poverty, negligence, ignorance, indifference, and indulgence of parents; inefficient compulsion; child labour; employment of children by members of school attendance committees; the apathy of school boards and school attendance committees; opposition and leniency of magistrates; inefficiency of attendance officers, who have large areas and many other duties; half time; a low exemption standard; employment of mothers in factories; the migratory character of the population; truanting; fees; rival schools; depression of trade; want of clothes and boots; field work; number of feasts, excursions, Monday holidays in summer, and Jewish festivals.

The REMEDIES suggested are:—

Vigorous and stringent compulsion; prompt and energetic action by school boards and attendance committees; the same certainty of conviction under Education as under Factory Acts; the sympathy and support of magistrates; more vigilant attendance officers with smaller areas and fewer other duties; fines for every absence;

exemption after regular attendance for five years; a fixed number of attendances rigidly enforced; proceedings against employers of young children; remission of part of fees for regular attendance; refusal to examine irregular children; removal of over-pressure; mitigation of the Code; more liberty to teachers; industrial and ragged schools; whipping of truants; an attendance inspector; police as attendance officers in rural districts; free education; honour certificates; a higher exemption standard; parents to be compelled to do their duty; schools made attractive; negligent boards deposed or fined.

QUESTION 10 (D. 2).

Article 109 is said to be satisfied by religious instruction, moral teaching, example, precept, encouragement, rebuke, punishment, prizes, constant supervision, and to best of ability in every possible way.

Many replies state that Her Majesty's Inspector asks no questions, or does not allude to the subject; that he appears satisfied with what he observes of the discipline, order, tone and general conduct on the day of examination and at his visits without notice. Others say that he judges for himself, never complains, examines the log book, and that good reports and merit grants prove that he is satisfied.

QUESTION 11 (D. 2).

A considerable number ask that religious instruction and moral training be definitely encouraged by the State; that they form a recognized part of school work; that they be examined, and earn grants. Some state that they are neglected under the pressure of the Code requirements; the State should decide what religious instruction should be given. On the other hand, *some* desire that religious instruction and religious examination should be excluded from the work of elementary teachers.

YORKSHIRE (W.R.)

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total Number of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report, 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
1,356	1,101	1,440	431	926	476	496	267	125	Some in 327 Departments.

(a.) 229 answers are qualified "fairly," "for regular quick children," "too rigid," "wants elasticity," &c.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Super-			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	No.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
1,261	97	49	128	16	74	38	1,146	102	157	189

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.				
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.		
151	1,169	296	422	436	81	Not stated; taught at centres or by perambulating teacher provided by the board in most cases; some at vicarage; a few in the evening.	Expense; accommodation; convenience; apparatus; teacher; early age of leaving; excessive requirements of the Code which leave no time; disposal of food; indifference of parents; irregular attendance.		

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which *us Instruction is given (a).			Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher (b).	Throughout the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
1,277	157	6	1,329	352	1,324	101	1,028	254	Some in 55 departments.

(a.) 889 senior departments read Holy Scriptures daily, with explanation, 88 without explanation; 1,399 departments devote a few minutes to hymns and prayers.

(b.) 343 ministers of religion.

Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.*			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No Reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. †	Departments in which Objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
475	537	308	468	895	979	450	556	272	832	634

* Besides these, 81 are satisfied with the administration of the Code, but not of the Acts; 39 with the Acts, but not the Code.
 † 529 copy and exercise books, slates, &c., 28 firing, 2 cookery, 1 entrance fee, 1 French.

11						12			
annuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means; Contributions by—						Should Scheme be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teachers, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
70	38	170	157	216	149	920	423	393 in 97 departments.	None.

15 and 16					17			18		
Recommendations respecting Exemption from School. ‡					Compulsion applied.			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years?		
Age.		Standard.			Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.	
Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.							
The recommendations vary between - - -		10 and 14	12 and 16.	2 and 5	4 and 8	316	304	759	833	516
The most frequent are -		12 and 13	14	4 and 5	5 and 6					

‡ There is much opposition to half time. It is said to be injurious to half-timers and very detrimental to the rest of the school.

5		6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training. (d)	
With Scholars.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments. (c)	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
173	629	468	In a good many cases the Religious Instruction is curtailed one-half for two or three months before Inspection.	778	306 in 54 departments.	1,191	1,262	915	465

(c) In 660 cases by Diocesan Inspector yearly; examination generally occupies 2 to 3 hours.
 (d) 41 state that none is given.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

CHELSEA.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

A large number complain that the compulsory clauses are inoperative, and that some better method of securing attendance is necessary.

A few suggest that the age and standard of exemption should be raised; that there should be uniform byelaws; that half-time should be abolished or be limited to special half-time schools; that small employers of juvenile labour, who constantly infringe the law, should be prosecuted; that free schools should be provided in poor districts; and that voluntary schools should be placed on an equality with board schools.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

Payment by results and the merit grant should be abolished, and the fixed grant on average attendance should be increased.

There should be complete liberty of classification, so that a child could be presented in different standards for several subjects.

The work should be simplified, particularly for the upper standards, and in arithmetic, grammar, geography, and drawing.

The examination for girls and infants should be made easier, and dull children should be treated with leniency; it is irrational to expect all children of the same age, irrespective of capacity, home circumstances and irregularity, to pass the same examination.

Individual examination and the 22 weeks' rule should be abolished.

Irregular children should not be examined.

There should be liberty to withhold children from examination.

The following occur only a few times.

There should be freedom in choice of class subjects; fewer reading books; fewer class and specific subjects; more technical training; central schools for half timers.

A syllabus for infants is required; overtime in school should be prohibited. The merit grant and the grants to voluntary schools should be increased, and the 17s. 6d. limit should be removed.

There should be fewer changes in the Code.

Sewing should be made easier and should not be taught to infant boys; children should be encouraged to stay longer at school after they have obtained the labour certificate.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

There should be greater uniformity in the examination.

More pressure should be put on the magistrates to enforce the Acts. Special magistrates might be appointed to deal with school cases.

There should be a Minister of Education.

The minimum staff should be raised.

The endorsement of parchments should be abolished.

Her Majesty's Inspector should try to find out what the children know and not what they do not know; the examination should be less hurried; there should be more inspection and less examination; more visits without notice; more detailed reports; the inspector's assistant should have less power; teachers should be eligible for the Inspectorate.

QUESTION 18.—OBSTACLES TO ATTENDANCE.

Inefficient compulsion; want of co-operation on the part of the magistrates, who do not care to hear school cases; great difficulty in getting the case heard, and in gaining a conviction; cost and delay in the proceedings.

Indifference and opposition of parents, the migratory character of the population of the district, poverty, illness, home duties, the employment of children, the exhibitions and amusements of the neighbourhood, truanting, bad weather, fees, the large number of schools in the district.

REMEDIES.

Make compulsion real; enforce fines and penalties.

Compel the magistrates to carry out the Acts, and secure vigilant attendance officers.

There should be special courts to deal with school cases and a perambulating magistrate, or a day should be set apart at the police courts; the proceedings should be prompt and less expensive.

Parents should be made to feel their responsibilities to their children.

Raise the fees to irregular children or impose fines for absence; remit fees for regularity; give rewards and scholarships; inflict corporal punishment; provide truant schools.

Fine the employers of young children.

Make schools attractive.

Give free education.

Provide nurseries for young children.

QUESTION 10, D (2.)

Art. 109 is satisfied by precept, example, moral and religious training, correction, rewards, general supervision.

Her Majesty's Inspector forms his opinion by observing the conduct, appearance, tone, and discipline on the day of inspection and at his other visits.

CHELSEA.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total No. of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.*	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
92	52	101	18	80	17	26	16	8	Some in 15 Departments.

* 30 answers are qualified by "fairly," "for regular, clever children," or "except arithmetic," &c.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant from the 17s. 6d. Limit.				Superannuation.			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	Number.	Loss borne by			Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.				
90	9	2	2	—	—	2	87	7	16	16

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.				Cookery taught.	
Yes.	No.	Industries or use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
25	66	31*	25	32	16	£ s. d. — Taught at centres provided by the Board.	Expense; time; room; teacher; apparatus.

* Use of tools in most cases.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given.	Religious Instruction given.			Registers marked.			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	By Teachers.	By other Persons as well as Teachers.	Throughout the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Daily.*	101	33†	101	29	8	64	A few in 16 Departments.

* The religious instruction (which includes reading the Scriptures with explanation, except in infant schools) occupies from 30 to 40 minutes in most schools; 5 or 10 minutes additional are devoted to hymns and prayers.

† Mostly clergy.

4			6		7					
Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.†			Salaries.		Fees.					
			Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. ‡	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
Yes.	No.	No reply.			Yes.	No.				
40	13	20	78	23	67	32	28	16	31	36

† 25 answers express satisfaction with the administration of the *Code*, but not of the *Acts*; 3 of the *Acts* but not of the *Code*.
‡ 25 books, 1 drill, 1 French, 1 music.

11						12			
Superannuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means: Contributions by—						Scheme should be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teacher, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
7	4	16	6	6	16	51	29	105 in 24 Depts.	None.

15 and 16					17			18		
Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (†).					Compulsion applied.			Has the Attendance improved during past Three Years?		
		Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
		Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary from - - -		12 to 16	13 to 17	3 to 6	4 to 7	20	26	51	39	56
The most frequent are - - -		13	14	4 & 5	6					

† Many disapprove of half-time; some have no experience of it. A few suggest that it should be restricted to schools exclusively for half-timers. An age limit only is stated in some cases.

5		6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Schools.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
2	83	26	Slight	96 ‡	24 in 12 Depts.	96	96	65	27

‡ 48 by Diocesan inspector, 48 by Board inspector and others. The examination is yearly, and occupies generally from 2 to 3 hours.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

GREENWICH.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1.)

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QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

There is an *almost universal complaint* that compulsion is quite inoperative, and that some better method is necessary to secure regular attendance; special magistrates might be appointed to hear school cases.

The other changes desired in the Acts are comparatively few, and include:—a higher and uniform age and standard of exemption, prosecution of the employers of young children, abolition of half-time, free education, heavier fines, and that voluntary schools should be placed on an equality with board schools.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

Nearly all ask for full liberty to classify children according to ability.

A *large number* ask that payment by results and the merit grant should be abolished, and that there should be a larger fixed grant.

Irregular children should be excluded from examination.

The 22 weeks' system should be replaced by a fixed number of attendances.

Individual examination and the standard system should be abolished; there should be more inspection and less examination.

The arithmetic and needlework generally, and all the work of the upper standards should be simplified.

There should be fewer reading books and easier spelling, and full liberty to withhold children from examination; the present system encourages cramming for examinations, and leads to the neglect of the brighter children in order to force on the dull, who ought to have a simpler examination.

Less frequent Opinions.

The requirements are too severe; there should be free choice of class subjects, easier grammar, drawing, and geography. The work of girls and infants should be simplified, and sewing should not be required from infant boys.

There should be some technical teaching, and the metric system should be introduced.

Corporal punishment should be allowed.

Schools in poor districts should be treated with leniency.

The percentage of presentation at inspection should be the same as the percentage of attendance for the year as an inducement to regularity.

The 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished.

Night schools should be encouraged.

Dictation should be given from the Literary Reader.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

The endorsement of parchment certificates should be discontinued.

There should be special courts and magistrates to enforce regular attendance.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should be appointed from men who have practical experience in teaching;—elementary teachers of some years' standing.

There should be uniformity in the practice of inspectors; they should keep within the limits of the Code, and their instructions should be published.

There is too much work to be done in the time available on the day of examination. There should be more inspections and more surprise visits.

Teachers want more sympathy from "the powers that be," to be less fettered and cramped by the numerous restrictions of the Code, and to be more trusted to do their work conscientiously; they should be consulted as to alterations in the Code.

Examination papers should be returned, and the reports made sooner.

There should be a Minister of Education and a court of appeal.

QUESTION 18.—OBSTACLE TO ATTENDANCE.

Inefficient compulsion; leniency of magistrates; small fines and uncertainty of punishment; the indifference, ignorance, and intemperance of parents; the employment of small boys; illness; poverty; want of clothes, boots and food; home duties; bad weather; fees; faulty methods of the board; an unattractive harsh Code.

REMEDIES.

Enforce compulsion; increase fines and penalties; appoint special courts and magistrates for school cases; place visitors under the control of teachers and managers; attach visitors to special schools.

Refuse to examine children who have not made 300 attendances; provide schools for special trades as rewards for regular attendance; make school attractive; provide half-time schools, truant schools, rewards, free schools.

QUESTION 10 D. (2.)

Article 109 is satisfied by moral and religious training, example, precept, rewards, correction, careful attention, supervision to the best of ability.

Her Majesty's Inspector does not inquire, but satisfies himself by noting the discipline, conduct, and general tone at inspection.

GREENWICH.

CIRCULAR D. 1. (HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total No. of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report, 884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the ACTS to Satisfactory Education. (a)	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes. (b)	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
87	64	140	72	102	38	70	52	5	Some in 54 Departments.

(a) Most of the complaints are of inefficient compulsion.

(b) 47 answers are qualified by "fairly," "generally," "except Arithmetic," &c.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Superannuation.			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	Number.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
132	4	8	4	—	3	1	123	10	36	22

Does present system of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		
Yes.*	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
25	109	29†	37	44	20	Taught at centre provided by the Board.	Expense; accommodation; time; apparatus; disposal of food.

* Too many seek to become clerks.

† Use of tools.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given.*		Religious Instruction given.			Registers marked.			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	No reply.	By Teachers.	By other persons as well as Teachers.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
139	1	139	27†	139	8	29	102	A few in 20 Departments.

* Includes Scripture reading with explanation from 30 to 40 minutes in most schools, and 10 to 15 minutes for prayers and hymns.

† 25 clergy.

Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code. (c)			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. (e)	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Book.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes. (d)	No.				
26	56	11	116	23	78	60	7	44 (f.)	18	75

(c) 44 are satisfied with the administration of the Code, but not of the Acts; 3 with Acts, but not Code.

(d) A good many answers are qualified by "fairly" "in most cases," &c.

(e) Exercise and copy books.

(f.) Mostly "poverty."

Superannuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means : Contributions by—						Scheme should be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teacher, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
8	6	24	4	8	13	87	31	37 in 23 Departments.	None.

Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (†).	Compulsion applied.				Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.				
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary from - - -	10 to 15	13 to 15	3 to 6	3 to 7	12	29	97	43	95
The most frequent are - - -	13 & 14	14 & 15	4 & 5	6					

† Many disapprove of half time, unless in special schools. The age limit is preferred by some to a standard limit.

Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire §		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Schools.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
6	117	18	Slight.	136†	19 in 11 Departments.	127	128	89	45

† 48 Diocesan Inspectors, 88 Board Inspectors and others.

§ Some are indifferent.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

S O U T H W A R K.

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QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

The *general complaint* is that compulsion is not enforced; magistrates are unwilling to convict, they dismiss the cases or impose fines too light to make any impression; the children can earn sums much larger than the fines, and thus the parents are encouraged to set the Acts at defiance.

There are *some* requests for:—a better system of paying the fees of poor children; the abolition of the bye-laws and half-time; a uniform standard and age of exemption; free education; that schools should not be rated; that voluntary schools should be placed on an equality with board schools or receive larger grants.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE.

Teachers should have complete liberty of classification.

Payment by results and the merit grant should be abolished.

The requirements are too great, especially for the upper standards, and in arithmetic, grammar, and needlework.

The 22 weeks' rule should be abolished; 300, or some definite number of attendances might qualify for examination; irregular children should not be examined.

Dull and delicate children and half-timers should be treated with leniency, and there should be liberty to withhold children from examination.

The teacher, to save his own reputation, has to push on the dull children to the required standard, and to do this he must neglect the bright ones. Under the present system, the teacher's success depends more on cramming than on educating.

The number of reading books should be diminished, spelling be made easier, and dictation given from the Literary Reader or from special books issued by the Department for each standard.

The work of girls should be reduced, and infant boys should not be taught needlework.

The 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished, and the fixed grant be increased.

The standard system and individual examination (except for labour certificates) should be abolished, there should be more class examination, and the report on the school should be based on more frequent inspection.

Allowance should be made for bad weather; provided the school is open registers ought not to be marked on wet days.

There should be free choice of class subjects, easier geography and drawing, some technical training, and a fixed grant for domestic economy.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

Pressure should be put upon the magistrates to make them enforce the Acts.

There might be a special court for school cases; the magistrates are over worked, it is difficult to get the cases heard, and to secure penalties sufficient to make any impression.

There is a general need for more uniformity in the examination.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should be selected from the most successful teachers; assistants should be older and more experienced teachers, and not as frequently young men of no experience.

There should be a Minister of Education and a court of appeal; the reputation of a teacher ought not to suffer without giving him the opportunity of being heard in his own defence.

Managers should have less discretionary power, and the teachers more; the endorsement of parchments should be abolished.

The minimum staff should be increased; examination papers should be returned.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should not exceed the Code, and they should show consideration for the circumstances of the locality.

Any loss of grant through irregular attendance should fall on the School Attendance Committee.

QUESTION 18.—OBSTACLES TO ATTENDANCE.

Inefficient compulsion; laxity of magistrates, who will not enforce the law; large extent of visitors' districts, and the inefficiency of the visitors; the illegal employment of children; the indifference, selfishness, neglect, and intemperance of parents; the migratory character of the population of the district; poverty; sickness; want of clothes and boots; home duties; bad weather.

REMEDIES.

Real compulsion; prompt convictions and heavier penalties; special courts and magistrates for school cases; more efficient visiting; visitors to co-operate with teachers and act under their direction; labour certificates to be required for employment; free education; rewards; half-time schools; truant schools; nurseries for young children; refusal to examine irregular children; exemption of regular children at an earlier age than irregular; school made attractive.

QUESTION 10 (D. 2.)

Article 109 is satisfied by precept, example, moral and religious training, rewards, admonitions, corrections, supervision. Her Majesty's Inspector, as a rule, asks no questions, but satisfies himself by observing the tone, conduct, general appearance, and discipline, on the day of examination.

SOUTHWARK.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS).

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				Yes.	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
67	46	100	29	68	36	35	27	8	Some in 24 Departments.

* Many answers are qualified by such remarks as suited for clever, regular children; for majority, fairly, except in arithmetic, drawing, &c.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Superannuation.			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	Number.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
98	1	1	6	—	4	2	78	9	12	11

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
7	86	19	38	38	26	Taught at centre provided by the Board.	Expense; time; accommodation; teacher; apparatus.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given.	Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	By Teachers.	By other Persons as well as Teachers.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Daily.*							
100	100	14†	100	9	14	77	A few in 12 Departments.

* The religious instruction (which includes reading the scriptures with explanation, except in infant schools) occupies from 30 to 40 minutes, in most schools; hymns and prayers occupy an additional 5 or 10 minutes each.

† Mostly clergy.

Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.†			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. ‡	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
30	18	27	81	18	35	64	11	50	15	31

† 25 are satisfied with the Administration of the *Code*, but not of the *Acts*.
‡ Copy, exercise, and drawing books.

Superannuation.						Conscience Clause.			
Providing Means : Contributions by—						Scheme should be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teacher, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
3	11	18	6	5	12	52	22	20 in 11 Departments.	None.

	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School.*				Compulsion applied.			Has attendance improved during past Three Years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary from - - -	10 to 15	12 to 15	2 to 5	4 to 7	25	20	49	38	60
The most frequent are -	18	14	4	6					

* Many desire to see half-time abolished, unless in properly organised half-time schools.

Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Schools.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
5	70	17	Slight	7‡	5 in 5 Departments.	79	81	51	36

‡ 28 by Diocesan Inspector, 69 by Board Inspector and others. The examination is yearly, and occupies from 2 to 5 hours.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times).

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

The inefficiency of the present system of compulsion, the early age and low standard of exemption, the half-time system, and the want of uniformity in the bye-laws and Factory Acts are the principal hindrance to satisfactory education.

Small school boards are undesirable, the union or county is suggested as a better area, it would secure greater uniformity, and better qualified members for the Boards; the small penalties on irregularity and the objectionable mode of paying fees through guardians are further hindrances.

The Education, Factory, and Half-Time Acts need consolidation.
Persons illegally employing young children should be prosecuted.
Local authorities and magistrates should be made to enforce the Acts.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

Payment by results, the merit grant and the 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished, and there should be a larger fixed grant paid on average attendance. The present system produces mere grinding for grants.

The examination for rural schools and for dull and irregular children should be easier.
The Code requirements, especially in arithmetic, grammar, and sewing, need simplification; there should be fewer reading books, full liberty of classification and freedom in choice of class subjects.

The 22 weeks' system should give place to a fixed number of attendances.

Individual examination and the standard system should be abolished.

A *small number* desire the power to withhold children from examination, an increased minimum staff, allowance for bad weather, easier examination in the upper standards and in drawing, dictation, and geography, and some technical teaching.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

Uniformity in the method of examination is the only one of frequency.

The remainder, which occur only a few times and are very varied, include a desire that H.M. Inspectors should inquire into compulsion; should not exceed the Code in examination; should have less power; should be drawn from experienced teachers; should work with the school authorities, and visit more frequently.

Teachers and managers should have more power; compulsion should be enforced by a District Attendance Inspector, or by the Police. The teaching staff should be increased; teachers should be recognised by the State, be paid fixed salaries, have more security of tenure and receive pensions. Pupil teachers should serve for five years, and have more time for study; the results of their examination should be made known sooner.

QUESTION 18.

The OBSTACLES to regular attendance are stated to be:—Poverty, sickness, ignorance, indifference of parents, home duties, nature of local industries, inefficient system of compulsion, apathy of magistrates managers boards and school attendance committees, (farmers are interested in juvenile labour), the early age and low standard of exemption allowed by bye-laws, the small fines inflicted, a scattered and migratory population, bad weather, fees, half-time, distance, dame schools.

The REMEDIES are to enforce compulsion, amend the bye-laws, secure attendance officers who shall give their whole time to the work, or employ police; appoint attendance inspectors; make boards, school attendance committees and managers do their duty; prosecute persons illegally employing juvenile labour; increase fines; remit fees for regular attendance; amend the system of paying fees through Poor Law Guardians; abolish half-time; give rewards and prizes; make schools more attractive; interest parents in the education of their children.

Circular D. 2.

QUESTION 10.

Article 109 is satisfied by moral lessons, Scripture lessons, example, precept, encouragement, rebuke, punishment, and general supervision.

H.M. Inspector usually makes no inquiries; he forms his opinion by observing the order, discipline, and general tone at inspection.

QUESTION 11.

Some urge greater recognition of moral and religious teaching, and state that there is a tendency to crowd out these subjects under the pressure of the Code and the system of payment by results, whilst a *very few* would dispense with it altogether.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total Number of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the ACTS to Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.	No.	Total Number of Schools.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
145	124	150	49	79*	67	38	25	12	Some in 14 Departments.

* 30 of these have some qualification, such as "suited for bright, clever, and regular children," "fairly," "generally," "except arithmetic, grammar," &c., "too difficult for dull or rural children."

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Super-			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	No.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
136	5	9	14	—	9	5	180	4	20	25

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
13	129	37	47	26	3	—	Time; expense; room; apparatus; teacher.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given. (a.)			Religious Instruction given.			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher (b).	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
147	2	1	140	41	144	14	120	12	13 in 5 Departments.

(a.) Religious instruction occupies 30 to 45 minutes daily. 108 return reading Holy Scripture with explanation, 7 without explanation. Infant Departments do not generally read Scripture. Prayers and hymns 10 to 20 minutes in most Schools.

(b.) Mostly clergy.

Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. \$	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
62†	52	24	65	84	96‡	53	54	51	47	78

† Some state "fairly." Besides these, 9 approve of the Code, but not of the Acts, 3 of the Acts, but not of the Code.
 ‡ With some exceptions.
 § Books, copy and exercise books, slates and pencils, &c.
 || The objections are few.

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annuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means : Contributions by—						Should Scheme be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teachers, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
8	4	18	12	20	23	80	39	42 in 11 Departments.	None.

	15 and 16				17			18	
	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School. (a.)				Compulsion applied			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.						
The recommendations vary between - - -	10 and 15.	11 and 15.	3 and 5	4 and 6	51	26	68	65	76
The most frequent are -	13	14	4	5					

(a.) Many teachers strongly disapprove of half time as worthless, and a great hindrance to education; some have no experience of it, and some recommend an age limit only.

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching (c.)		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire (d.)		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Scholars.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
17	31	53	Slight	70	15 in 3 schools.	115	118	88	49

(c.) In most cases by Diocesan Inspector yearly; examination occupies 2 to 3 hours.
 (d.) Some parents are said to be indifferent.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

THE UNIONS OF PONTYPRIDD AND MERTHYR TYDVIL (GLAMORGAN) (BEING MINING DISTRICTS).

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are arranged in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

A more effective system of compulsion is necessary, heavier fines should be inflicted; the bye-laws should be made uniform and rigidly enforced; different standards of exemption in adjacent districts cause irregularity and other difficulties.

Elementary education should be free.

The Acts need consolidating.

Larger school board areas would secure better qualified members of school boards.

Half time should be abolished.

The age and standard of exemption should be raised.

Truant schools should be provided.

The cost of prosecution should be diminished.

The Act should authorise an attendance officer to a minimum area or to a limited population.

Children are forced through the standards so as to gain exemption at 11. As they cannot enter the pit until 12, or the factory till 13, they spend the interval mostly in idleness, and in forgetting what they have learned; when those who have passed the exemption standard remain at school, they are extremely irregular.

If teachers could withhold from examination 8 or 10 per cent. of dull and backward children (*i.e.*, the percentage of daily absentees) it would relieve over-pressure, and punish the negligent parents who only care to get their children through the exemption standard.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

The Code, as a whole, is suitable, but its requirements are too great for children who have to learn English. Two reading books would be more than sufficient for Welsh children.

The bi-lingual difficulty should be recognised, and allowances be made for it.

Payment by results and the 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished.

There should be complete liberty of classification; the 22 weeks' system and individual examination should be abolished.

Arithmetic should be simplified, made less puzzling, and more suitable to average intellects.

Needlework should be easier, and should not be taken by infant boys.

Irregular children should be refused examination, and there should be liberty to withdraw children.

Teachers should receive notice of all changes in the Code.

The merit grant should give place to a larger fixed grant.

Geography and grammar should be made easier; English should be taught through the medium of Welsh.

Composition should not be required from Welsh children, dictation might be substituted for it.

The work of the upper standards should be simplified; there should be choice of class subjects, which should include Welsh.

Dull children and poor schools should be treated with leniency, and allowance made for the effects of bad weather.

After six weeks' absence children's names should be removed from the register.

Technical work suited to the locality, mensuration and physical education should be introduced.

The dependence of the teacher's salary and reputation upon per-centages results in over-pressure, cramming, and neglect of subjects which do not pay. He must neglect the bright children, to pull up the dull to the required standard.

It is unfair to punish the teacher in the grant on account of irregularity and bad weather.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

The papers worked in the examination should be returned to the teachers.

The magistrates should be compelled to enforce the law.

The Education Department should undertake compulsion, and the police be employed as attendance officers.

Certificates of birth should be issued only by registrars.

The minimum staff should be raised; teachers should have security of tenure, be recognised as civil servants, and the inspectorate should be open to them.

There should be a Minister of Education.

The examination should take place at a reasonable hour, and occupy longer time, or be more frequent.

QUESTION 18.

The **OBSTACLES** to regular attendance are stated to be:—The apathy, neglect, and intemperance of parents; the negligence of boards and local authorities (magistrates will not convict, compulsion is a dead letter); the cost of prosecution; employment of children as errand boys, &c.; fees; poverty; home duties; field work; distance; sickness; bad weather and bad roads.

The **REMEDIES** are:—Stringent compulsion; greater activity of boards, school attendance committees, magistrates, and attendance officers; police as attendance officers, or officers appointed by the State; abolition of fees; truant schools to which parents should be compelled to subscribe; heavier fines; certificate of exemption to be necessary for employment; rewards; a maximum fee of 6d. per family; abolition of half-time; school made attractive; parents impressed with importance of regularity; supply of clothing.

QUESTION 10 (D. 2).

Article 109 is satisfied by careful training, example, precept, religious and moral instruction, insisting on cleanliness, punctuality and obedience, supervision, rewards, punishment.

Her Majesty's Inspector, as a rule, asks no questions, but satisfies himself by observing the order, behaviour, discipline, and tone on the occasions of his visits.

UNIONS OF PONTYPRIDD AND MERTHYR TYDVIL (GLAMORGAN).

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total No. of Schools receiving Annual Grants (Appendix to Report, 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to Satisfactory Education. (a)	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes. (b.)	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
108	57	103	19	60	41	22	15	10	Some in 12 Departments.

(a.) Many of the answers to this question are complaints of the Code.

(b.) Some of the answers are qualified by "too difficult for Welsh-speaking children."

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Superannuation.			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	Number.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
91	3	4	34	5	27	2	94	2	9	12

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
11	82	31	46	39	7	Taught at centre; cost defrayed by the board.	Expense; convenience; time; accommodation; girls leave too young.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given. (a.)			Religious Instruction given			Registers marked.			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teachers.	By other Persons as well as Teachers. (b.)	Throughout the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
29	72	2	35*	7	38*	—	55*	5	Some in 2 Departments.

* Religious teaching is interpreted, in some answers, to include all religious observances.

(a.) 15 departments read Holy Scriptures daily with explanation, 10 without explanation; 57 have neither Bible Reading nor Religious Instruction; 87 devote a few minutes to Hymns and Prayers.

(b.) 6 Clergy.

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Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.*			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. †	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
41	30	25	41	60	60	37	6	27	31	47

* Seven answers are satisfied with the administration of the Code, but not of the Acts.
 † Copy books, slates, &c.

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Superannuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means : Contributions by—						Scheme should be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teacher, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
1	1	16	2	30	13	61	30	28 in 7 Depts.	None

15 & 16					17			18	
Recommendations respecting Exemption from School. (a.)					Compulsion applied.			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary from - - -	11 to 14	12 to 16	4 to 5	4 to 6	44	40	19	62	35
The most frequent are -	12 and 13	14	4 and 5	5 and 6					

(a.) Many disapprove of half time, and others do not answer the questions of partial exemption ; some give an age limit only.

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With School.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
10	10	26	Slight	17 (c)	11 in 3 Depts.	39	64	58	26

(c.) 14 by Diocesan Inspector.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

SUSSEX.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

There is a *general complaint* that compulsion is in no sense enforced and is a mere sham; magistrates will not convict, some better system is necessary, heavier fines should be imposed and these should be increased in the case of incorrigible parents; those who employ juvenile labour should be punished, all employers should be placed under the Factory Acts.

Half-time should be abolished; the age and standard of exemption should be raised, and the Bye-laws made uniform. Children pass the exemption standard at about 10 and then attend most irregularly until they can get to work. The Education Department should fix the standards of exemption.

School boards and school attendance committees should have the right to appeal against the decisions of the magistrates.

The mode of paying fees for indigent children should be revised.

The Acts need consolidating; education should be free.

A *smaller number* ask:—That there should be a census of children of school age; that compulsion should begin at three years of age; that school board areas should be enlarged (county boards would secure better members and equalize rates); that the cumulative vote should be abolished; that dame schools should be abolished; that voluntary schools be placed on an equality with board schools.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, DO YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

The system of payment by results should be abolished; it makes education mechanical, wears out the teachers with anxiety, and makes school life an irksome grind to the children.

There should be complete liberty of classification, this would put an end to overpressure.

The Code is much too severe in its requirements, and should be simplified for rural districts; dull children should be treated with leniency and consideration.

Arithmetic is too difficult and puzzling; the work of the upper standards should be greatly reduced.

The merit grant, the 22 weeks' system, and the 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished, and a larger fixed grant paid on average attendance.

The managers and teachers should have full liberty to withhold children from examination.

There should be fewer reading books, and free choice of class subjects. Grammar is too severe, and is useless in many cases; the time it requires might be much better employed on other subjects.

The effects of bad weather on average attendance in country schools should receive consideration.

Irregular children should be refused examination.

The names of children should be removed from school registers after six weeks' absence.

Individual examination produces cramming, and should be abolished; there should be more class examination.

The following Opinions occur less frequently.

*The needlework requirements are too great; the whole work of girls is too severe. Sewing should not be taught to infant boys.

The frequent changes in the Code and its increasing severity are harassing, and detrimental to education; there should be longer notice of any changes.

Geography, drawing, and spelling should be easier.

Young children should be treated with more leniency.

Writing and spelling should be separated dictation given from the Literary Reader, and composition made easier.

The standard system should be abolished.

Overtime in school should be prohibited.

Agriculture and technical work should be taught.

Night schools should be encouraged.

A full grant should be paid if 80 per cent. pass.

Half-timers should have a simplified examination.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

There is a *very general request* that magistrates should be compelled to enforce compulsion, and that school boards and attendance committees should be rendered more efficient.

Members of school attendance committees should not be persons interested in child labour.

The minimum staff should be raised, and an adequate staff be insisted upon.

There should be a Minister of Education who would be a real centre of responsibility.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should have less authority; the examination should be uniform and less hurried; there should be a court of appeal (some properly qualified educational council) for teachers on matters affecting their professional status; their future should not be at the mercy of any one man; teachers should have security of tenure.

Inspectors should be selected from able and experienced teachers. Examination papers should be returned, and results of pupil teachers' examinations should be made known sooner.

The supply of teachers should be stopped, and a higher standard of efficiency be required to qualify as a teacher.

There should be more visits without notice.

The Education Department should carry out compulsion.

The endorsement of certificates should cease. There should be less clerical work for teachers, and they should have pensions.

QUESTION 18.

The OBSTACLES to regular attendance are stated to be : weather, distance, bad roads, home duties, field work, the demand for child labour, the indifference and greed of parents, the inefficiency of compulsion, the apathy of school boards and attendance committees, the leniency and indifference of magistrates, poverty, sickness, half-time, a migratory population, the low standard of exemption, defective byelaws.

The REMEDIES are : a more efficient system of compulsion, better attendance officers, more energetic boards and attendance committees, increased fines, Government attendance officers, higher fees for irregularity, remission of fees for regular attendance, refusal to examine irregular children, fines for employers as well as parents, and application of the Factory Acts to all employers, permission to leave after five years of regular attendance, prizes, rewards, free schools, attractive schools.

QUESTION 10. CIRCULAR D 2.

Article 109 is satisfied by precept, example, personal influence, moral and religious instruction, rewards, punishments, by insisting on punctuality, cleanliness, truthfulness, and good manners.

Her Majesty's Inspector asks no questions. There is difficulty in answering this question ; some do not see how Her Majesty's Inspector can satisfy himself ; others say they believe he satisfies himself by observing the order, discipline, behaviour, and general tone on the day of his visit.

Total Number of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report, 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to the Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.*	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
422	362	476	126	307	139	168	90	22	Some in 118 Departments.

* 153 of these have some qualification, such as "for clever children," "generally," "fairly," "except arithmetic, grammar," &c.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Super-			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	No.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
419	28	19	30	4	16	10	417	20	46	69

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
62	38	114	179	153	10	Defrayed by two school boards and one lady.	Time; expense; accommodation; apparatus; teacher; children leave too young; Code too exacting in other work.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given.			Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily (a).	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher (b).	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
469	7	—	475*	228	472*	37	390	49	Some in 18 departments.

(a) Religious instruction generally occupies 30 to 45 minutes daily. It includes reading Holy Scriptures with explanation, except in infant departments. 14 departments return reading Holy Scriptures without explanation. Nearly every school gives 10 or 15 minutes to prayers and hymns.

(b) 209 ministers of religion, 14 ladies and others.

* Refer to all religious observances.

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Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. \$	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
181†	197	68	210	260	369‡	97	186	90	227	236

† Some state "fairly." Besides these, 24 are satisfied with the administration of the Code, but not of the Acts, 6 of the Acts, but not of the Code.

‡ With some exceptions.

§ Books, copy and exercise books, slates and pencils, &c., 1 firing, 1 non-resident.

|| "A few" in most cases, generally very poor.

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annuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means : Contributions by—						Should Scheme be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teachers, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
34	12	84	33	75	64	282	132	226 in 44 Departments.	None.

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	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School.†				Compulsion applied.			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary between.	9 and 14	12 and 15.	2 and 5	4 and 7	98	107	249	235	223
The most frequent are	12 and 13	13 and 14.	3 and 4	5 and 6					

† Many object to half-time in agricultural districts, or in ordinary schools. Some recommend an age limit only, and a small number a standard limit only.

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching (c).		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire (d).		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Scholars.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
25	148	189	Slight.	425	68 in 23 departments.	450	448	267	171

(c) In 373 cases by Diocesan Inspector yearly; examination occupies 2 to 3 hours.

(d) Some parents are said to be indifferent.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

WILTSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, AND 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a) IN THE ACTS?

There is great need for more effective compulsion, at present it is a complete failure. Heavy penalties and a more summary mode of procedure are required. Local authorities are lax in enforcing the law, they have too much power, and frequently make byelaws which defeat the Act.

The age and standard of exemption are much too low.

Half time should be abolished in Rural Districts.

The Acts should be consolidated, the qualifications for becoming a member of a School Board should be raised, and the Cumulative Vote should be abolished.

Payment of fees should be enforced; the cost of prosecution should be diminished.

The illegal employment of children should be punished.

Education should be free.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b) IN THE CODE?

Payment by results, the merit grant and 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished, and the fixed grant should be increased; the end of the present system is to secure good per-centages and grants, not education.

There should be complete liberty of classification, and the requirements, especially in arithmetic, should be reduced.

The Code should be made easier for country schools, and for dull and delicate children.

The 22 weeks' rule should be abolished.

Too many reading books are required.

The work of the upper standards should be simplified; there should be choice of class subjects; grammar, geography, dictation, drawing, and sewing should be easier; the dictation should be taken from the Literary Reader, and given by the head teacher.

The work of girls and the younger children should be simplified, and there should be a syllabus for infants.

There should be liberty to withhold children from examination; the lists of exemption signed by the managers should be accepted.

The standard system and individual examination should be abolished.

(The following occur less frequently.)

The grant on average attendance ought not to suffer on account of epidemics and bad weather.

The pass for a Labour Certificate should coincide with the Code pass.

The Code should be simplified, be made more elastic, its ambiguities removed, and it should be changed less frequently.

Overtime in schools should be prohibited.

Technical teaching should be encouraged, and girls should be instructed in household duties.

Half-timers should be treated with leniency.

Diocesan examination should be abolished.

The grant should not depend on the average attendance.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(c) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

There should be greater uniformity in the method of examination.

Magistrates, school attendance committees, and boards should be made to carry out the law; special magistrates should be appointed to carry out the Acts. The members of school attendance committees are frequently interested in juvenile labour; the attendance officer, who is in many cases the relieving officer, is inefficient, and will not proceed against them. The police should act as attendance officers in rural districts, or the Government should provide an attendance officer.

School attendance committees and boards need to be reconstituted.

Inspectors should be appointed from experienced head teachers; they should keep within their instructions, should show more consideration for the children and make allowance for difficulties, give notice when they raise their standard, be less hurried in the examination, and pay more visits without notice.

An adequate school staff should be insisted upon; the minimum staff is too low.

The report and grant should follow the examination more quickly, and the examination papers should be returned.

There should be a Minister of Education and a Court of Appeal.

Teachers should have fixed salaries and pensions.

QUESTION 18.

THE OBSTACLES to regular attendance are stated to be:—Distance, bad weather, sickness, poverty, a shifting population, the neglect, indifference, and ignorance of parents, home duties, field work, inefficient compulsion, the apathy of the school attendance committees and officers, the want of co-operation of magistrates who are reluctant to convict, the expense of summons, half-time.

THE REMEDIES are:—A more effective administration of the Act; pressure on local authorities to secure compulsion; more vigilant officers and more energetic attendance committees; special magistrates for school cases, and police as attendance officer; rewards; remission of fees for regular attendance, and higher fees for irregular children; heavier fines; registration of all children of school age; punishment of employers of juvenile labour; some mode of gaining the interest and sympathy of parents; a system which will make school happy, and work less mechanical and grinding; a rule that 250 or 300 attendances for four years will gain exemption.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

QUESTION 10.

Article 109 is satisfied by precept, example, careful training, religious instruction, punishment, rewards, discipline.

H.M. Inspector, as a rule, asks no questions. He satisfies himself by observing the tone, discipline, and order on the day of inspection.

WILTSHIRE.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total Number of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report, 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments. (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to the Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.*	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
355	316	374	82	227	135	77	41	15	Some in 46 Departments.

* 24 of these have some qualification, such as "suited for bright regular children," "generally," "except arithmetic, grammar," &c., "too difficult for dull or rural children."

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Super-			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	No.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
349	3	22	28	1	16	11	320	8	56	90

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
35	319	45	145	126	4	Cost borne privately in all cases.	Time; expense; room; apparatus; teacher; children leave too young.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given. (a)			Religious Instruction given.			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher. (c).	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
370	1 (b)	3	368	188	364	52	295	32	Some in 11 departments.

(a) Religious instruction generally occupies 30 to 45 minutes daily. It includes reading Holy Scriptures with explanation, except in infant departments. 10 departments return reading Holy Scriptures without explanation. Prayers and hymns 10 to 20 minutes in most Schools.

(b) Prayers and hymns only.

(c) 173 clergy, 10 others.

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Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. \$	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
127†	130	94	164	205	298‡	76	129	52	217	153.

† Some state "fairly." Besides these, 20 approve of the Code, but not of the Acts, 3 of the Acts, but not of the Code.

‡ With some exceptions.

§ Books, copy and exercise books, slates and pencils, &c.

|| The objections come from a small number.

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annuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means: Contributions by—						Should Scheme be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teachers, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
14	8	37	26	33	56	188	101	248 in 41 Departments.	None.

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	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School.				Compulsion applied.			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary between.	9 and 14	12 and 15.	2 and 5	3 and 7	127	43	191	161	189
The most frequent are	12 and 13	13 and 14.	3 and 4	4 and 5					

† A large number do not reply to the half-time queries or say "none"—many would like half-time abolished. A few recommend an age limit only, and a small number a standard limit only. Some would allow boys to leave earlier than girls.

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching (d).		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire (e).		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Scholars.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
24	105	97	Slight	306	83 in 21 departments.	331	339	234	103

(d) In most cases by Diocesan Inspector yearly; examination occupies 2 to 3 hours.

(e) Some parents are said to be indifferent.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

MERIONETH.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are placed in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

The *general opinion* is that the Acts, on the whole, are very satisfactory, but that they fail in administration. Compulsion is ineffective, some better method should be devised to secure attendance; heavier fines might be imposed, and a census of children of school age might be obtained; there are many children of school age not on the register of any school.

A *smaller number* ask that elementary education should be free; the areas of school boards should be increased, which would tend to obtain better and more dignified members; voluntary schools should be placed on an equality with board schools; ratepayers should be allowed to pay their rates to either voluntary or board schools; the age and standard of exemption should be raised, and half-time abolished.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

The Code needs modification for Wales, its requirements are much too severe for children who seldom speak English out of school. Three reading books are impossible for children who are virtually learning a foreign language. Allowance should be made for the bi-lingual difficulties.

The system is too rigid, and leads to cramming instead of education, there ought to be more elasticity, and managers should be free to adapt the teaching to the circumstances of the children and the locality. Payment by results should be abolished.

The arithmetic should be easier, and might be dictated in Welsh; sewing and the work of the upper standards should be simplified.

Composition is too difficult, and it should not be required below the 6th Standard.

Grammar should be simplified, and there should be some definite scheme for teaching English.

There should be free choice of class subjects, and Welsh should be made a class subject.

The 22 weeks' rule should be abolished, names should be removed from the register after six weeks' absence, and irregular children should not be examined.

The merit grant and 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished, and a larger fixed grant paid.

There should be full liberty of classification, and of withdrawal from examination.

Allowance should be made for weather, and the circumstances of rural and mountainous districts.

Fewer object lessons should be required for infants where Welsh only is spoken.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

Pressure should be put on magistrates, school boards, and attendance committees to make them enforce compulsion.

Police should act as attendance officers; magistrates and local authorities are often interested in juvenile labour.

There should be greater uniformity in the method of examination; Her Majesty's Inspector should not exceed the Code or his instructions.

There should be a Minister of Education and a Court of Appeal.

Teachers want security of tenure; the Department should exercise a veto on their appointment and dismissal.

The minimum staff should be raised.

QUESTION 18.

The **OBSTACLES** to regular attendance are stated to be:—The indifference and negligence of parents; inefficient compulsion (the Acts are complex and procedure cumbrous, attendance officers are negligent, and magistrates will not convict); home duties; field work; distance; bad weather; poverty; fees; illness.

The **REMEDIES** are:—More efficient administration of the Acts; compel magistrates and school attendance committees to do their duty; a yearly census of children of school age; police for attendance officers; enlarge the areas of school boards; make school boards universal; remit fees for regular attendance; let Code insist on a minimum number of attendances; prizes; certificates; free education.

QUESTION 10 (D. 2).

Article 109 is satisfied by enforcing obedience to duty, punctuality, neatness, and good manners; by moral and religious instruction, precept, example, and constant superintendence.

Many find difficulty in answering this question. Some say that Her Majesty's Inspector seldom asks any questions, but they believe that he forms his opinion by observing the manners, discipline, and general tone on the day of inspection.

MERIONETH.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

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Total Number of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report, 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to the Satisfactory Education (a).	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (b).		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
78	52	60	8	22	37	17	11	10	Some in 9 Departments.

(a.) Most of the answers concern the Code and refer to the bi-lingual difficulty.

(b.) The greater number of complaints are of the severity of the Code for children who speak Welsh out of school.

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Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Super-			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	No.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
43	7	10	5	1	3	1	49	3	7	8

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Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
7	48	25	29	26	5	165l. in 2 cases; others not stated.	Time; expense; premises; apparatus; teacher; girls leave too young.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

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Departments in which Religious Instruction is given (a).			Religious Instruction given.			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher (b).	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
28	32	—	36*	12	37*	3	41*	2	Some in 6 departments.

* Religious teaching is interpreted by some to include all religious observances.

(a.) 19 departments read Holy Scriptures daily with explanation, 19 without explanation; 12 give neither Bible reading nor religious instruction. Most schools devote a few minutes to hymns and prayers.

(b.) Clergy.

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Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras.†	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
12*	28	12	12	48	19	39	18	34	44	26

* Besides these, 8 are satisfied with the administration of the Code, but not of the Acts.
 † 17 Books and stationery, &c.; one, fuel.

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annuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means : Contributions by—						Should Scheme be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teachers, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
—	—	12	6	8	8	27	22	3 in 1 department.	None

15 and 16					17			18	
—	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School.†				Compulsion applied			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary between - - -	9 and 16	13 and 16.	3 and 6	4 and 7	6	16	38	23	37
The most frequent are . . .	13	14	4 and 5	5					

† Some do not reply to the half-time queries or say "none"; others wish half-time abolished. A few recommend an age limit only, and a small number a standard limit only.

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Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Scholars.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments. (c).	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
9	4	8	Slight	17	8 in 1 department.	42	47	38	21

(c.) In 12 cases by Diocesan Inspector yearly; examination occupies 2 to 3 hours.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

BIRKENHEAD.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS, 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

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QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5. WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

Voluntary Schools should be placed on an equality with Board Schools (*i.e.*, be aided by rates).
 Better provision should be made for paying the fees of indigent children, the system of payment by guardians has a pauperising tendency, some parents will not apply.
 Compulsion is inefficient, and should be enforced.
 Children of school age should be registered, the fines for irregularity should be increased, and the age and standard of exemption should be raised.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

The 17s. 6d. limit, the merit grant, and payment by results, should be abolished, the fixed grant increased, and full liberty of classification allowed.
 There should be less frequent changes in the Code, and longer notice of them.
 The number of reading books, and the requirements in reading, should be reduced.
 The arithmetic examination, and the work of the upper standards are too severe, the class subjects should be defined more clearly, and grammar and geography be made easier.
 A syllabus clearly defining the work for infants is required.
 Special schools should be provided for "wastrel children," truants, and waifs.
 The examination should be lowered for schools in poor districts.

The following Remarks occur only a few times.

The practice of overtime in school should be prohibited.
 Managers and teachers should have power to withhold children from examination.
 Individual examination and the standard system should be abolished.

QUESTION 5 (C.)—CHANGES DESIRED IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

Her Majesty's Inspectors have too much power; the reputation of teachers should not be in the hands of one man.
 The local authorities need pressure to make them enforce the Acts.
 The examination papers should be returned to the teachers with the schedules, soon after the examination.
 Teachers need more security of tenure.
 The inspectorate should be open to teachers.
 Her Majesty's Inspectors should not exceed the Code, should devote more time to the inspection, make more visits without notice, and show consideration for the circumstances of the school, and sympathy and patience in the examination.
 The pay of the Attendance Officer should depend on the average attendance; an Attendance Inspector is desirable.
 Teachers have too much clerical work.
 The Committee of Council should be permanent. There should be a Minister of Education.

QUESTION 18.—OBSTACLES TO ATTENDANCE.

The laxity of the authorities (School Attendance Committee, Magistrates, and Attendance Officers) is the principal cause.
 Indifference of parents, home duties, poverty, and fees, are also mentioned.

REMEDIES.

Her Majesty's Inspector should report annually on the subject of attendance, and on the work of the School Attendance Committee.
 The local authorities should be compelled to do their duty, and the Attendance Officers should be more strict.
 The fines of parents should be increased.
 The School Attendance Committee or Board should pay the fees of poor children instead of Guardians.
 Rewards and prizes would stimulate attendance.

QUESTION 10. (D. 2.)

Art. 109 is satisfied by example, precept, moral training, religious instruction, encouragement, rewards, punishment, and general supervision.
 Her Majesty's Inspector observes the appearance, discipline, behaviour, and general tone at his annual visit, and his reports on discipline prove that he is satisfied.

BIRKENHEAD.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total No. of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report, 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the ACTS to Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.*		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
25	18	36	18	10	25	11	9	5	Some in 7 Departments.

* Four answers qualify the "Yes." The complaints are of severity or unfitness for poor and dull children.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Superannuation.			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	Number.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
28	4	3	13	1	10	2	36	—	—	1

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
16	17	8	12	11	2	£ s. d. 27 10 0	Cost; time; room; teacher; apparatus.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given.*			Religious Instruction given.			Registers marked.			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	Not at all.	No reply.	By Teachers.	By other persons as well as Teachers.	Throughout the School at the same time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
35	1	—	36	10†	35	3	26	5	A few in 4 departments.

* Scripture reading with explanations in most departments, except infants, one reading without explanation five minutes; Prayers and Hymns a few minutes.

† Clergy.

Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.†			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. ‡	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
6	28	—	22	14	12	24	17	12	19	21

† Two answers approve of the Code, but not of the Acts.

‡ 15 books, 1 drill, 1 calisthenics and cookery.

Superannuation.							Conscience Clause.			
providing Means: Contributions by—						Scheme should be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.	
Teacher, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.			
27	8	—	—	—	—	34	—	6 in 3 departments.	None.	

—	Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a).				Compulsion applied.			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.					
The recommendations vary between	11 and 14	12 and 15	3 and 5	4 and 7	5	2	29	10	22
The most frequent are	11	13 and 14	4	5					

(a.) A few disapprove of half time; some have no experience. The age limit is preferred by some to a standard limit.

Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Schools.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
5	23	13	Slight.	29*	1	32	33	16	16

* 26 by Diocesan Inspector.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

WEST HAM.

SUMMARY of MAIN POINTS in the ANSWERS to QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

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QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(a) IN THE ACTS ?

There is an *almost universal request* that the compulsory powers of the Acts should be made uniform throughout the country, and that they should be enforced.

There are a *few requests* that the age and standard of exemption be raised; that cumulative voting be abolished; that the Acts should be combined into one; that private schools be placed under control.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(b) IN THE CODE ?

Payment by results and merit grant should be abolished, and a larger grant paid on average attendance.

The examination of half-timers should be distinct from, and easier than that of full-timers.

The arithmetic should be simplified; grammar, needlework, and geography made easier; and sewing for infant boys abolished.

The 22 weeks' rule should be abolished, and a child's name be removed from the register after six weeks' absence.

There should be fewer reading books, and spelling should be easier.

Irregular children should be withheld from examination.

The work of the upper standards should be simplified, and there should be free choice of class subjects.

Individual examination should be abolished.

Poor schools and dull children should be treated with leniency.

The work of girls should be simplified.

There should be full liberty of classification.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, DO YOU DESIRE—(c) IN THE ADMINISTRATION ?

The extra subjects should be taught less according to the whims of the Inspector.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should show more consideration and sympathy for the children and teachers.

Her Majesty's Inspector should have less discretionary power, and the teachers much more.

The minimum staff should be raised, and an adequate staff insisted upon.

The local authorities and magistrates need pressure to make them carry out the Acts.

There is great want of uniformity among Inspectors, and they are frequently unpunctual on the day of examination.

There should be more visits without notice.

Her Majesty's Inspectors should be selected from experienced teachers.

QUESTION 18.—OBSTACLES TO ATTENDANCE.

The indifference, ignorance, and poverty of parents; the migratory character of the population; home duties; fees; sickness; intemperance; employment of boys by small shopkeepers; the want of boots and clothes in bad weather; the leniency of magistrates; half-time; the byelaws; the slow action of the Board; truancy.

REMEDIES.

Enforce compulsion; compel magistrates to carry out the Acts; fine employers of children who should be at school; let the Education Department frame the byelaws; make school attractive, and not a place of cram; remit fees; give prizes; compel men to support their families; abolish fees; allow no half-time on easy terms; inflict corporal punishment.

QUESTION 10.—(D. 2.)

Article 109 is satisfied by religious and moral training, example, personal influence, precept, supervision, rewards, and punishments.

Her Majesty's Inspector, as a rule, asks no questions, but satisfies himself by observing the order, discipline, general behaviour and tone, on the day of examination, and at his visits without notice.

The answers from the West Ham District, for the most part, follow the lines of a printed circular issued by the South Essex Teachers' Association.)

WEST HAM.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total No. of Schools receiving Annual Grants.	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children.		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.*	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
25	22	53	39	23	30	20	16	10	Some in 15 Departments.

* With some qualifications.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Superannuation.			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	Number.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
52	1	—	3	—	3	—	49	2	—	8

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or Use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
3	43	10	12	16	16	Taught at centre provided by the board (charge 1d. per lesson).	Time; accommodation.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given.	Religious Instruction given			Registers marked.			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
	By Teachers.	By other Persons as well as Teachers.	Throughout the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
Daily.*							
53	53	2†	53	—	5	48	Some in 8 departments.

* The religious instruction (which includes reading Holy Scripture with explanation, except in infant schools) occupies from 30 to 40 minutes in most schools. Hymns and prayers occupy an additional 5 or 10 minutes each.

† Clergy.

Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.†			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No. reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras. ‡	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.§	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
19	13	6	5	48	25	28	18	22	18	23

† Eight answers are satisfied with the administration of the *Code*, but not of the *Acts*: seven of the *Acts* but not of the *Code*.

‡ 16 home lesson and exercise books, 2 cookery.

§ By a few, mostly cases of poverty.

Superannuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means : Contributions by—						Scheme should be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teacher, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not Stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
1	1	4	2	28	5	38	11	51 in 12 Depts.	None.

Recommendations respecting Exemption from School (a.)						Compulsion applied.			Has attendance improved during Past Three years.	
	Age.		Standard.		Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.	
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Partial.	Total.						
The recommendations vary from - - - - -	11 to 15	12 to 14	3 to 5	4 to 7	13	19	21	17	36	
The most frequent are	13	14	4	5						

(a.) Some disapprove of half time; a few have no experience of it. A standard limit only is preferred by some.

Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given.		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire§		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With School.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments.	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
7	46	1	Slight.	58†	38 in 5 Depts.	46	46	32	15

† 4 by Diocesan Inspector; 47 by Board Inspector.

§ Some are said to be indifferent.

HEAD TEACHERS' RETURN.

WARWICKSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS IN THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS 1, 5, 18, 19 (D. 1).

(The remarks are arranged in each section in the order of frequency; the first are numerous, the last occur only a few times.)

QUESTION 1.—IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE EDUCATION ACTS WHICH HINDERS THE SATISFACTORY EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SCHOOL?

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(A.) IN THE ACTS?

There is a *general complaint* that compulsion is a complete failure and a "dead letter." The magistrates will not convict. The members of small boards, in order that they may retain their seats, do not enforce the Act. The attendance officers are inefficient, and have districts much too large. Parents take no notice of them, and the local authorities do not support them. The slowness of procedure renders prosecution futile. A boy illegally employed may earn 4s. a week for two or three months before the case is decided, his parents are then fined 2s. 6d. There should be special courts for cases under the Education Acts.

Half time should be abolished, and the byelaws should be uniform; heavier fines should be imposed, and enforced quickly; the employers of children under the legal age should be severely punished; the age and standard of exemption should be raised.

Some better mode of paying the fees of poor children and of those whose parents are suffering from depression should be found; parents have to appear before guardians, and submit to severe questioning; those who most need the aid will not apply; the present system tends to destroy their self-respect.

Education should be free.

Voluntary schools should be placed on the same footing as board schools by being allowed a fair share of the rates.

The Acts should be consolidated.

The following suggestions occur a few times :—

Compulsion should commence at an earlier age; children should be encouraged to attend school between three and five years of age; parents whose children do not make a fixed number of attendances annually should be fined; the school board area should be enlarged, and schools should not be rated.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(B.) IN THE CODE?

Payment by results, the merit grant, and the 17s. 6d. limit should be abolished, and a larger fixed grant be paid on average attendance.

There should be perfect liberty of classification; the 22 weeks' system should be abolished.

Arithmetic is too difficult and puzzling, and too many reading books are required.

The requirements in grammar are too great, and cause a waste of time; the needlework schedule is unreasonable; the work of the upper standards generally is too exacting; and the examination in spelling is too severe.

Country schools should be treated with greater leniency; they are heavily handicapped as to staff resources and the circumstances of the children; much less should be required from dull, poor, and under-fed children.

There should be more class and less individual examination, at all events for the lower standards.

The standard and per-centage system should be abolished, it leads to cramming in an attempt to secure a dead level, and it does not conduce to sound education; the bright children are neglected in order to drive the unintellectual through the standards. The labour wears out the teachers, and causes a distaste for books and a dislike of school in the children; the Code is too narrow and rigid; real training demands greater breadth of view.

Teachers should be at liberty to withhold children from examination or to re-present them in the same standards.

There should be no restraint on the choice of class subjects.

The following occur less frequently :—

Allowance should be made for the effects of bad weather on the attendance.

Geography should be simplified; the work of girls reduced; dictation should be taken from the Literary Reader; the teacher should take part in the examination; drawing should be placed under the Science and Art Department; infant boys should not be taught sewing; and there should be a separate syllabus for infants, with a simpler examination.

Half-timers should have a separate Code; the Code and labour pass be assimilated; overtime in school be prohibited; irregular children be refused examination; the full grant earned should be paid; a full grant should be paid if 75 per cent. pass.

There should be fewer changes in the Code; children should be required to attend school in their own *school* district; modern languages should be taught; singing and composition should be simplified; names of children absent six weeks should be removed from the register; corporal punishment should be allowed.

QUESTION 5.—WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU DESIRE—(C.) IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

Pressure should be put upon magistrates, school boards, and attendance committees to make them enforce the Acts.

There should be greater uniformity in the method and standards of examination; Her Majesty's Inspectors should be appointed from the body of experienced teachers; they should not exceed the limits of the Code and their instructions; the examination should be less hurried and puzzling; they should show consideration for the difficulties of the teachers and the circumstances of the locality, be more sympathising with the children, have less authority, and make more visits without notice.

Teachers ought to have security of tenure; capricious dismissal may ruin them, and fear of it is a constant anxiety.

There should be a responsible Minister of Education, and a court of appeal.
 The age qualification for Inspector's Assistants should be raised, and the salary increased.
 The minimum staff should be increased, and insisted upon.
 Attendance officers should be more numerous and more efficient.
 Examination papers should be returned; pupil teachers should have a larger choice of questions, and the results of their examination should be made known sooner.

The following occur less frequently :—

The endorsement of certificates should be discontinued; second year pupil teachers should be allowed to mark registers; teachers should have fixed salaries, pensions, and no work out of school.

The Education Department *should* carry out compulsion, employ police, place power of compulsion in the hands of managers, the attendance officers should enforce it irrespective of parish.

QUESTION 18.

The OBSTACLES to regular attendance are stated to be :—The ignorance, indifference, and thriftlessness of parents; inefficient compulsion; apathy of school boards and attendance committees; reluctance of magistrates to convict; smallness of the fines and inefficiency of attendance officers; cumbrous machinery of prosecution; child labour; field work; home duties; poverty; depression of trade; weather; sickness; bad roads; distance; fees; half-time; frequent changes of locality.

The REMEDIES suggested are :—Decided methods of compulsion, to be carried out by able and appreciative agents; energetic school boards and attendance committees; more vigilant and better paid officers, with smaller districts; more speedy and sure punishment; heavier fines; uniform byelaws; labour certificate to be obtained only by certified regular attendance for five years or by passing 5th Standard; rewards; prizes; free education; remission of part of fees for regular attendance; abolition of half-time; severe punishment for employment of child labour; more attraction and less distraction in school work; persuasion; provision of food and clothing for poor children; payment of fees by boards of managers instead of guardians.

QUESTION 10 (D. 2).

Article 109 is satisfied by moral lessons, religious instruction, example, precept, frequent exhortation, conduct marks, rewards, admonition, punishment, by using every opportunity to inculcate higher motives and a good moral tone.

Many find difficulty in answering the latter part of this question, some state that Her Majesty's Inspector does not ask questions, but forms his opinion by observing the conduct, order, manner, general tone and discipline at his visits.

WARWICK.

CIRCULAR D. 1.—(HEAD TEACHERS.)

Total Number of Schools receiving Annual Grants. (Appendix to Report 1884-5.)	Schools which have sent in Returns.	Departments (with Head Teachers) in those Schools.	Complaints of Hindrances in the Acts to the Satisfactory Education.	Course prescribed by Code suited to Children (a).		Cases of Overwork.			
				Yes.	No.	Total Number of Departments.	Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Scholars.
375	315	468	206	264	188	153	96	61	Some in 92 Departments.

(a.) Many answers are qualified "fairly," "for regular bright children," "not for dull," "not for country," &c.

Departments adequately supplied with Appliances.			Schools (Departments) which have sustained a Diminution of Grant under 17s. 6d. Limit.				Super-			
Yes.	Fairly.	No.	No.	Loss borne by			Approved.		Mode of	
				Teacher.	Committee.	Both.	Yes.	No.	Teacher only.	Teacher and State.
395	37	15	69	2	48	19	408	9	36	70

Does present System of Education tend to indispose or unfit Children for Manual Employment.		Departments which approve of Practical Instruction.			Cookery taught.		
Yes.	No.	Industries or use of Tools.	Domestic Duties (Girls).	Cookery.	Departments.	Cost.	Difficulties.
51	376	66	149	165	27	Not stated.	Time; expense; accommodation; convenience; apparatus; teacher; girls leave too young; excessive requirements of the Code.

CIRCULAR D. 2.

Departments in which Religious Instruction is given (a).			Religious Instruction given			Registers marked			Children habitually absent from Religious Teaching.
Daily.	Not at all.	No Reply.	By Teacher.	By other Persons as well as Teacher (b).	Throughout the School at the same Time.	Before Religious Teaching.	After Religious Teaching.	Both before and after Religious Teaching.	
418	48	2	418	158	412	25	333	91	Some in 34 departments.

(a.) 297 senior departments read Holy Scriptures daily, with explanation, 50 without explanation; 407 departments devote a few minutes to hymns and prayers.
 (b.) 145 ministers of religion.

4			6		7					
Satisfied with Administration of Acts and Code.			Salaries.		Fees.					
Yes.	No.	No reply.	Fixed.	Dependent on Fees and Grant.	Paid without Difficulty.		Extras.†	Departments in which objection has been made to Fees or Extras by some Parents.	Departments in which Charge is made for Books.	Replies preferring One Fee to cover all Charges.
					Yes.	No.				
142*	188	88	193	266	299	157	147	158	288	228

* Besides these, 50 are satisfied with the administration of the Code, but not of the Acts.

† Copy and exercise books, slates, &c., 1 French, 1 cleaning, 1 firing.

11						12			
annuation.						Conscience Clause.			
providing Means : Contributions by—						Should Scheme be		Children withdrawn.	Complaints of Violation.
Teachers, State, and Managers (part Grant).	Teachers and Managers.	State only.	Managers only.	State and Managers.	Not stated.	Compulsory.	Optional.		
114	16	71	16	41	44	271	100	123 in 30 departments.	None.

15 and 16						17			18					
Recommendations respecting Exemption from School.†						Compulsion applied.			Has Attendance improved during past Three Years.					
Age.						Standard.			Fairly and effectively.	Fairly only.	Neither.	Yes.	No.	
Full Time.		Half Time.		Partial.	Total.									
The recommendations vary between						10 and 14	12 and 15.	3 and 5	4 and 7	61	116	274	273	167
The most frequent are						18	14	4	5					

† Many are strongly opposed to half-time; others do not answer the questions on partial exemption.

5		6		7		8		9	
Religious Instruction of Pupil Teachers given		Time for Religious Teaching encroached upon when Government Inspection is pending.		Examination of Religious Teaching.		Departments in which it is stated Parents desire		Departments satisfied with Encouragement given by State to Moral Training.	
With Scholars.	Separately.	Departments.	Extent.	No. of Departments. (c)	Children withdrawn.	Religious Training.	Moral Training.	Yes.	No.
22	198	152	Slight.	348	108 in 22 departments.	411	422	263	165

(c) In 309 cases by Diocesan Inspector yearly; examination occupies 2 to 3 hours.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.)

For 155 selected Districts (125 Boroughs and Towns, and 30 Unions) contrasting:—

I. Small and Large Schools.

II. Voluntary and Board Schools.

Compiled from the Statistics collected by the Education Department for the Year 1884-5, and from Replies given by Managers and Boards to Circular B. The latter refer to the year 1887.

(The Rate of Grant per head and the Cost per head in Average Attendance are calculated on schools only for which the Returns and Examinations are given for 12 months. The Income and Cost are for the same period, except when otherwise stated.)

(The Board Schools indicated in the central column to be throughout grouped separately from the Voluntary Schools in the same places.)

Voluntary Schools (1) Where there are no Boards, or (2) Boards without Board Schools.	Voluntary and Board Schools where there are Boards.	Board Schools only, under Boards.	Voluntary Schools (1) Where there are no Boards, or (2) Boards without Board Schools.	Voluntary and Board Schools where there are Boards.	Board Schools only, under Boards.
I.—LANCASHIRE.			X.—BEDFORDSHIRE.		
Accrington. (2) Ashton-under- Lyne. (2) Burnley. Preston. Warrington. (2) Wigan.	Barrow-in-Fur- ness. Bolton. Liverpool. Manchester. Oldham.		Bedford. Dunstable.	Luton.	
II.—CHESHIRE.			XI.—BERKS.		
Birkenhead. Chester. Crewe. (2) Dukinfield. Stockport.			Maidenhead. Newbury.	Reading.	
III.—YORKSHIRE.			XIV.—SOMERSET.		
Beverley. Doncaster. Pontefract. York.	Bradford. Huddersfield. Hull. Leeds. Middlesborough. Sheffield. Wakefield. Scarborough.		Clevedon. Frome. Taunton.	Bath. Bristol.	Wedmore. Yeovil.
IV.—DURHAM.			XV.—DEVONSHIRE.		
Barnard Castle. Bishop Auckland. Monkwearmouth (part of Sunder- land).	Darlington. S. Shields. Sunderland. [Newcastle].* Hedworth, Monckton, and Jarrow.		(2) Barnstaple. Torquay.	Bideford. Exeter. Plymouth. Tiverton.	
V.—STAFFORDSHIRE.			XVI.—WILTSHIRE.		
Bilston. (2) Darlaston. Leek. (2) Stafford.	Burton-on-Trent. Stoke-upon-Trent. Walsall. Wolverhampton. [Dudley].*		Chippenham. Devizes. (2) Salisbury. Trowbridge.	Swindon.	
VI.—WARWICKSHIRE.			XVII.—WORCESTERSHIRE.		
Rugby.	Birmingham. Coventry. Leamington.		Malvern. Malvern Link. } Oldbury.	Kidderminster. Bromsgrove. Worcester.	King's Norton.
VII.—DERBYSHIRE.			XVIII.—HAMPSHIRE.		
Glossop.	Derby. Chesterfield. Ilkeston.		Winchester. Portsea (part of Portsmouth).	Southampton.	Portsmouth.
VIII.—LEICESTERSHIRE.			XIX.—OXFORD.		
Ashby (included in Unions).	Leicester. Loughborough. Hinckley.		(2) Oxford. Witney.		
IX.—NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			XX.—SUSSEX AND KENT.		
Mansfield. Worksop.	Newark. Nottingham. Retford.		Chatham. Chichester. Eastbourne. (2) Maidstone. Tunbridge Wells. Worthing.	Brighton. Folkestone.	
X.—LANCASHIRE.			XXI.—EASTERN COUNTIES.		
II.—CHESHIRE.			(ESSEX, SUFFOLK, NORFOLK, LINCOLN.)		
III.—YORKSHIRE.			XXII.—NORTHERN COUNTIES.		
IV.—DURHAM.			XXIII.—WALES.		
V.—STAFFORDSHIRE.			Caernarthen.		
VI.—WARWICKSHIRE.			Caernarvon.		
VII.—DERBYSHIRE.			Cardiff.		
VIII.—LEICESTERSHIRE.			Haverfordwest.		
IX.—NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			Llanidloes.		
X.—LANCASHIRE.			Merthyr Tydfil.		
II.—CHESHIRE.			Swansea.		
III.—YORKSHIRE.			North Shields (in		
IV.—DURHAM.			Tynemouth Board).		
V.—STAFFORDSHIRE.			Kendal.		
VI.—WARWICKSHIRE.			Penrith.		
VII.—DERBYSHIRE.			Carlisle.		
VIII.—LEICESTERSHIRE.			Alston.		
IX.—NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			Presteign.		

* Placed in connexion with the foregoing groups, although just out of the county, because belonging naturally to the same class.

Nantwich Union.	CHEESHIRE.	Midhurst Union.	SUSSEX.
Shrewsbury and Atcham Union.	SALOP.	Newton Abbott Union.	N. DEVON.
Chester-le-Street Union.	DURHAM.	(St. Ives) Penzance Union.	CORNWALL.
Guisboro' Union.	YORK, N.R.	Redruth Union.	LINCOLNSHIRE.
Northallerton Union.	YORK, N.R. AND E.R.	Holbeach Union.	BRIGG UNION.
Malton Union.	NORTHUMBERLAND.	Amesbury Union.	WILTSHIRE.
Glendale Union.	ANGLESEA.	Maidstone Union.	KENT.
Anglesea Union.	SURREY.	Leominster Union.	HEREFORDSHIRE.
Kingston Union.	DORSET.	Thetford Union.	NORFOLK.
Wimborne Union.	BUCKS.	Wells (Walsingham Union).	SOUTH WALES.
Aylesbury Union.	HANTS.	Rhondda Valley (Pontypridd Union).	LANCASHIRE.
Andover Union.	ESSEX.	Chorley Union.	LEICESTERSHIRE.
Chelmsford Union.	HERTFORD.	Ashby-de-la-Zouch Union.	MERIONETHSHIRE.
Hitchin Union.	WARWICK.	Macylleth Union.	
Stratford-on-Avon Union.			

Circular B (1)
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS AND
SCHOOL BOARDS.

(COMPARATIVE RETURN.)

To Managers of Voluntary Schools, and to School Boards.

in the county of
School Board of (or)
School Attendance Committee of }

*school
and in the district of the

N.B.—You are requested to confine your answers as much as possible within the space after each question.

1. For how many hours a week are the pupil teachers instructed? where? and by whom? in school or in classes? From whom do they receive religious instruction? How much time do they give to private study?
2. If any part of the voluntary contributions is drawn from a voluntary rate, state amount and rate per £.
4. At the last inspection was drawing taught? How many papers were taken? What grant was given? Are models used?
5. What is the fee charged per week? If it is variable, state to what extent and for what reason. Is it paid without difficulty? Is it remitted, or cancelled?
6. What was the school rate in the £ last year? What were the parochial rates for the last year, not including gas or water?
7. By whom is the religious instruction given? How many scholars were withdrawn from it, either wholly or in part?
8. To what extent do the children learn home lessons?
9. Have you any observations to make on the working of the Education Acts or of the Code?
10. What is the character of the population—Dense or sparse?
11. Accommodation of the school. Dimensions of various rooms.
15. Standard of exemption for half-time.
16. Standard of total exemption.
17. Give the staff and its composition (with respective salaries) of—
 - i. Head teachers—
 - (a.) Trained.
 - (b.) Untrained.
 - ii. Assistant teachers—
 - (a.) Certificated—
 - (α) Trained.
 - (β) Untrained.
 - (b.) Uncertificated—
 - (α) Ex-pupil teachers.
 - (β) With no recognised qualification.
 - iii. Pupil teachers and candidates.
 - iv. Female assistants, Article 84.
 - v. Paid monitors.
18. If a house is provided for any of the teachers, what is its estimated annual value?
20. For what number was exemption from examination asked? What number was allowed by the inspector?
25. To how many girls was cookery taught, and what grant was earned?
26. What deduction, if any, was made from last year's grant—
 - (a.) On account of the 17s. 6d. grant?
 - (b.) On account of faults of discipline or of instruction? or
 - (c.) On account of deficiency in total resources?
 - (d.) Of staff?

Name in full and designation }
of correspondent }
Address
Post town

Answers to other questions relating to your schools (but omitted from this form) on which the Commissioners desire to obtain information will be taken from the returns made to the Education Department, for the year ending 31st August 1885.

* It is requested that the class, National, British, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Undenominational, as well as the local name of the school, may be specified.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

ACCRINGTON (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	16	8,846	4,518	—	£ 4,017	£ —	£ 755	£ 3,288
	Total	17	9,067	4,546	71	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d.	£	£ s. d.	With no voluntary contributions		
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.		
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.		
				(New) no Returns		
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Mentors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.						
Voluntary	3,172	8	1	3	3	5	T. 17	U. 6	T. 1	U. 7	22	32	1	10
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 21 principal rooms there are 10 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.
 Out of 44 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6½ feet, and 7 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	17	9,942	6,791	4,843	72	£ 4,205	£ —	£ 894	£ 4,088*
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 4½	£ 8,945	£ s. d. 1 16 11½	With no voluntary contributions -	2	1,186
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	10	2,365
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	5	1,342
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 15 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		Hours per Week.					Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
		5.	6.	7½.	7¾.	8.				Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	4,452	7	1	2	1	1	8	5	T. 15	U. 10	T. 11	U. 16	34	37	6	5
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 84 principal rooms there are 27 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 65 feet.

Out of 58 class-rooms there are 26 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BURNLEY (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	20	11,076	10,471	7,006	—	£ 6,638	—	£ 1,096	£ 6,054
	Total -	21	11,420	10,650	7,114	67	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions	2	468
	19 3	14,182*	2 0 5½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	14	5,815
	—	—	—	Voluntary contributions over 5s.	5	836
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	9.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Cer-tificated.	Not cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	2,795	4	2	3	1	3	5	T. 8	U. 8	T. 2	U. 15	16	29	1	6
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 19 principal rooms there are 10 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 64.

Out of 36 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

PRESTON (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 800 -	16	2,594	<i>s. d.</i> 17 0½	<i>s. d.</i> 33 1	1,524	90
" " 300 and over -	20	11,491	19 10½	39 5	8,233	94
Total - - - -	36	14,085	19 4½	38 8	9,757	93
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - - -	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subjects.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	4	18	8	1	9	6	—	15	1	15	—	33	—
300 and over -	2	24	32	—	4	32	—	36	—	36	—	396	11
Total - - - -	6	42	40	1	13	38	—	51	1	51	—	429	11
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

PRESTON (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	36	27,884	19,733	14,085	71	£ 13,597	£ —	£ 2,821	£ 10,534
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 19 4½	£ 26,941	£ s. d. 1 18 3	With no voluntary contributions -	10	3,374
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	18	6,405
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	8	4,306
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 23 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	6.	7.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
									Cer-tificated.	Not cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	7,592	16	1	1	1	2	3	6	T. 36	U. 10	T. 24	U. 15	34	109	5	18
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 51 principal rooms there are 34 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 48½ feet.

Out of 89 class-rooms there are 25 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WARRINGTON (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	18	9,931	8,993	6,243	75	£ 5,015	£ —	£ 674	£ 5,211
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 17 3½	£ 11,193	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 15 10½	With no voluntary contributions -	3	1,039
				Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> -	13	4,742
				Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> -	2	462
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers, Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6½.	6¾.	12.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.	Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	4,457	6	2	1	1	3	5	T. 19	U. 3	T. 16	U. 6	33	52	1	12
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 26 principal rooms there are 19 above 25 feet in width the widest, being 36 feet.

Out of 42 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WIGAN (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	16	10,692	8,836	6,344	72	£ 5,386	£ —	£ 1,298	£ 3,524
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 6½	£ 10,179	£ s. d. 1 12 1	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	10	4,329
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	6	2,015
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers, Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7.	10.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	4,655	5	2	5	2	4	T. 20	U. 5	T. 8	U. 11	29	58	2	6
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 29 principal rooms there are 13 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 48½ feet.

Out of 45 class-rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.*

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	378	<i>s. d.</i> 21 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 43 4½	260	87
„ „ 300 and over -	4	2,303	24 1	88 10¼	1,544	87
Total -	7	2,681	23 8½	39 6	1,804	87
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	693	<i>s. d.</i> 28 4¾	<i>s. d.</i> 63 3¾	639	83
„ „ 300 and over -	5	3,475	22 1¾	42 10¾	2,450	83
Total -	10	4,168	22 4¼	46 3½	3,089	83

* All the Returns are for more than a year (14 to 18 months).

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	3	—	1	1	—	1	2	1	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	5	3	1	2	2	2	4	2	6	—	71	—
Total	3	8	3	2	3	2	3	6	3	8	—	71	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	1	3	2	3	4	—	7	—	7	—	61	30
300 and over -	1	8	8	8	4	6	4	13	1	14	—	50	145
Total	3	9	11	5	7	10	4	20	1	21	—	111	175

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.*

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	7	3,053	3,256	2,681	82	£ 3,481	£ —	£ 161	£ 2,380
Board schools -	10	6,014	5,436	4,168	77	6,718	990	—	3,719

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	£ s. d. 1 3 8½	£ 5,294	£ s. d. 1 19 6	With no voluntary contributions -	4	1,524
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	3	1,157
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
Board schools -	1 2 4½	9,646	2 6 3½	—	—	—

* All the Returns are for more than a year (14-18 months).

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY and 10 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6¾.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	1,765	2	—	1	1	2	5	T. 9	U. —	T. 5	U. 4	4	10	1	5
Board	4,168	—	9	—	—	2	5	22	2	6	7	33	41	3	7

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 10 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 27½ feet.

Out of 14 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 29 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 33½ feet.

Out of 52 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BOLTON (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	2,214	<i>s. d.</i> 17 9	<i>s. d.</i> 39 5½	1,577	89
" " 300 and over -	16	7,675	18 7½	38 1	5,989	92
Total -	25	9,889	18 5	38 4¼	7,566	92
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	8	1,564	<i>s. d.</i> 20 7½	<i>s. d.</i> 56 6½	1,106	95
" " 300 and over -	10	5,362	21 5¼	44 7¼	3,951	95
Total -	18	6,926	21 3½	47 4	5,057	95

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	5	9	4	—	3	5	1	7	2	9	—	129	—	
300 and over -	3	22	16	—	4	16	1	17	4	21	3	61	—	
Total -	8	31	20	—	7	21	2	24	6	30	3	190	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	1	6	6	—	1	6	—	6	1	7	—	377	—	
300 and over -	—	8	12	—	2	8	—	10	—	10	—	153	—	
Total -	1	14	18	—	3	14	—	16	1	17	—	530	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BOLTON (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	25	17,361	12,922	9,889	77	£ 9,246	£ —	£ 2,834	£ 6,454
Board schools -	18	10,295	9,121	6,926	76	6,813	4,400	—	4,725

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.			
Voluntary schools	0 18 5	18,984	1 18 4½	With no voluntary contributions	2	487
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	10	5,062
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	18	4,340
Board schools -	1 1 3½	16,394	2 7 4	---	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 21 VOLUNTARY and 16 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers, Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7½.	10.	10½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	8,850	12	1	1	2	1	3	3 and 4	4 and 6	T. 38	U. 12	T. 14	U. 23	70	90	8	15
Board	6,625	18	3	—	1	—	—	3 and 4	4 and 6	22	5	19	34	57	63	2	8

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 54 principal rooms there are 41 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 61 feet.

Out of 74 class-rooms there are 23 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 5 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 35 principal rooms there are 25 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 52 feet.

Out of 83 class-rooms there are 17 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

LIVERPOOL (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	16	3,271	<i>s. d.</i> 15 8½	<i>s. d.</i> 37 10½	2,324	82
" " 300 and over -	71	44,867	17 6½	32 5	30,560	81
Total - - -	87	48,138	17 5	32 9½	32,884	81
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	368	<i>s. d.</i> 17 6½	<i>s. d.</i> 42 3½	191	96
" " 300 and over -	18	16,764	19 7½	43 2	11,164	94
Total - - -	20	17,127	19 8	43 1¼	11,355	94

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	19	7	2	2	9	10	—	17	1	19	—	—	—
300 and over -	46	137	24	1	20	124	1	144	1	145	—	899	193
Total - - -	65	144	26	3	29	134	1	161	2	164	—	899	193
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	3	1	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	4
300 and over -	3	36	36	—	3	53	—	56	—	56	—	1,473	407
Total - - -	3	39	37	—	4	54	—	58	—	58	—	1,473	411

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LIVERPOOL (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	86	65,335	61,286	47,936	—	£ 39,926	—	£ 6,436	£ 31,205
	Total -	87	65,712	61,584	48,138	78	—	—	—	—
Board	12 mos.	19	18,919	19,237	16,177	—	14,989	8,382	—	10,955
	Total -	20	20,053	20,554	17,127	83	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions -	5	2,946
	17 5	79,041	1 12 9½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	62	38,451
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	19	6,539
				No Returns -	1	202
Board schools	19 8	36,583	2 3 1½		—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 62 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.											Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	6¾.	7.	7½.	8.	9.	10.	14½. †	‡	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
															T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	32,833	41	6	2	4	5	1	2	1	6	2	18	3, 4, and 5	4 and 5	T. 120	U. 54	T. 74	U. 126	234	342	12	52
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

† At Practising School.

‡ At P.T. Centre about 6 hours additional.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 176 principal rooms there are 89 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 46 feet.

Out of 200 class-rooms there are 60 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

No Returns, although twice applied for.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

MANCHESTER (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	39	7,060	<i>s. d.</i> 16 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	<i>s. d.</i> 37 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	4,228	90
" " 300 and over -	41	20,675	17 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	35 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,164	91
Total - - -	80	27,735	17 8	35 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	18,392	91
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	14	2,773	<i>s. d.</i> 18 2	<i>s. d.</i> 46 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,804	92
" " 300 and over -	31	20,353	18 8	38 3	15,319	92
Total - - -	45	23,126	18 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	39 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	17,123	92

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	16	39	12	3	9	26	2	32	2	37	1	51	—
300 and over -	20	63	34	—	7	67	1	72	—	75	—	413	—
Total - - -	36	102	46	3	16	93	3	104	2	112	1	464	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	15	10	—	3	11	—	11	—	14	2	41	—
300 and over -	1	53	48	—	5	68	—	73	—	73	—	1,073	—
Total - - -	3	68	58	—	8	79	—	84	—	87	2	1,114	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MANCHESTER (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	80	46,160	37,958	27,735	73	£ 23,453	£ —	£ 7,735	£ 17,852
Board schools -	45	29,929	31,538	23,126	73	19,863	8,254	—	16,785

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 8	£ 49,643	£ s. d. 1 15 9½	With no voluntary contributions -	7	2,132
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	39	14,013
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	34	11,585
Board schools -	18 7½	45,254	1 19 1¾	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 64 VOLUNTARY and 46 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.												Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*								
		5.	5½.	6.	6½.	6¾.	7.	7½.	8.	9.	10.	12.	13.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.			
																	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.						
Voluntary	22,768	24	1	13	1	1	1	2	6	1	2	2	1	3	3	5	T. 75	U. 62	T. 16	U. 72	151	268	20	112
Board	23,126	—	—	43	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			T. 52	U. 66	21	90	162	327	—	79

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 147 principal rooms there are 96 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 50 feet.

Out of 210 class-rooms there are 80 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6 feet, and 9 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 121 principal rooms there are 98 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 58 feet.

Out of 206 class-rooms there are 88 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

OLDHAM (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	24	4,809	<i>s. d.</i> 16 9½	<i>s. d.</i> 34 8	3,717	85
" " 300 and over -	18	8,044	17 8¾	33 11¼	6,054	87
Total -	42	12,853	17 4½	34 2½	9,771	86
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	580	<i>s. d.</i> 16 2	<i>s. d.</i> 46 0¼	437	81
" " 300 and over -	4	2,115	18 7½	33 3¼	1,661	88
Total -	7	2,695	18 3½	35 0¾	2,098	86

	Departments and Classes which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	19	16	9	1	13	9	1	16	4	23	—	—	—
300 and over -	10	20	12	—	9	15	—	20	2	24	—	—	—
Total -	29	36	21	1	22	24	1	36	6	47	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	3	1	—	3	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	6	2	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
Total -	2	9	3	—	3	4	—	7	—	7	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

OLDHAM (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	42	19,750	18,235	12,853	70	£ 10,375	£ —	£ 757	£ 10,959
Board -	12 months	6	2,924	2,604	—	2,029	818	—	1,492
	Total -	7	3,402	3,792	71	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 4½	£ 21,987	£ s. d. 1 14 2½	With no voluntary contributions -	21	6,735
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	16	4,861
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	5	1,257
Board schools -	18 3½	4,313	1 15 0¾	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 35 VOLUNTARY and 7 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6¼.	6½.	7.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary -	10,901	18	5	2	1	1	7	3	6	T.	U.	T.	U.	72	102	9	25
Board -	2,605	1	5	—	—	1	—			5		4	14	22	29	—	6

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 72 principal rooms there are 43 over 25 feet in width, the widest being 39½.
 Out of 99 class-rooms there are 52 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and 15 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 2 of 27 feet in width.
 Out of 46 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BIRKENHEAD (CHESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	8	1,545	s. d. 16 4½	s. d. 35 8¼	937	87
" " 300 and over	17	9,427	17 1½	32 5¼	6,904	88
Total	25	10,972	17 0¼	32 11	7,841	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	2	11	3	—	4	3	1	8	—	8	—	11	—
300 and over	12	26	17	—	10	25	2	36	—	37	—	49	71
Total	14	37	20	—	14	28	3	44	—	45	—	60	71
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BIRKENHEAD (CHESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	24	14,438	13,036	10,474	—	£ 8,005	£ —	£ 1,472	£ 7,289
	Total	25	15,416	13,878	10,972	79	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 0½	£ 17,245	£ s. d. 1 2 11	With no voluntary contributions	4	1,103
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	13	7,465
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	7	1,906
				No returns	1	498
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 18 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	7,485	14	1	3	4	5	T. 30	U. 19	T. 18	U. 18	58	77	3	17
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 52 principal rooms there are 21 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 41½ feet.

Out of 61 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHESTER (CHESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	23	8,092	5,938	4,855	82	£ 3,775	£ —	£ 1,300	£ 2,822
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 3½	£ . 8,065	£ s. d. 1 13 2½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	117
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	12	3,238
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	10	1,500
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 23 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	8½.	9.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
									T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary -	4,855	16	3	2	1	2	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	25	72	2	20
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 41 principal rooms there are 13 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 39 feet.
 Out of 46 class-rooms there are 17 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet; and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CREWE (CHESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	,726	4,708	3,831	81	£ 3,087	£ —	£ 262	£ 2,892
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 1	£ 6,168	£ s. d. 1 12 2	With no voluntary contributions -	3	1,842
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	5	1,893
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	96
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary -	3,523	4	1	1	2	4	5	T. 14	U. 5	T. 9	U. 4	13	43	3	7
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 19 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 33½ feet.
 Out of 29 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

The Returns for Crewe are also included in the Nantwich Union, of which it forms a part (pp. 254 and 255).

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

DUKINFIELD (CHESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	7	1,147	s. d. 15 11½	s. d. 33 1½	836	86
„ „ 300 and over -	8	1,246	17 6½	37 4	1,096	83
Total - - -	10	2,393	16 10	35 8	1,932	84
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—
„ „ 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - -	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	5	8	—	1	4	3	—	4	—	7	—	3	—
300 and over -	3	3	1	—	2	2	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
Total -	8	11	1	1	6	5	—	8	—	11	—	3	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DUKINFIELD (CHESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	10	4,278	3,720	2,393	64	£ 1,864	£ —	£ 218	£ 1,988
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 16 10	£ 4,269	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 15 8	With no voluntary contributions -	1	121
				Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> -	9	2,272
				Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> -	—	—
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 9 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	1,975	4	1	1	3	3, 4, and 5	T. 9	U. 5	T. 2	U. 4	14	17	—	5
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 33 feet.

Out of 16 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

STOCKPORT (CHESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of School.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Per-centage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	19	18,025	11,285	8,600	—	£ 7,856	£ —	£ 600	£ 8,215
	Total -	20	13,438	11,560	8,776	76	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions	4	1,686
	19 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	16,899	1 19 6	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	13	5,888
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	2	1,031
				No returns	1	176
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 19 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	13.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	8,161	10	1	1	2	1	2	5	T. 21	U. 18	T. 17	U. 29	65	78	1	13
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 42 principal rooms there are 29 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 46 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Out of 94 class-rooms there are 22 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BEVERLEY (YORKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	8	2,452	1,592	1,530	96	£ 1,214	£ —	£ 226	£ 946
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 0½	£ 2,758	£ s. d. 1 16 0½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 6 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 1	1 6 1	90 1,371 69
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5¼.	6.	7.	7½.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	1,530	3	1	1	1	3	1	3	4	T. 10	U. —	T. 2	U. 1	11	22	—	—
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 10 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 18 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DONCASTER (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	7	3,882	3,984	3,035	76	£ 2,398	£ —	£ 762	£ 1,992
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 8½	£ 4,907	£ s. d. 1 12 4	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	6	2,005
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	583
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 7 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	3,035	5	1	3	4	T. 10	U. 8	T. —	U. 6	20	44	1	25
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 22 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

- I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

PONTEFRAC (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	3	357	s. d. 13 1½	s. d. 29 6½	138	75
" " 300 and over	2	829	15 1½	35 3½	614	67
Total	5	1,186	14 6¼	33 6¾	752	68
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	s. d. —	s. d. —	—	—
300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
300 and over	2	3	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	3	—	7
Total	6	3	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	7
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

PONTEFRAC T (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	5	1,554	1,670	1,186	71	£ 1,029	£ —	£ 208	£ 682
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 14 6½	£ 1,990	£ s. d. 1 13 6½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	2	829
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	3	357
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	899	1	2	{ 3 4 }	{ 5 6 }	T. 5 U. 1	T. — U. —	8	12	1	1	
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 6 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.
Out of 9 class-rooms there is 1 13½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

YORK (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	23	9,458	8,455	6,342	—	£ 5,202	£ —	£ 783	£ 4,644
	Total	24	9,975	8,879	6,619	75	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions		
	16 6½	10,559	1 13 3½	—	2	560
				—	14	4,618
				—	7	1,164
Board schools	—	—	—	—	1	277

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 20 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers Hours per week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	5,362	17	1	3	5	T. 31	U. 10	T. 10	U. 10	41	75	3	26
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 46 principal rooms there are 12 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30½ feet.

Out of 58 class-rooms there are 14 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BRADFORD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5.)	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	20	3,696	s. d. 14 8	s. d. 33 6	2,569	74
" " 300 and over -	17	8,154	17 3½	35 7½	6,562	83
Total -	37	11,850	16 5½	34 11½	9,131	80
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	10	1,635	s. d. 17 3½	s. d. 49 10½	1,310	86
" " 300 and over -	22	13,359	18 10½	47 11½	10,466	88
Total -	32	14,994	18 8½	46 2	11,776	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	13	11	4	8	7	4	5	8	4	16	3	20	—	
300 and over -	20	14	9	1	10	14	2	23	2	26	—	19	—	
Total -	33	25	13	9	17	18	7	31	6	42	3	39	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	3	10	3	—	4	3	1	7	1	8	—	—	—	
300 and over -	11	29	20	3	11	27	5	33	5	43	—	332	—	
Total -	14	39	23	3	15	30	6	40	6	51	—	332	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS,

BRADFORD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	37	20,086	16,996	11,850	70	£ 10,220	£ —	£ 1,293	£ 8,920
Board schools	32	23,198	20,350	14,994	74	13,592	10,386	—	11,571

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 5½	£ 20,719	£ s. d. 1 14 11½	With no voluntary contributions	9	2,827
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	19	6,581
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	9	2,442
Board schools	18 8½	36,106	2 8 2	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 29 VOLUNTARY and 30 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.							Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	6	7	7½	9	10	15	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
												Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	2,513	14	3	3	3	1	1	—	3	6	T.	U.	T.	U.	83	93	9	29
Board	14,615	2	—	—	—	—	26	—			—	—	45	25				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 71 principal rooms there are 21 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 42 feet.
 Out of 110 class-rooms there are 33 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 72 principal rooms there are 48 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 45 feet.
 Out of 270 class-rooms there are 20 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

HUDDERSFIELD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	15	2,907	<i>s. d.</i> 17 9½	<i>s. d.</i> 85 8	1,946	88
„ „ 300 and over -	6	2,427	18 5½	87 10½	1,779	89
Total -	21	5,334	18 1½	86 8	3,725	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	373	<i>s. d.</i> 18 11½	<i>s. d.</i> 58 6	150	94
„ „ 300 and over -	11	7,091	19 9½	45 2½	4,863	91
Total -	14	7,464	19 9	45 10½	5,013	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	6	14	9	—	8	12	—	14	1	15	—	17	—
300 and over -	1	9	6	—	1	9	—	10	—	10	—	—	—
Total -	7	23	15	—	9	21	—	24	1	25	—	17	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	11	5
300 and over -	—	11	18	—	1	17	—	18	—	18	—	467	200
Total -	—	11	22	—	1	18	—	19	—	19	—	478	205

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

HUDDERSFIELD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	21	9,516	6,873	5,334	78	£ 4,453	£ —	£ 2,107	£ 3,172
Board schools -	14	10,068	9,002	7,464	83	6,850	5,321	—	4,619

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	<i>s. d.</i> 18 1½	£ 9,779	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 16 8	With no voluntary contributions - 2 Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - 8 Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 11	2 8 11	305 2,125 2,904
Board schools -	19 9	17,121	2 5 10½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 20 VOLUNTARY and 13 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		4	5	6	6½	10	10½	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	5,035	-	14	1	1	1	1	4	6	T.	U.	T.	U.	44	53	3	17
Board	7,402	13	18	-	-	-	-			T.	U.	T.	U.				
										22	17	1	14				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 44 principal rooms there are 11 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 61 feet.

Out of 63 class-rooms there are 21 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 36 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.

Out of 115 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

HULL (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	11	2,079.	<i>s. d.</i> 17 1	<i>s. d.</i> 39 8½	1,493	88
" " 300 and over -	11	5,795.	16 9½	30 8½	4,024	85
Total -	22	7,874	16 10½	33 1½	5,517	86
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	7	1,484	<i>s. d.</i> 15 6½	<i>s. d.</i> 36 4½	1,031	78
" " 300 and over -	19	13,095	17 1½	30 5½	8,736	87
Total -	26	14,579	16 11½	31 0½	9,767	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	7	9	6	—	4	7	—	9	—	11	—	3	—
300 and over -	6	22	4	—	9	10	3	22	—	22	—	155	—
Total -	13	31	10	—	13	17	3	31	—	33	—	158	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	6	5	—	1	4	3	—	7	—	7	—	8	38
300 and over -	14	37	6	—	9	25	4	38	—	38	—	530	1,077
Total -	20	42	6	1	13	28	4	45	—	45	—	538	1,115

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

HULL (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	22	12,540	10,024	7,374	79	£ 6,487	£ —	£ 1,243	£ 5,441
Board schools -	26	17,384	18,253	14,579	80	10,628	4,651	—	7,210

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	16 10½	13,031	1 13 1½	With no voluntary contributions -	6	2,172
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	9	3,970
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	7	1,732
Board schools -	16 11½	22,625	1 11 0½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 19 VOLUNTARY and 25 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		4	5	6	7½	8	15	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	6,725	1	12	8	1	1	3	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	33	106	4	14
Board	14,285	—	—	25	—	—	—			45	22	24	58	54	223	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 44 principal rooms there are 22 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 37 feet.

Out of 62 class-rooms there are 14 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 81 principal rooms there are 26 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.

Out of 163 class-rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

LEEDS (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	23	4,360	<i>s. d.</i> 15 7½	<i>s. d.</i> 36 10¼	2,976	79
" " 300 and over -	30	18,541	17 4¾	32 8¾	9,551	86
Total -	53	17,901	16 11½	33 8¾	12,527	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	1,887	<i>s. d.</i> 16 8	<i>s. d.</i> 45 9¼	971	87
" " 300 and over -	39	24,357	18 5¼	39 10	16,741	89
Total -	48	26,1	18 3¾	40 2¾	17,712	89

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	19	22	5	4	5	16	4	23	1	25	3	76	—
300 and over -	11	46	28	—	14	39	2	53	—	55	—	279	30
Total -	30	68	33	4	19	55	6	76	1	80	3	355	30
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	10	4	—	2	5	—	6	—	7	—	—	—
300 and over -	11	58	50	—	17	60	2	78	—	79	—	384	342
Total -	13	68	54	—	19	65	2	84	—	86	—	384	342

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LEEDS (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	58	27,351	24,275	17,901	74	£ 14,669	£ —	£ 3,396	£ 11,321
Board	{ 12 mos.	47	35,090	26,146	—	20,712	18,429	—	13,044
	{ Total -	48	35,137	35,497	26,194	74	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 11½	£ 30,196	£ s. d. 1 13 8½	With no voluntary contributions -	5	1,491
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	29	11,828
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	19	4,582
Board schools -	18 3½	52,593*	2 0 2½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*										
		2	5½	6	7	7½	9	24	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.				
												Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.							
Voluntary	12,179	1	26	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	4	5 and 6	T. 64	U. 24	T. 15	U. 80	75	151	8	37
Board	25,980	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5 and 6	T. 91	U. 44	91	104	120	586	3	7

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

FROM ANSWERS given by 38 VOLUNTARY and 47 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 99 principal rooms there are 35 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36½.

Out of 104 class-rooms there are 34 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 138 principal rooms there are 89 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 47 feet.

Out of 389 class-rooms there are 18 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I. CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

MIDDLESBOROUGH (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> — —	<i>s. d.</i> — —	—	—
„ „ 300 and over	6	4,376	17 5	30 0½	2,788	89
Total	6	4,376	17 5	30 0½	2,788	89
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	3	525	<i>s. d.</i> 16 8½	<i>s. d.</i> 37 4½	304	89
„ „ 300 and over	4	3,549	17 6½	32 4½	2,615	93
Total	7	4,074	17 5½	32 9½	2,919	92

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
					Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	1	12	4	—	3	8	—	9	—	11	—	44	—	—
Total	1	12	4	—	3	8	—	9	—	11	—	44	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	2	4	—	—	1	2	—	3	—	3	—	24	—	—
300 and over	—	8	5	—	1	8	—	9	—	9	—	—	—	—
Total	2	12	5	—	2	10	—	12	—	12	—	24	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II. CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MIDDLESBOROUGH (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary schools -	6	5,575	5,574	4,376	79	£ 3,529	£ —	£ 506.	£ 2,570	
Board -	12 mos.	6	4,778	5,080	3,917	—	3,195	1,127	—	2,069
	Total -	7	4,969	5,326	4,074	76	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 5	£ 6,567	£ s. d. 1 10 0½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	668
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	4	2,773
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	935
Board schools -	17 5½	6,428*	1 12 9½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 6 VOLUNTARY and 7 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	8.	9½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	4,376	—	3	1	2	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	28	30	5	24
Board -	4,074	5	1	—	—			T.	U.	T.	U.				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 9 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.
 Out of 36 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 33½ feet.
 Out of 57 class-rooms there is one 10 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I. CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SHEFFIELD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.		Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
			s.	d.	s.	d.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300 -	27	5,089	13	8½	32	3¼	3,580	71
" " 300 and over	22	11,150	15	9	32	5½	8,058	75
Total - - -	49	16,189	15	2	32	4¾	11,588	74
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	289	14	7½	50	9¾	189	71
" " 300 and over -	24	20,092	17	5	39	4	14,336	82
Total - - -	26	20,381	17	4½	39	6½	14,525	82

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	22	22	—	10	11	8	7	19	1	26	3	—	—
300 and over -	14	33	5	7	10	19	7	35	1	36	1	78	—
Total -	36	55	5	17	21	27	14	54	2	62	4	78	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	2	—	2	—	—	19
300 and over -	14	42	16	1	18	28	3	49	—	49	—	373	1,715
Total -	15	43	16	2	18	29	4	51	—	51	—	373	1,734

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II. CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SHEFFIELD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	44	22,877	20,970	14,650	—	£ 10,084	—	£ 2,630	£ 10,089
	Total	49	25,117	23,142	16,189	70	—	—	—	—
Board	12 mos.	19	16,596	19,246	15,112	—	£ 12,483	6,446	—	10,200
	Total	26	22,299	26,538	20,381	77	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 2	£ 23,737	£ s. d. 1 12 4½	With no voluntary contributions	10	2,910
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	22	8,185
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	2	3,555
				No returns	5	1,539
Board schools	17 4½	29,885	1 19 6½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 34 VOLUNTARY and 26 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	11,938	22	9	1	4	5	T. 53	U. 18	T. 17	U. 16	86	142	21	84
Board	20,381	26	—	—			67	5	106	47	125	178	6	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 74 principal rooms there are 38 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 57 feet.

Out of 125 class rooms there are 41 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7 feet, and 6 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

No return of rooms given.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WAKEFIELD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Percentage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	7	1,244	<i>s. d.</i> 16 4½	<i>s. d.</i> 33 0¼	757	85
" " 300 and over -	6	2,402	17 9½	36 8½	1,794	87
Total - - -	13	3,646	17 4	35 5½	2,551	86
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
" " 300 and over -	2	676	17 11½	42 3½	429	85
Total - - -	2	676	17 11½	42 3½	429	85

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	11	1	—	2	5	—	3	—	7	—	—	—
300 and over -	4	7	5	—	4	6	—	10	—	10	—	50	48
Total - - -	5	18	6	—	6	11	—	13	—	17	—	50	48
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	2	1	2	—	2	1	—	3	—	3	—	1	25
Total - - -	2	1	2	—	2	1	—	3	—	3	—	1	25

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WAKEFIELD (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Per-centage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	13	5,646	4,841	3,646	75	£ 2,854	—	£ 404	2,843
Board schools -	2	1,113	960	676	70	495	532	—	388

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	s. d.	£	£ s. d.			
Voluntary schools -	17 4	6,462	1 15 5½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	11	3,299
Board schools -	17 11½	1,430	2 2 3½	Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	2	347
				—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 9 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
					Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,851	8	3	4	T.	U.	T.	U.	11	25	1	8
					13	5	3	4				
Board -	676	2			4	1	—	3	5	9	1	6

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 5 of 25 feet in width, the widest being 35 feet.

Out of 22 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7 feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 6 principal rooms there are 2 of 26 feet in width.

Out of 8 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SCARBOROUGH (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5.)	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	6	656	<i>s. d.</i> 11 9½	<i>s. d.</i> 44 5	474	59
" " 300 and over	2	815	15 7	43 10½	580	73
Total	8	1,471	13 10½	44 1¼	1,054	67
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
" " 300 and over	4	2,437	15 9½	42 11¾	1,703	72
Total	4	2,437	15 9½	42 11¾	1,703	72

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, No. of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	6	1	—	4	—	1	5	4	3	6	1	8	23
300 and over -	2	3	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	3	—	16	17
Total	8	4	—	4	2	1	6	7	3	9	1	24	39
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	5	4	1	2	3	1	4	8	—	8	—	189	189
Total	5	4	1	2	3	1	4	8	—	8	—	189	189

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SCARBOROUGH (YORKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	8	2,700	1,961	1,471	75	£ 1,844	£ —	£ 867	£ 779
Board schools -	4	3,182	3,192	2,487	76	2,289	2,073	—	819

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions - — — Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - 1 346 Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 7 1,125		
Voluntary schools	13 10½	3,244	2 4 1½			
Board schools	15 9½	5,236	2 2 11½			

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY and 4 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers Hours per week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	745	1	1	—	3	6	T.	U.	T.	U.	5	6	1	4
Board	2,487	5	—	1			7	6	1	16				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 9 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32½ feet.

Out of 5 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 13 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.

Out of 37 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 13 feet, and none 10 under feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BARNARD CASTLE (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	4	1,005	692	571	83	£ 500	£ —	£ 173	£ 304
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With <i>no</i> voluntary contributions - - -		
Voluntary schools	15 10½	963	1 13 8½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 2 288		
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 2 283		
Board schools	—	—	—	— - -		

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
					Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
						Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	571	2	Half Time.	Full Time.	T.	U.	T.	U.				
			4	5	4	1	1	—	—	4	3	6
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32½ feet.
 Out of 3 class-rooms there is one only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	3,210	3,985	2,424	83	£ 1,942	£ —	£ 715	£ 1,561
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 18 7½	£ 4,697	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 18 9	With no voluntary contributions -	3	819
				Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> -	3	759
				Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> -	3	846
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 6 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,764	1	1	1	3	3	5	T. 6	U. 1	T. 5	U. 2	8	16	—	1
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 11 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.
Out of 11 class-rooms there is one 13 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

HEDWORTH, MONKTON, AND JARROW U.D. (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.*						
Average Attendance less than 300	2	373	s. d. 15 3½	s. d. 33 3	296	91
" " 300 and over	5	2,493	15 10	25 6½	1,813	92
Total	7	2,866	15 9	26 6½	2,109	92
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	100	s. d. 16 4½	s. d. 52 7	83	90
" " 300 and over	5	3,923	18 3	40 0	2,908	91
Total	6	4,023	18 2½	40 4	2,991	91

* The Returns for Voluntary schools are for 11 months.

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300 -	8	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	—
300 and over -	—	8	1	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	2
Total	8	9	1	—	1	6	—	6	—	7	—	2
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300 -	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
300 and over -	2	8	3	—	2	4	1	3	—	7	—	120
Total	3	9	3	—	3	4	1	4	—	8	—	122

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

HEDWORTH, MONKTON, AND JARROW U.D. (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools*—	7	3,815	3,652	2,866	78	£ 2,370	£ —	£ 579	£ 1,024
Board schools	6	5,660	5,182	4,023	78	3,522	2,124	—	2,408

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions - - - - - Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - - - - - Voluntary contributions over 5s. - - - - -		
Voluntary schools*—	15 9	3,805	1 6 6½	—	2	2,010
Board schools	18 2½	8,109	2 0 4	—	—	—

* The Returns for Voluntary Schools are for 11 months.

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary -	2,010	4	1	5	6	T. 6	U. 2	T. 3	U. 6	8	18	1	3
Board -	4,023	3	3			12	3	13	3	34	43	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 13 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 35 feet.
 Out of 25 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 14 principal rooms there are 8 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 39½ feet.
 Out of 38 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

DARLINGTON (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	2	528	s. d. 16 6	s. d. 29 8	365	85
" " 300 and over	4	2,087	16 8	29 10½	1,509	90
Total	6	2,615	16 7½	29 10	1,874	89
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	5	1,002	s. d. 18 5	s. d. 47 8	634	85
" " 300 and over	4	1,564	16 7½	34 5½	1,070	90
Total	9	2,566	17 2	39 7½	1,704	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
					Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	5	—	—	2	1	—	2	—	3	—	—	—
300 and over	—	11	—	—	4	8	—	7	—	7	—	—	—
Total	—	16	—	—	6	4	—	9	—	10	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	3	6	1	1	3	3	—	4	—	6	—	—	—
300 and over	2	5	2	—	—	5	—	5	—	5	—	—	—
Total	5	11	3	1	3	8	—	9	—	11	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DARLINGTON. (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	6	3,570	3,345	2,615	78	£ 2,051	£ —	£ 218	£ 1,637
Board schools -	9	3,136	3,114	2,566	82	2,039	1,393	—	1,589

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 7½	£ 3,901	£ s. d. 1 9 10	With no voluntary contributions -	1	261
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	4	2,087
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	267
Board schools -	17 2	5,084	1 19 7½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		4½	5.	6.	7½	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,031	1	1	1	—	1	4	6	T.	U.	T.	U.	15	25	1	4
Board	1,843	—	4	1	1	—			T.	U.	T.	U.				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

- Out of 11 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.
- Out of 17 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

- Out of 12 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.
- Out of 12 class-rooms there is one 13 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SOUTH SHIELDS (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	s. d.	s. d.	—	—
" " 300 and over	5	2,804	16 7	34 3½	1,936	85
Total	5	2,804	16 7	34 3½	1,936	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	189	s. d.	s. d.	162	80
" " 300 and over	8	5,942	17 11	37 3	3,701	91
Total	9	6,131	18 0	37 5	3,863	90

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
300 and over	2	9	1	1	5	2	1	7	—	8	—	40	—	
Total	2	9	1	1	5	2	1	7	—	8	—	40	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	
300 and over	1	12	7	1	1	12	—	13	—	13	—	405	68	
Total	2	13	7	1	2	12	—	14	—	14	—	405	68	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SOUTH SHIELDS (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	5	3,131	3,778	2,804	74	£ 2,225	£ —	£ 280	£ 2,216
Board schools -	9	7,124	8,359	6,131	73	4,617	2,801	—	3,959

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 7	£ 4,806	£ s. d. 1 14 3½	With no voluntary contributions -	2	1,402
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	860
Board schools -	18 0	11,495	1 17 5	Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	542
				—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 9 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,431	2	1	1	—	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	12	28	1	7
									10	1	5				
Board	6,131	—	—	—	9			21	—	30	9	37	81	2	10

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 14 principal rooms there are 9 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 13 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 22 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34½ feet.

Out of 89 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SUNDERLAND (DURHAM) (including MONKWEARMOUTH).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	1,828	<i>s. d.</i> 14 8	<i>s. d.</i> 21 0	1,028	82
" " 300 and over -	9	4,738	17 9	28 0	2,949	92
Total -	18	6,556	16 10½	22 5	3,977	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over -	8	7,015	18 8½	35 9½	4,572	94
Total -	8	7,015	18 8½	35 9½	4,572	94

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	6	7	—	1	4	3	—	7	—	7	1	—	—
300 and over -	1	17	4	1	4	10	—	18	—	14	—	142	—
Total -	7	24	4	2	8	18	—	20	—	21	1	142	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	11	12	—	1	14	—	15	—	15	—	312	—
Total -	—	11	12	—	1	14	—	15	—	15	—	312	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SUNDERLAND (DURHAM) (including MONKWEARMOUTH).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	18	8,888	8,971	6,556	73	£ 5,383	£ —	£ 776	£ 3,628
Board schools -	8	8,970	8,927	7,015	79	5,881	2,987	—	3,606

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	£ 10,059	£ s. d. 1 2 5	With no voluntary contributions -	4	1,286
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	9	4,058
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	5	1,212
Board schools -	18 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	12,552	1 15 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY and 8 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	7 $\frac{1}{4}$.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants Art. 54.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	4,597	7	1	1	None	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	32	41	9	26
Board	7,015	8	—	—			21	2	16	4				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 25 principal rooms there are 12 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 44 feet.
Out of 35 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 28 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.
Out of 63 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (NORTHUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	11	2,509	s. d. 16 7½	s. d. 34 2½	1,889	84
„ „ 300 and over -	14	8,241	17 8	34 9½	5,924	89
Total -	25	10,750	17 5	34 8	7,813	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	576	s. d. 15 11½	s. d. 39 7½	192	90
„ „ 300 and over	7	5,682	19 8½	41 5½	3,616	94
Total -	10	6,258	19 4½	41 3½	3,808	93

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	8	5	4	4	4	6	1	10	—	11	—	10	28
300 and over -	11	18	6	—	7	14	1	20	—	22	—	122	84
Total -	19	23	10	4	11	20	2	30	—	33	—	132	112
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	8	10	—	—	7	—	7	—	7	—	148	343
Total -	1	5	11	—	—	8	—	8	—	8	—	148	343

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (NORTHUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	25	15,146	14,867	10,750	72	£ 8,698	£ —	£ 1,746	£ 8,551
Board schools -	10	7,389	8,525	6,258	73	5,708	2,924	—	4,031

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 17 5	£ 18,638	£ s. d. 1 14 8	With no voluntary contributions -	10	4,354
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	7	2,933
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	8	3,463
Board schools -	19 4½	12,913	2 1 3½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 21 VOLUNTARY and 10 BOARD SCHOOLS, which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.								Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5	6	6½	6¾	7	7½	8	10	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
													Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary -	9,692	10	2	2	1	3	1	1	5	6	T. 35	U. 7	T. 26	U. 34	64	134	6	12
Board -	6,258	3	—	—	1	2	3	1			—	—	15	2	33	47	46	79

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 50 principal rooms there are 20 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 55 feet.

Out of 91 class-rooms there are 26 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 5½ feet, and 8 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 15 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36½ feet.

Out of 61 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½, and 2 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BILSTON (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	4,027	3,620	2,834	78	£ 2,295	£ —	£ 290	£ 1,602
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 16 0½	£ 4,136	£ s. d. 1 9 2½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 8 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - —	249	2,585
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants. Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary -	2,571	4	2	1	3	4	T. 7	U. 6	T. 3	U. 2	11	25	1	4
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 15 principal rooms there are 8 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 45 feet.

Out of 15 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

DARLASTON (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	2	369	s. d. 16 11½	s. d. 28 3½	345	83
” ” 300 and over	2	982	17 6½	29 5½	735	91
Total	4	1,351	17 4½	29 1½	1,080	89
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	267	s. d. 14 2	s. d. 39 8½	152	79
” ” 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	267	14 2	39 8½	152	79

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	—	3	—	1	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	—
300 and over	—	2	3	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	—
Total	—	5	3	1	—	6	—	6	—	6	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DARLASTON (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	4	1,943	1,702	1,351	79	£ 1,078	£ —	£ 73	£ 747
Board schools -	1	261	288	267	93	109	321	—	99

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	17 4½	1,969	1 9 1½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	4	1,351
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
Board schools -	14 2	530	1 19 8½			

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7½.	10.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants. Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.	Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	947	1	1	1	3	4	T. 6	U. —	T. —	U. —	3	16	1	2
Board	269	1	—	—			1	1	—	1	2	1	—	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 6 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 6 class-rooms there is 1 only 8 feet wide, and under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

There are 2 principal rooms of 30 feet in width.
 And 1 class-room 11 feet wide, and over 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LEEK (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	11	3,705	2,691	2,072	77	£ 1,681	£ —	£ 456	£ 1,412
Board schools -	None.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 16 1	£ 3,626	£ s. d. 1 15 0	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	6	1,357
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	5	715
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary -	2,072	8	2	{ 3 4 }	{ 4 5 }	T. 8	U. 7	T. 1	U. 5	10	23	3	4
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 23 principal rooms there are 10 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 42 feet.

Out of 29 class-rooms there are 12 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS

STAFFORD (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	10	3,297	3,282	2,582	79	2,206	—	177	1,764
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions -	3	1,053
	17 0½	4,096	1 12 8½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	6	1,401
	—	—	—	Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	128
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
			5.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.			
Voluntary	1,734	8	4	5	T. 9 U. 6	T. 2 U. 4	4	30	3	8	
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 16 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 11 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 9 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	214	<i>s. d.</i> 14 7½	<i>s. d.</i> 25 9½	161	81
" " 300 and over -	2	1,205	16 0	30 4½	842	87
Total -	4	1,419	15 8½	29 4½	1,003	86
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	11	2,278	<i>s. d.</i> 18 3½	<i>s. d.</i> 44 7½	1,482	89
" " 300 and over -	5	4,204	19 3½	38 8½	2,875	91
Total -	16	6,482	18 11½	40 9½	4,357	90

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	3	2	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
Total -	8	5	2	—	2	4	—	4	—	6	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	3	8	9	—	8	7	1	10	—	11	—	23	—
300 and over -	1	4	10	—	1	9	—	10	—	10	—	221	—
Total -	4	12	19	—	4	16	1	20	—	21	—	244	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	2	585	612	502	£ 385	£ —	£ 101	£ 246
	Total -	4	1,669	1,700	1,419	83	—	—	—
Board schools	-	16	8,301	7,951	6,482	5,507	4,004	—	3,257

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
	15 8½	737	1 9 4½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	2	502
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	—	—
				No Returns	2	917
Board schools	18 11½	13,216	2 0 9½		—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 16 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7.	10½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants. Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,419	1	2	—	5	6	T. 7	U. 1	T. —	U. 2	13	18	—	8
Board	6,482	—	—	16	5	6	25	2	23	26	30	79	—	31

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 8 principal rooms there is 1 of 33 feet in width.

Out of 11 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 36 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 74 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	1,738	s. 15	d. 3½	s. 32	d. 6½	987	82
" " 300 and over -	5	2,332	16	5½	34	0	1,775	81
Total - - - -	14	4,065	15	11½	33	4½	2,762	81
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300 -	4	666	s. 16	d. 3½	s. 40	d. 10½	392	83
" " 300 and over -	3	1,589	15	10	34	0½	1,221	82
Total - - - -	7	2,255	15	11½	36	0½	1,613	82

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	8	4	2	1	5	1	2	7	1	8	—	—	—
300 and over -	6	4	2	2	5	3	1	9	—	9	—	56	—
Total - - - -	14	8	4	3	10	4	3	16	1	17	—	56	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	4	1	2	—	1	3	1	2	2	5	—	—	—
300 and over -	6	3	—	—	5	—	1	6	—	6	—	—	—
Total - - - -	10	4	2	—	6	3	2	8	2	11	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	14	5,516	5,256	4,065	77	£ 3,300	£ —	£ 639	£ 2,543
Board schools -	7	2,956	2,997	2,255	75	1,778	939	—	1,332

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 272 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 7 2,317 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 6 1,656		
Voluntary schools	15 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	6,782	1 13 4 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Board schools -	15 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	4,067	1 16 0 $\frac{1}{2}$			

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY and 7 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7.	12.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	1,410	6	—	1	3	5	T. 9	U. 3	T. 4	U. 12	14	20	—	13
Board	2,255	6	1	—					11	9	—	12	17	30

T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 13 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.
 Out of 19 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11 feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 16 principal rooms there is 1 of 35 feet in width.
 Out of 24 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WALSALL (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	1,676	s. d. 15 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	s. d. 26 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,150	82
" " 300 and over -	4	2,023	16 9	28 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,545	87
Total -	13	3,699	16 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 11	2,695	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	1	287	s. d. 17 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 37 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	214	93
" " 300 and over -	7	4,044	16 4	32 9	2,944	84
Total -	8	4,331	16 5	33 1	3,158	85

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	7	8	2	1	4	3	2	6	1	9	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	3	6	4	—	1	7	—	8	—	8	—	—	—	—
Total -	10	14	6	1	5	10	2	14	1	17	1	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	6	7	6	2	4	8	2	14	—	14	—	—	—	—
Total -	6	9	6	2	4	9	2	15	—	15	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WALSALL (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	13	4,808	5,019	3,699	74	£ 2,939	£ —	£ 632	£ 1,779
Board schools -	8	5,656	5,868	4,331	74	8,393	2,247	—	1,399

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.*		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	<i>s. d.</i> 16 1½	£ 5,164	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 7 11	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> -	11	3,201
				Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> -	2	498
Board schools -	16 5	7,164	1 13 1	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY and 8 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		1.	5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	2,278	1	4	1	3	5	T. 10	U. 6	T. —	U. 4	14	35	—	12
Board	4,331	—	8	—			T. 11	U. 11	6	10	28	43	3	13

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 39 feet.
 Out of 20 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 22 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 38 feet.
 Out of 53 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WOLVERHAMPTON (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	8	1,616	s. d. 16 2½	s. d. 28 8½	883	89
" " 300 and over -	11	4,902	16 8	31 7½	3,357	84
Total -	19	6,518	16 2½	30 10½	4,240	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	s. d. —	s. d. —	—	—
" " 300 and over -	6	3,650	17 10½	31 5½	2,368	88
Total -	6	3,650	17 10½	31 5½	2,368	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	3	8	3	—	3	3	—	4	—	6	—	—	—
300 and over -	10	13	6	1	12	6	1	17	1	19	—	30	—
Total -	13	21	9	1	15	9	1	21	1	25	—	30	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	3	9	6	—	1	9	2	12	—	12	—	—	—
Total -	3	9	6	—	1	9	2	12	—	12	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WOLVERHAMPTON (STAFFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	19	8,900	8,057	6,518	81	£ 4,827	£ —	£ 947	£ 3,689
Board schools -	6	4,442	4,224	3,650	86	2,501	1,895	—	1,288

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 2½	£ 10,071	£ s. d. 1 10 10½	With no voluntary contributions -	3	772
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	12	4,681
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	4	1,115
Board schools -	17 10½	5,742	1 11 5½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 13 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	6.	6½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary -	4,985	7	1	—	4	2	3	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	26	72	2	10
Board -	3,650	—	—	6	—	—			T.	U.	T.	U.				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 32 principal rooms there are 14 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.

Out of 46 class-rooms there are 19 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 28 feet.

Out of 41 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

DUDLEY (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300 -	8	1,338	s. 14	d. 5½	s. 34	d. 10½	969	81
" " 300 and over -	5	1,995	16	2	30	3½	1,316	85
Total -	13	3,333	15	5½	32	1½	2,285	84
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300 -	1	185	s. 16	d. 6½	s. 28	d. 3½	92	96
" " 300 and over -	6	2,972	16	7½	34	0½	1,988	88
Total -	7	3,157	16	7½	33	8½	2,080	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	11	3	—	—	4	1	—	5	—	5	2	—	—
300 and over -	3	9	—	—	4	2	—	6	—	6	1	20	—
Total -	14	12	—	—	8	3	—	11	—	11	3	20	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	3	10	3	—	7	2	1	8	1	10	—	4	—
Total -	3	12	3	—	7	2	2	9	1	11	—	4	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DUDLEY (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	18	4,486	4,273	3,333	78	£ 2,527	—	£ 682	£ 1,577
Board schools -	7	3,627	3,981	3,157	79	2,451	1,664	—	1,190

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 15 5½	£ 5,358	£ s. d. 1 12 1½	With no voluntary contributions	4	832
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	5	952
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	4	1,549
Board schools -	16 7½	5,318	1 13 8½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 6 VOLUNTARY and 7 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6½.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary -	1,746	5	—	1	4	5	T. 5	U. 6	T. 2	U. 3	4	28	2	8
Board -	3,157	6	1	—			16	—	11	2	25	30	3	13

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 15 principal rooms there are 8 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 12 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 14 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 39 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

RUGBY (WARWICKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rate.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	5	1,812	1,682	1,306	78	£ 1,041	£ —	£ 289	£ 939
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 5½	£ 2,277	£ s. d. 1 14 10½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	4	1,208
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	1	8
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						Certificated.	Not Certificated.	Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary -	1,306	4	1	4	5	T. 7	U. 3	T. 2	U. 1	11	17	—	12
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 13 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 9 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BIRMINGHAM (WARWICKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	18	3,622	s. d. 16 8½	s. d. 29 6¼	2,351	82
" " 300 and over	34	18,082	18 2½	38 1	12,268	83
Total	52	21,704	17 2½	32 6	14,619	83
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	s. d. —	s. d. —	—	—
" " 300 and over	31	31,228	18 5¼	41 0¼	20,108	88
Total	31	31,228	18 5¼	41 0¼	20,108	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	6	27	6	—	3	16	1	13	—	20	1	49	—
300 and over	8	68	20	2	15	48	2	63	—	65	—	112	—
Total	14	95	26	2	18	64	3	76	—	85	1	161	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	3	58	31	—	1	61	—	62	—	62	—	2,127	823
Total	3	58	31	—	1	61	—	62	—	62	—	2,127	823

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BIRMINGHAM (WARWICKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	52	30,283	29,534	21,704	73	£ 18,158	£ —	£ 4,581	£ 11,632
Board { 12 months	30	31,630	37,892	30,495	—	26,755	23,954	—	9,726
Board { Total	31	32,632	39,103	31,228	80	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 2½	£ 35,260	£ s. d. 1 12 6	With no voluntary contributions -	2	426
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	36	15,437
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	14	5,841
Board schools	18 5½	62,560*	2 1 0½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 39 VOLUNTARY and 31 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.										Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5	6	6½	6¾	7	7½	8	9	9½	10	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants. Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
															Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	17,138	27	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	—	4	5	T. 59	U. 84	T. 17	U. 48	111	200	11	69
Board	31,228	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31			—	—	T. 56	U. 28	33	175	303	316

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 100 principal rooms there are 33 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 41½.

Out of 189 class-rooms there are 46 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and 10 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 98 principal rooms there are 88 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.

Out of 330 class rooms there is 1 only 11½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

COVENTRY (WARWICKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	9	1,607	s. d. 17 4	s. d. 34 1½	1,149	88
" " 300 and over	5	2,845	19 10	39 9½	1,848	91
Total	14	3,952	18 9½	37 6	2,992	90
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	—	—	s. d. —	s. d. —	—	—
" " 300 and over	2	1,236	17 10	37 4½	896	85
Total	2	1,236	17 10	37 4½	896	85

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.	
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300-	3	13	1	—	3	5	—	8	—	8	1	—	—
300 and over	2	8	5	—	2	7½	—	9	—	9	—	76	—
Total	5	21	6	—	5	12	—	17	—	17	1	76	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300-	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	1	2	3	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	87	—
Total	1	2	3	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	87	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

COVENTRY (WARWICKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	14	5,578	5,673	3,952	70	£ 3,529	£ —	£ 511	£ 2,995
Board schools -	2	1,459	1,539	1,236	80	1,108	482	—	692

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 18 9½	£ 7,411	£ s. d. 1 17 6	With no voluntary contributions -	2	439
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	9	2,752
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	761
Board schools -	17 10	2,310	1 17 4½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 14 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	6.	6½.	9.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	3,952	7	2	2	1	1	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	18	49	—	9
Board	1,236	2	—	—	—	—			4	2	3	1	10	20	—	4

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 27 principal rooms there are 8 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.

Out of 38 class-rooms there are 16 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 13 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING LARGE AND SMALL SCHOOLS.

LEAMINGTON (WARWICKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	6	984	s. d. 16 11½	s. d. 40 6½	831	84
" " 300 and over -	1	302	17 1½	38 9¼	219	88
Total -	7	1,286	17 0	40 1½	1,050	84
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	6	1,116	s. d. 16 7	s. d. 42 4½	790	86
" " 300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - -	6	1,116	16 7	42 4½	790	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	5	1	3	3	3	—	4	—	6	—	26	26
300 and over -	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
Total -	2	7	1	3	4	4	—	6	—	8	—	26	26
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300-	4	2	3	—	4	2	—	3	—	6	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	4	2	3	—	4	2	—	3	—	6	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LEAMINGTON (WARWICKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	7	2,378	1,658	1,286	78	£ 1,044	£ —	£ 516	£ 854
Board schools -	6	2,900	1,702	1,116	66	789	918	—	658

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d.	£	£ s. - d.	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
	17 0	2,580	2 0 1½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	846
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	5	940
Board schools -	16 7	2,365	2 2 4½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 7 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		4.	5.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil-Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,286	1	4	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	8	19	3	5
						7	3	1	3				
Board	1,116	—	6			7	2	—	5	6	26	—	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 12 principal rooms there are 4 of 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.

Out of 15 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 9 principal rooms there is 1 of 31½ feet in width.

Out of 20 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

GLOSSOP (DERBYSHIRE.)

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	13	4,125	3,442	2,513	73	£ 2,108	£ —	£ 215	£ 1,934
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 11½	£ 4,358	£ s. d. 1 14 8½	With no voluntary contributions	4	904
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	8	1,483
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	1	126
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 12 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
								Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.			
		5.	6.	7½.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Cer-tificated.				Not Cer-tificated.		
Voluntary	2,178	5	2	1	1	2	5	T. 5	U. 9	T. 1	U. 11	8	14	8	4
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 10 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.

Out of 20 class-rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

DERBY (DERBYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	12	2,216	s. d. 15 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	s. d. 32 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,468	75
" " 300 and over	11	5,652	17 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	37 0	4,236	86
Total -	23	7,868	16 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	35 9	5,704	83
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	s. d. —	s. d. —	—	—
" " 300 and over -	5	4,521	17 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,251	86
Total -	5	4,521	17 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,251	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	7	13	1	3	5	6	2	11	—	13	—	—	23
300 and over -	5	18	8	1	2	18	1	21	—	21	—	127	28
Total -	12	31	9	4	7	24	3	32	—	34	—	127	51
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	8	5	—	1	8	—	9	—	9	—	9	177
Total -	1	8	5	—	1	8	—	9	—	9	—	9	177

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DERBY (DERBYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	23	11,021	10,375	7,868	76	£ 6 508	£ —	£ 1,092	£ 7,709
Board schools -	5	5,881	5,699	4,521	79	3,984	1,538	—	2,972

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 8½	£ 14,071	£ s. d. 1 15 9	With no voluntary contributions -	5	1,771
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	12	4,531
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	6	1,566
Board schools -	17 11½	8,623	1 18 1½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 21 VOLUNTARY and 5 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	6.	6½.	7.	11½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	7,205	18	—	1	1	1	1	2	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	51	67	7	38
Board	4,521	—	5	—	—	—	—			T.	U.	T.	U.				
										32	18	12	20				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 48 principal rooms there are 22 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 60 feet.

Out of 62 class-rooms there are 20 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 56 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CHESTERFIELD (DERBYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	2	462	s. d. 16 4½	s. d. 34 6	324	83
" " 300 and over	1	312	14 11	28 8½	259	77
Total	3	774	15 9½	32 2	583	80
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	129	s. d. 16 9	s. d. 49 7½	78	84
" " 300 and over	2	1,052	17 9	39 9½	848	88
Total	3	1,181	17 7½	40 10½	926	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	2	1	—	2	1	—	3	—	3	—	—	
300 and over -	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	
Total	3	3	1	1	4	1	—	5	—	5	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	
300 and over -	1	5	—	—	—	4	—	3	1	4	—	—	
Total	1	7	—	—	—	5	—	4	1	5	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHESTERFIELD (DERBYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	3	1,291	1,046	774	74	£ 622	£ —	£ 154	£ 453
Board schools -	3	1,604	1,475	1,181	80	973	644	—	782

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 9½	£ 1,245	£ s. d. 1 12 2	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	2	529
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	1	245
Board schools -	17 7½	2,412	2 0 10½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 2 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
			5.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	462	1		5	T. 4 U. 1	T. — U. —	2	4	—	3		
Board	1,181	3	4	5	1 7 1 5	1 5	5	26	—	—		

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 5 principal rooms there is 1 of 35 feet in width.
 Out of 2 class-rooms there is 1 of 12½ feet wide, and neither under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 10 principal rooms there is 1 of 27 feet in width.
 Out of 13 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

ILKESTON (DERBYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	4	846	s. d. 15 4	s. d. 48 10	407	88
" " 300 and over -	1	568	15 6	26 11	395	80
Total -	5	1,414	15 5	37 0½	802	84
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	243	s. d. 8 1¼	s. d. 24 5¼	—	—
" " 300 and over -	1	557	14 4¼	25 8¼	593	76
Total -	3	800	12 8¾	25 4½	593	76

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	5	—	2	—	—	2	1	2	—	3	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
Total -	6	2	2	—	2	2	1	4	—	5	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—
Total -	1	1	—	2	1	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

ILKESTON (DERBYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	5	1,553	1,767	1,414	80	£ 1,053	£ —	£ 193	£ 836
Board schools -	3	916	1,177	800	68	279	244	—	494

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	15 5	2,619	1 17 0½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	4	1,210
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	204
Board schools -	12 8¼	1,017	1 5 4½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,414	3	1	—	3	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	11	12	1	7
							5	3	1	1				
Board -	800	3	—	1			5	1	1	—	8	8	1	3

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 8 principal rooms there none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 9 class-rooms there is 1 only 12½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 6 principal rooms there is 1 of 36 feet in width.
 Out of 8 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

LEICESTER (LEICESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300	12	2,671	s. 15	d. 0½	s. 32	d. 8¼	1,642	69
" " 300 and over	12	5,968	17	2½	33	6½	3,942	98
Total	24	8,639	16	6½	33	3½	5,584	89
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300	1	155	s. 17	d. 5	s. 36	d. 9½	—	—
" " 300 and over	13	9,965	19	5	41	2	6,921	93
Total	14	10,120	19	4½	41	1	6,921	93

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	11	6	2	1	7	3	1	8	1	11	—	8	27	
300 and over	1	23	6	—	10	8	—	18	—	18	—	106	107	
Total	12	29	8	1	17	11	1	26	1	29	—	114	134	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
300 and over	—	8	24	—	4	16	—	19	—	20	—	670	392	
Total	—	8	25	—	4	16	—	19	—	20	—	670	392	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LEICESTER (LEICESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	24	11,673	10,997	8,639	79	£ 6,787	£ —	£ 1,198	£ 5,851
Board - { 12 months	18	9,297	10,364	8,423	—	7,880	5,129	—	4,199
Board - { Total	14	11,262	12,534	10,120	81	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 16 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	£ 14,384	£ s. d. 1 13 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	With no voluntary contributions -	1	689
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	20	7,063
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	887
Board schools -	19 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	17,303*	2 1 1	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 23 VOLUNTARY and 14 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	6.	8.	10.	15.	10-16.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
												Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	7,650	9	2	8	1	1	1	3	6	T. 28	U. 12	T. 7	U. 13	64	73	3	26
Board	10,120						14					22	11	19	66	104	139

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 50 principal rooms there are 14 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.

Out of 76 class-rooms there are 18 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 40 principal rooms there are 9 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.

Out of 123 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

LOUGHBOROUGH (LEICESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	6	837	<i>s. d.</i> 17 2½	<i>s. d.</i> 35 3½	483	93
" " 300 and over	Non	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	837	17 2½	35 3½	483	93
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	163	<i>s. d.</i> 15 11¼	<i>s. d.</i> 61 8½	170	90
" " 300 and over	1	703	17 7	32 9½	486	95
Total	2	866	17 3½	38 3	656	94

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grants.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	—	6	2	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	6	2	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—
300 and over	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—
Total	—	2	3	1	1	2	—	3	—	3	1	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LOUGHBOROUGH (LEICESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	6	1,268	1,081	837	77	£ 677	£ —	£ 212	£ 493
Board schools -	2	1,013	1,059	866	82	642	625	—	378

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 2½	£ 1,477	£ s. d. 1 15 3½	With no voluntary contributions -	2	272
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	337
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	2	228
Board schools -	17 3¼	1,657	1 18 8	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		6.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	399	—	1	3	5	T. 2	U. 2	T. —	U. 3	1	2	2	4
Board -	866	2	—	3	5	2	3	—	5	6	5	—	2

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 8 class-rooms there is 1 of 10 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there is 1 of 28½ feet in width.
 Out of 11 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

HINCKLEY (LEICESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	190	s. d. 16 1½	s. d. 25 2½	74	86
" " 300 and over -	1	423	18 0½	25 2½	315	88
Total -	3	613	17 5½	25 2¼	389	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	s. d. —	s. d. —	—	—
" " 300 and over -	1	746	17 6	29 2½	522	84
Total -	1	746	17 6	29 2½	522	84

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	
300 and over -	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	
Total -	—	3	2	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
300 and over -	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	
Total -	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

HINCKLEY (LEICESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	3	692	767	613	80	£ 531	£ —	£ 56	£ 189
Board schools	1	779	954	746	78	608	221	—	261

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 17 5½	£ 773	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 5 2½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	3	613
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	—	—
Board schools	17 6	1,089	1 9 2½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 2 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	554	—	2	3	4	T. 1	U. 2	T. —	U. 1	3	5	—	4
Board	746	1	—	3	4	2	1	—	4	4	15	1	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 5 class-rooms there is 1 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 13 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MANSFIELD (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	8*	2,535	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	* Not inspected during year 1884-5.								
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	—	—	—	{ With no voluntary contributions - { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - { Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary -	1,821	6	1	3	5	T. 10 U. 8	T. 2 U. 4	9	22	1	7	
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 12 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 15 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WORKSOP (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	102	<i>s. d.</i> 12 9	<i>s. d.</i> 29 5½	79	66
" " 300 and over	2	1,312	17 0½	31 4½	810	84
Total	3	1,414	16 8½	31 2½	889	82
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
300 and over	2	3	2	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	27	—
Total	4	3	2	—	2	3	—	4	1	5	—	27	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WORKSOP (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	3	1,779	1,895	1,414	75	£ 1,141	£ —	£ 299	£ 863
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 8½	£ 2,207	£ s. d. 1 11 2½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	2	682
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	1	732
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						Certificated.	Not Certificated.	Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	1,414	2	1	2	4	T. 4	U. 2	T. 3	U. 2	13	8	—	10
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 8 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 16 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS *

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NEWARK (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.					
			s.	d.				s.	d.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	348	15	7	29	2½	37	89				
" " 300 and over -	3	1,345	17	8½	33	2½	954	87				
Total -	6	1,693	17	8	32	4½	991	88				
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance less than 300 -	1	140	11	0	29	6½	107	68				
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Total -	1	140	11	0	29	6½	107	68				
	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Cookery.	
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	2	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
300 and over -	3	2	4	—	1	5	—	6	—	6	—	19
Total -	5	2	6	—	1	5	1	7	—	7	—	19
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NEWARK (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	6	2,610	2,295'	1,693	73	£ 1,402	£ —	£ 221	£ 984
Board schools -	1	250	224	140	63	62	85	—	61

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools -	17 3	2,742	1 12 4½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	6	1,693
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
Board schools -	11 0	207	1 9 6½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary -	1,541	5	—	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	11	14	—	6
						8	3	1	2				
Board -	140	—	1			—	1	1	—	1	2	—	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.

Out of 17 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

There is 1 principal room, of 25½ feet in width.

Out of 8 class-rooms there is 1 only 12½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NOTTINGHAM (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	12	2,307	<i>s. d.</i> 15 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	<i>s. d.</i> 34 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,453	80
„ „ 300 and over -	20	10,302	17 11 $\frac{3}{8}$	38 10	7,273	89
Total -	32	12,609	17 7	38 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,726	87
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	861	<i>s. d.</i> 15 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	<i>s. d.</i> 42 4	335	90
„ „ 300 and over -	17	12,609	18 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	41 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	8,423	90
Total -	22	13,470	18 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	41 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,758	90

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	8	10	4	3	8	8	—	10	—	11	2	—	22
300 and over -	6	33	19	1	7	32	—	38	1	39	1	634	—
Total -	14	43	23	4	10	40	—	48	1	50	3	634	22
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	3	6	1	—	—	5	—	5	—	5	—	—	—
300 and over -	6	28	15	1	9	25	—	32	—	34	—	887	227
Total -	9	34	16	1	9	30	—	37	—	39	—	887	227

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NOTTINGHAM (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	32	17,062	16,479	12,609	77	10,967	—	1,572	9,237
Board	12 months	20	14,798	15,562	—	10,027	6,875	—	8,488
	Total	22	16,508	17,511	77	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions -	1	702
	17 7	23,975	1 18 0½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	27	11,133
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	4	774
Board schools -	18 4½	25,799*	2 1 11½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 30 VOLUNTARY and 22 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.																Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		4½	5	6	7	7½	8	9	9½	10	10½	14	15	16	16½	18	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil-Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.			
																				Certificated.	Not Certificated.						
Voluntary	10,831	—	18	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 & 4	4 & 5	T. 50	U. 24	T. 12	U. 29	80	108	4	34
Board	13,470	1	—	—	3	11	—	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	—	3 & 4	4 & 5	43	17	63	118	82	156	1	1	

* T. Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 76 principal rooms there are 14 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.

Out of 92 class-rooms there are 38 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 7 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 109 principal rooms there is 1 of 26½ feet in width.

Out of 132 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

RETFORD (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	272	s. d. 15 6½	s. d. 30 4½	190	81
„ „ 300 and over -	2	738	17 4½	34 8½	618	87
Total - -	4	1,010	16 10½	33 6½	808	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	1	277	s. d. 18 2½	s. d. 41 9½	221	98
„ „ 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total - -	1	277	18 2½	41 9½	221	98

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	
300 and over -	—	4	1	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	
Total -	2	6	1	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total -	1	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

RETFORD (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	4	1,366	1,328	1,010	76	£ 798	£ —	£ 218	£ 553
Board schools -	1	536	345	277	80	198	227	—	152

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 10½	£ 1,693	£ s. d. 1 13 6½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	302
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	611
Board schools -	18 2½	579	2 1 9¾	Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	97
				—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	708	1	1	4	5	T. 4 U. 2	T. 1 U. 1	4	7	—	7	
Board -	277	1	—	4	5	2 1	— —	2	6	—	2	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 6 principal rooms there is 1 of 33½ feet in width.
Out of 9 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 3 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12¾, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BEDFORD (BEDFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	5	3,597	2,677	2,397	90	£ 2,032	£ —	£ 12	£ 485
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	19 5	4,107	1 14 2½	With no voluntary contributions - 3 Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 2 Voluntary contributions over 5s. - —	3 2 —	2,022 875 —
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	2,397	3	1	3	4	T. 3 U. 4	T. 5 U. 12	18	15	2	2	
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 9 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34½ feet.

Out of 26 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DUNSTABLE (BEDFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	2	852	540	432	80	£ 424	£ —	£ —	£ 240
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 19 5½	£ 812	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 17 7	With no voluntary contributions -	2	432
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 2 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	432	1	1	2	4	T. 4	U. —	T. —	U. —	1	4	1	2
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 4 principal rooms there is 1 of 40 feet in width.
 Out of 4 class-rooms there is 1 only 11 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

LUTON (BEDFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	1	125	<i>s. d.</i> 15 11	<i>s. d.</i> 24 1½	70	87
" " 300 and over -	3	1,710	16 11½	31 1½	1,274	90
Total - -	4	1,835	16 9	30 7½	1,344	90
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	537	<i>s. d.</i> 17 1½	<i>s. d.</i> 48 9½	478	87
" " 300 and over -	3	1,294	16 3½	31 5½	837	85
Total - -	8	1,831	16 6½	35 9	1,315	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance :													
Less than 300 -	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	7	1	—	—	5	1	6	—	6	—	38	—
Total -	2	8	1	—	—	6	1	7	—	7	—	38	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance :													
Less than 300 -	3	1	3	—	3	—	—	2	—	3	2	28	—
300 and over -	2	5	1	—	2	1	2	5	—	5	—	—	—
Total -	5	6	4	—	5	1	2	7	—	8	2	28	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LUTON (BEDFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	4	2,351	2,338	1,835	78	£ 1,463	£ —	£ 148	£ 995
Board {	12 months	7	2,409	1,722	—	1,375	783	—	885
	Total -	8	2,627	2,368	77	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	{ With <i>no</i> voluntary contributions - - - { Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - 3 { Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 1		
Voluntary schools	16 9	2,810	1 10 7½	-		
Board schools -	16 6½	3,079	1 15 9	-		

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	1,769	1	3	3	5	T. 8	U. 2	T. —	U. 1	21	18	—	10
Board -	1,219	5	—			7	2	4	5	7	13	—	6

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there is 1 of 30 feet in width.

Out of 14 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 10 principal rooms there is 1 of 28 feet in width.

Out of 13 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and 1 under 10 feet high,

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MAIDENHEAD (BERKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	6	1,924	1,699	1,394	82	£ 1,191	£ —	£ 609	£ 598
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 11½	£ 2,443	£ s. d. 1 15 0½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	6	1,394
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 6 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	U.				
Voluntary	1,394	3	1	1	3	4	T. 7	U. 4	T. —	U. 3	10	12	1	5
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.

Out of 15 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NEWBURY (BERKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	7	1,969	1,608	1,319	82	£ 1,019	£ —	£ 482	£ 566
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 5	£ 2,217	£ s. d. 1 13 7½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	4	548
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	771
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	539	1	1	3	4	T. 2	U. 3	T. 3	U. 1	3	3	1	1
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there is 1 of 30 feet in width.

Out of 5 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

READING (BERKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	5	886	s. d. 18 5½	s. d. 37 0½	555	92
" " 300 and over	8	3,065	18 3½	36 10¼	1,814	92
Total	13	3,951	18 4	36 11	2,369	92
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	233	s. d. 16 5½	s. d. 57 2¼	109	84
" " 300 and over	4	2,837	18 11	49 8½	1,760	94
Total	5	3,070	18 8½	50 8¼	1,869	94

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	4	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	78	—
300 and over	—	7	15	—	—	14	—	14	—	14	—	—	—
Total	—	11	19	—	—	18	—	18	—	18	—	78	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over	—	2	11	—	—	9	—	9	—	9	—	—	—
Total	—	3	12	—	—	10	—	10	—	10	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

READING (BERKSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	11	4,269	3,211	—	£ 2,784	—	£ 1,135	£ 2,088
	Total -	13	5,296	4,882	81	—	—	—	—
Board schools	5	4,853	3,839	3,070	80	2,374	4,331	—	993

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 18 4	£ 5,926	£ s. d. 1 16 11	With no voluntary contributions	1	105
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	5	1,430
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	5	1,676
				No returns	2	740
Board schools	18 8½	7,717	2 10 3½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 12 VOLUNTARY and 5 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	3,846	7	3	4	5	T. 17	U. 10	T. 4	U. 13	18	42	2	23
Board	3,070	4	1	None	5	10	4	7	16	25	32	—	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 29 principal rooms there are 8 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 35 feet.
Out of 46 class-rooms there are 22 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 16 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 38 class rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CLEVEDON (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	505	s. d. 15 8½	s. d. 45 6½	331	88
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	5	505	15 8½	45 6½	331	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	4	—	4	1	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	4	—	4	1	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CLEVEDON (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	5	1,212	670	505	75	£ 419	£ —	£ 452	£ 164
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 8½	£ 1,150	£ s. d. 2 5 6½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	5	505
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	505	1	1	3 and 4	5	T. 5 U. 2	T. 1 U. 1	4	5	—	7	
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 10 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

FROM (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	7	1,882	1,790	1,321	74	£ 958	£ —	£ 424	£ 680
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	<i>s. d.</i> 15 10½	£ 2,078	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 11 5½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	54
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	3	884
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	433
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 6 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		7.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid-Monitors.	
						T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	1,250	1	2	3	4 and 5	T. 7	U. 2	T. 3	U. 2	6	13	—	18
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32½ feet.

Out of 13 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

TAUNTON (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	9	2,540	1,925	—	£ 1,023	£ —	£ 575	£ 611
	Total	12	3,364	2,521	75	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools-	s. d.	£	£ s. d.	With no voluntary contributions -		
	15 9½	2,443	1 13 1½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -		
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -		
				No returns -		
Board schools	—	—	—	—		

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.						
Voluntary	915	3	1	3	5	T. 5	U. 6	T. —	U. 1	4	9	5	10
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 10 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 37 feet.

Out of 17 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BATH (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	15	2,234	s. d. 16 1½	s. d. 35 0½	1,509	85
„ „ 300 and over -	5	2,088	16 10	33 11½	1,637	82
Total -	20	4,817	16 5½	34 6½	3,146	83
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	576	s. d. 17 8½	s. d. 39 2½	211	96
„ „ 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	3	576	17 8½	39 2½	211	96

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	12	9	4	2	9	4	1	12	1	14	3	70	—
300 and over -	4	8	2	—	7	1	1	9	—	9	1	—	—
Total -	16	17	6	2	16	5	2	21	1	23	4	70	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BATH (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	20	6,467	5,498	4,317	79	£ 3,377	£ —	£ 1,838	£ 2,102
Board schools -	3	865	749	576	77	417	472	—	240

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 5½	£ 7,450	£ s. d. 1 14 6½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	92
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	5	1,018
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	14	3,207
Board schools -	17 8½	1,129	1 19 2½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 18 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	4,187	14	1	1	4	5	T. 28	U. 7	T. 2	U. 6	30	62	6	37
Board	576	3	—	—	4	5	1	3	—	5	8	7	—	4

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 34 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 41 feet.
 Out of 51 class-rooms there are 22 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6½ feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 4 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 9 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BRISTOL (GLOUCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	36	6,181	<i>s. d.</i> 15 2½	<i>s. d.</i> 34 1¾	3,221	79
" " 300 and over -	22	11,196	17 3	33 10	7,931	84
Total -	58	17,377	16 5½	33 11½	11,152	83
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	725	<i>s. d.</i> 17 10½	<i>s. d.</i> 42 2	608	89
" " 300 and over -	9	4,828	18 4½	37 11½	3,019	86
Total -	12	5,553	18 3½	38 6¼	3,627	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	29	23	18	4	8	19	3	23	4	30	4	—	—	
300 and over -	14	27	16	—	10	29	—	39	—	39	—	91	—	
Total -	43	50	34	14	18	48	3	62	4	69	4	91	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	2	2	2	—	—	3	—	2	—	3	1	—	—	
300 and over -	6	12	7	—	2	14	—	15	—	16	—	—	143	
Total -	8	14	9	—	2	17	—	17	—	19	1	—	143	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BRISTOL (GLOUCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary { 12 mos.	55	23,293	20,456	15,710	—	£ 12,326	£ —	£ 3,007	£ 9,061
Voluntary { Total -	58	25,259	22,690	17,377	77	—	—	—	—
Board schools -	12	7,107	7,237	5,553	77	3,680	4,621	—	2,190

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools,		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d.	£	£ s. d.	With no voluntary contributions	5	2,382
	5 5½	26,676*	1 13 11½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	28	8,242
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	22	5,086
				No returns	3	1,667
Board schools	18 3¼	10,696	1 18 6½		—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 47 VOLUNTARY and 12 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.								Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*								
		5.	5½.	5¾.	6.	6½.	6¾.	7½.	8.	12.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
													Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	14,226	25	1	1	2	—	3	4	1	1	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	84	159	13	92
Board	5,553	—	—	—	10	1	—	1	—	—			T.	U.	T.	U.	31	67	1	12

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 89 principal rooms there are 80 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.

Out of 116 class-rooms there are 33 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 8 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 30 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.

Out of 59 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WEDMORE (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	None	—	—	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	8	361	<i>s. d.</i> 17 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 48 5½	288	90
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8	361	17 5½	48 5½	288	90

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	3	2	1	—	1	2	—	3	—	3	—	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	2	1	—	1	2	—	3	—	3	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WEDMORE (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	None	—	—	—	—	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —
Board schools	3	525	475	361	76	321	499	—	114

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. —	£ —	£ s. d. —	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
Board schools	17 51	874	2 8 5½	Voluntary contributions over 5s.	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*								
			5.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	—	—	—	—	—	—	T.	U.	—	—	—	—	—
Board	361	1	3	4	1	2	—	3	5	1	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

None.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 4 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 5 class-rooms there are 2 only 13½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

YEOVIL (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	None	—	—	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	2	418	s. d. 18 3¼	s. d. 50 2	267	88
" " 300 and over	2	648	17 10¼	33 6½	357	95
Total	4	1,061	18 0½	40 1¼	624	92

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 300	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—
300 and over	—	1	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—
Total	—	3	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

YEOVIL (SOMERSETSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	None	—	—	—	—	£	£	£	£
Board schools	4	1,368	1,308	1,061	81	877	772	—	468

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d.	£	£ s. d.	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
	—	—	—	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
	—	—	—	Voluntary contributions over 5s.	—	—
Board schools	18 0½	2,127	2 0 1½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7½.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	—	—	—	—	—	—	T.	U.	T.	U.	—	—	—	—
Board	1,061	2	1	1	4, 5, and 6	4 and 5	4	3	3	—	14	20	—	10

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:
None.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there is 1 of 30 feet in width.

Out of 9 class-rooms there is 1 only 12½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BARNSTAPLE (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	10	2,301	1,951	1,597	—	£ 1,178	£ —	£ 512	£ 754
	Total -	11	2,464	2,060	1,666	81	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 0	£ 2,657*	£ s. d. 1 13 3½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	4	768
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	6	829
				No returns	1	69
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	1,357	5	1	4	4 and 5	T. 10	U. 2	T. —	U. 1	7	11	8	10
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 12 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 27½ feet.

Out of 10 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

TORQUAY (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	12	4,363	3,453	2,768	80	£ 2,241	£ —	£ 1,119	£ 1,058
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 0	£ 4,456	£ s. d. 1 12 2½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	673
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	10	2,095
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 12 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	2,768	5	1	1	3	—	5	T. 19	U. 5	T. 1	U. 1	16	33	2	34
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 23 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 48 feet.

Out of 26 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

The Returns for Torquay are also included in the Newton Abbott Union, of which it forms a part (pp. 286 and 287).

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BIDEFORD (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.							
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —		<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
„ „ 300 and over	1	338	15 11½		27 1	146	81
Total	1	338	15 11½		27 1	146	81
BOARD SCHOOLS.							
Average Attendance less than 300	2	306	17 1½		39 7½	261	79
„ „ 300 and over	1	306	17 6¼		27 7½	118	84
Total	3	612	17 3¾		33 7½	379	81

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Total	—	4	1	—	—	3	—	2	—	3	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BIDEFORD (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	1	414	429	338	79	£ 239	£ —	£ 91	£ 102
Board schools -	3	956	740	612	83	511	308	—	208

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	15 11½	458	1 7 1	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	338
Board schools -	17 3½	1,029	1 13 7½		—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 1 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7½.	10.	25.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	338	—	1	1	—	3	4	T. 1	U. 1	T. —	U. 1	3	6	—	1
Board -	612	2	—	—	1	3	4	4	—	—	3	1	8	1	5

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 2 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 3 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 4 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 27½ feet.
 Out of 5 class-rooms there is 1 only 13 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

EXETER (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	6	1,139	<i>s. d.</i> 18 10½	<i>s. d.</i> 45 7½	978	91
" " 300 and over -	3	1,413	18 4½	34 5½	1,056	92
Total -	9	2,552	18 6½	39 5½	2,034	92
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	1,128	<i>s. d.</i> 16 9	<i>s. d.</i> 35 6½	584	91
" " 300 and over -	1	312	17 0½	33 9½	132	95
Total -	6	1,440	16 10	35 2	716	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.	
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300-	—	8	2	—	2	7	—	9	—	9	—	78	—
300 and over -	—	6	2	—	2	4	—	6	—	6	—	16	—
Total -	—	14	4	—	4	11	—	15	—	15	—	94	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300-	—	6	2	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Total -	—	8	2	—	—	5	—	5	—	5	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

EXETER (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	3,794	3,162	2,552	81	£ 2,204	£ —	£ 793	£ 1,675
Board schools -	6	1,994	1,874	1,440	77	1,188	853	—	440

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 18 6½	£ 5,032	£ s. d. 1 19 5½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	86
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	5	1,189
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	1,277
Board schools -	16 10	2,532	1 15 2	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 7 VOLUNTARY and 5 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	6.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	2,234	2	—	3	—	4	5	T. 12	U. 1	T. 5	U. 5	17	24	3	6
Board	1,259	—	2	1	2	4	5	9	—	—	4	7	12	1	9

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 14 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30½ feet.

Out of 21 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 9 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 9 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

PLYMOUTH (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	7	904	s. d. 17 7½	s. d. 35 5½	674	84
" " 300 and over -	6	4,060	17 6½	31 7	2,775	87
Total -	13	4,964	17 7	32 4	3,449	86
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	407	s. d. 15 10½	s. d. 35 3	107	87
" " 300 and over -	7	3,820	17 8½	35 3	2,106	91
Total -	9	4,227	16 1½	35 3	2,213	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300-	3	8	3	—	1	10	—	11	—	11	—	—	—
300 and over -	3	8	7	—	—	12	—	12	—	12	—	47	—
Total -	6	16	10	—	1	22	—	23	—	23	—	47	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300-	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	4	12	—	—	9	—	9	—	9	—	17	—
Total -	—	6	13	—	—	10	—	10	—	10	—	17	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

PLYMOUTH (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	13	7,167	6,335	4,964	78	£ 4,326	£ —	£ 748	£ 2,652
Board {	12 months	5	2,663	1,721	—	1,384	1,267	—	375
	Total -	9	5,336	4,227	78	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 7	£ 8,016	£ s. d. 1 12 4	{ With no voluntary contributions - Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	— 9 4	— 4,440 524
Board schools -	16 1½	3,034*	1 15 3	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY and 9 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.											Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		1.	1½.	1¾.	2.	2½.	2¾.	3.	5.	6.	7½.	8.	12.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
		Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.																			
Voluntary	4,447	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	3	1	1	1	4	5	T. 24	U. 8	T. 5	U. 14	28	58	6	44
Board -	4,227	2	1	4	7	1	1	1	—	—	—	—			8	12	4	31	43	80	—	21

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 28 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32½ feet.

Out of 38 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 22 principal rooms there is 1 of 28½ feet in width.

Out of 33 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

TIVERTON (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	1	255	<i>s. d.</i> 17 6	<i>s. d.</i> 33 1½	155	86
" " 300 and over -	1	583	19 11½	38 9½	473	85
Total - - -	2	838	19 2½	37 0½	628	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	6	482	<i>s. d.</i> 15 5¾	<i>s. d.</i> 38 1	222	87
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - -	6	482	15 5¾	38 1	222	87

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
Total - - -	—	2	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	7	1	—	—	4	—	2	—	4	1	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - -	2	7	1	—	—	4	—	2	—	4	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

TIVERTON (DEVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	2	1,222	1,082	838	77	£ 736	£ —	£ 579	£ 227
Board schools	6	649	622	482	77	358	321	—	102

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 19 2½	£ 1,552	£ s. d. 1 17 0½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	2	838
Board schools	15 5½	938	1 18 1	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 2 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6½.	7.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	838	—	1	—	2	3	5	T. 3	U. 3	T. —	U. 2	11	11	—	5
Board	482	1	—	2	—	3 and 4	5	2	4	1	—	2	4	—	6

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 6 principal rooms there are 2 of 25½ feet in width.
Out of 11 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 6 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 7 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHIPPENHAM (WILTSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Per-centage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	8	1,050	1,015	738	73	£ 606	£ —	£ 208	£ 244
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 2½	£ 1,096	£ s. d. 1 9 8½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	1	243
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	2	495
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	738	1	2	2	4	T. 6 U. 1	T. 1 U. 1	3	11	—	5	
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 7 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.
There are 4 class-rooms only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

DEVIZES (WILTSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	5	1,677	1,843	937	69	£ 789	£ —	£ 409	£ 404
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 17 3	£ 1,566	£ s. d. 1 13 5	With no voluntary contributions -	1	57
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	1	283
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	597
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
			5.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.			
Voluntary	654	1	3	4	T. 7	U. 2	T. 1	U. 1	4	4	—	9
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 11 principal rooms there are 2 of 27½ feet in width.
 Out of 6 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SALISBURY (WILTSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	1,153	<i>s. d.</i> 15 6½	<i>s. d.</i> 32 8½	859	73
" " 300 and over -	2	741	17 5½	30 7	510	78
Total - - -	7	1,894	16 3½	31 10½	1,369	75
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - -	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	2	8	3	—	4	2	—	6	—	6	2	3	7	
300 and over -	1	1	4	—	2	2	—	4	—	4	—	13	17	
Total - - -	3	9	7	—	6	4	—	10	—	10	2	16	24	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SALISBURY (WILTSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	7	3,008	2,501	1,894	76	£ 1,528	£ —	£ 778	£ 761
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools -	16 3½	3,017	1 11 10½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	486
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	5	1,408
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 7 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	1,894	5	1	1	None & 4	4 & 5	T. 15	U. 1	T. 2	U. 3	11	34	2	12
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.

Out of 21 class-rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

TROWBRIDGE (WILTSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to. No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	6	1,853	1,781	1,482	83	£ 1,300	£ —	£ 120	£ 878
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 8½	£. 2,361	£ s. d. 1 11 10½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	6	1,482
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	—	—
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	1,381	3	2	3	4	T. 5 U. 4	T. 2 U. —	8	20	—	9	
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 9 principal rooms there is 1 of 34 feet in width.

Out of 11 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SWINDON (WILTSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	99	s. d. 16 11½	s. d. 28 3½	56	95
„ „ 300 and over	1	691	17 6	33 8½	491	88
Total	2	790	17 5½	33 0½	547	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	4	1,081	s. d. 17 1	s. d. 29 10¼	372	93
„ „ 300 and over	2	1,582	18 7	36 6¼	1,334	88
Total	6	2,563	17 11¾	36 2¼	1,706	89

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	79	—
Total	—	4	1	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	79	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	2	5	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	4	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	116	—
Total	1	6	5	—	1	6	—	7	—	7	—	116	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SWINDON (WILTSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	2	872	878	790	90	£ 700	£ —	£ 44	£ 479
Board schools -	6	3,724	3,040	2,563	84	2,042	958	—	1,540

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 5½	£ 1,305	£ s. d. 1 13 0½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	790
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
Board schools -	17 11½	4,637	1 16 2½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 1 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL which has replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
					Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	691	1	Half Time.	Full Time.	T.	U.	T.	U.	5	6	—	—
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 3 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

No Returns, though twice applied for.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MALVERN (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	2,265	1,550	1,198	77	£ 1,127	£ —	£ 851	£ 614
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 18 6½	£ 2,606	£ s. d. 2 3 6	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	9	1,198
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 7 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6½.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary -	981	3	1	1	{ None 3 and 4 }	4	T. 9 U. 4	T. 1 U. —	1	21	1	19	
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 18 principal rooms there is 1 of 47 feet in width.

Out of 15 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING LARGE AND SMALL SCHOOLS.

OLDBURY (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	3	467	s. d. 17 4½	s. d. 32 7½	312	87
„ „ 300 and over	3	1,544	16 6½	33 4¼	1,287	84
Total	6	2,011	16 9	33 2½	1,549	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	—	—	—	—
„ „ 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	None	—	—	—	—	—

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	3	4	1	—	2	2	1	5	—	5	—	—	—
Total	4	5	2	—	3	3	1	7	—	7	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

OLDBURY (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	6	2,556	2,531	2,011	79	£ 1,794	£ —	£ 150	£ 1,222
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 16 9	£ 3,341	£ s. d. 1 13 2½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 2 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 4 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - —	2 4 —	371 1,640 —
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	907	3	1	1	4	5	T. 6 U. 1	T. 1 U. —	9	15	1	9	
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 7 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30½ feet.

Out of 10 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

KIDDERMINSTER (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.		Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300	4	694	s. 18	d. 7	s. 40	d. 9½	569	85
" " 300 and over	3	1,731	17	6½	49	7½	1,287	85
Total	7	2,425	17	10	47	1	1,856	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 300	2	479	s. 15	d. 11½	s. 38	d. 5¼	284	75
" " 300 and over	2	917	18	8½	44	11	758	83
Total	4	1,396	17	9	42	8½	1,042	81

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	3	4	2	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—	
300 and over	1	5	3	—	1	5	—	5	1	6	—	—	
Total	4	9	5	—	2	9	—	10	1	11	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	1	3	1	—	2	1	—	2	—	3	—	—	
300 and over	1	5	2	—	1	4	—	4	—	5	1	—	
Total	2	8	3	—	3	5	—	6	—	8	1	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

KIDDERMINSTER (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	7	3,137	3,055	2,425	79	£ 2,196	£ —	£ 1,308	£ 1,883
Board schools	4	1,932	1,936	1,396	72	983	1,269	—	719

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 10	£ 5,710	£ s. d. 2 7 1	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	5	1,867
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	2	558
Board schools	17 9	2,980	2 2 8½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 6 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,372	4	2	3	4 and 5	T. 11	U. 8	T. 2	U. 4	20	18	—	11
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 16 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 38 feet.

Out of 23 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BROMSGROVE (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	3	231	<i>s. d.</i> 18 3½	<i>s. d.</i> 31 10½	174	88
" " 300 and over	1	594	17 5½	30 5½	398	88
Total	4	825	17 8	30 10½	572	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	4	660	<i>s. d.</i> 16 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 36 4½	434	84
" " 300 and over	1	444	17 6½	28 8	366	93
Total	5	1,104	16 10½	33 3½	800	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	3	1	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	
300 and over -	—	1	2	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	
Total	—	4	3	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	6	1	—	—	4	1	5	—	5	—	—	
300 and over -	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	
Total	2	7	3	—	—	6	1	7	—	7	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BROMSGROVE (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	4	1,232	993	825	83	£ 699	£ —	£ 149	£ 377
Board schools -	5	1,455	1,945	1,104	82	868	525	—	444

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 8	£ 1,273	£ s. d. 1 10 10½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	35
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	1	594
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	2	196
Board schools -	16 10½	1,836	1 13 3½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 5 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	825	3	1	—	3	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	8	9	2	8
Board	1,104	2	—	3			T.	U.	T.	U.				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.]
 Out of 6 class-rooms there is 1 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 12 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width. *
 Out of 11 class-rooms there are 2 only 13 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WORCESTER (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	9	1,437	<i>s. d.</i> 16 11	<i>s. d.</i> 31 9½	1,007	88
„ 300 and over	7	3,108	17 9½	34 4	1,956	91
Total	16	4,545	17 6	33 6½	2,963	90
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	55	<i>s. d.</i> Returns for 17 months.	<i>s. d.</i>	39	95
„ 300 and over	1	532	18 8¾	43 5¼	353	91
Total	2	587	18 8¾	43 5¼	392	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which.			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	2	8	6	—	4	5	—	5	—	9	—	—	
300 and over	—	2	16	—	1	10	—	11	—	11	—	44	
Total	2	10	22	—	5	15	—	16	—	20	—	44	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	
300 and over	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	
Total	—	3	2	—	—	3	—	2	—	3	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WORCESTER (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	16	5,830	5,649	4,545	80	£ 3,824	£ —	£ 1,039	£ 2,475
Board { 12 months -	1	810	663	532	—	449	597	—	110
Board { Total -	2	918	735	587	80	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grant earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 6	£ 7,618	£ s. d. 1 13 6½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	10	2,796
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	6	1,749
Board schools -	18 2½	1,155*	2 3 5½	—	—	—

* For the 1 school only giving 12 months' Returns.

FROM ANSWERS given by 13 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

---	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary -	3,954	7	1	1	1	4	5	T. 19	U. 4	T. 7	U. 5	24	66	6	20
Board -	587	2	—	—	—	4	5	3	1	1	1	4	6	1	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 27 principal rooms there are 10 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 42 feet.

Out of 35 class-rooms there are 20 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 5 principal rooms there is 1 of 30½ feet in width.

Out of 5 class-rooms there is 1 only 13½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

KING'S NORTON (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	3	581	s. d. 15 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	s. d. 30 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	481	73
" " 300 and over	1	356	16 9	31 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	203	79
Total	4	937	15 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	31 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	684	75
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	4	640	s. d. 15 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	s. d. 41 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	467	72
" " 300 and over	4	3,362	17 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 0	2,317	79
Total	8	4,002	17 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	33 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,784	78

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	4	2	—	—	2	2	—	3	1	4	—	—	—	
300 and over	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	
Total	5	4	—	—	3	3	—	5	1	6	—	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	1	5	1	1	1	2	1	4	—	4	—	3	—	
300 and over	1	7	4	—	1	7	—	3	—	8	—	144	—	
Total	2	12	5	1	2	9	1	12	—	12	—	147	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

KING'S NORTON (WORCESTERSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	4	1,454	1,262	937	74	£ 661	£ —	£ 234	£ 418
Board schools -	8	5,331	5,447	4,002	73	3,028	1,931	—	1,464

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions - - - - -		
Voluntary schools	15 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,466	1 11 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - - - - -		
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. - - - - -		
Board schools -	17 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	6,710	1 13 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	—		

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 8 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Certificated.	Not certificated.					
Voluntary	937	3	—	1	4	5	T. 7	U. 2	T. 1	U. 2	4	11	—	6
Board -	4,002	7	1	—	4	5	9	9	4	16	40	64	7	—

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 9 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 8 class-rooms there is 1 only 10 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 25 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 28 feet.
 Out of 56 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WINCHESTER (HAMPSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	11	2,982	2,346	1,939	—	£ 1,661	£ —	£ 839	£ 848
	Total	12	3,174	2,495	2,059	88	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d.	£.	£ s. d.	With no voluntary contributions	1	59
	16 8½	3,381*	1 14 10½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	10	1,880
				No returns	1	120
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 10 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	1,834	5	2	None	5	T. 18 U. 3	T. 1 U. 1	15	15	1	14	
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 52½ feet.
 Out of 20 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SOUTHAMPTON (HAMPSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	7	1,098	s. d. 15 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 27 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	660	80
" " 300 and over -	4	2,012	16 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,343	87
Total -	11	3,105	16. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	29 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,003	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	4	698	s. d. 13 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	s. d. 30 1	176	80
" " 300 and over -	6	3,212	16 6	34 7	1,971	82
Total -	10	3,905	16 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	33 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,147	81

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	5	11	—	—	4	4	—	7	1	8	1	—	—
300 and over -	3	7	2	—	3	5	—	8	—	8	—	28	—
Total -	8	18	2	—	7	9	—	15	1	16	1	28	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
300 and over -	6	11	1	—	5	6	1	11	1	12	—	23	11
Total -	8	14	1	—	5	7	1	11	1	13	1	23	11

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SOUTHAMPTON (HAMPSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	11	4,271	3,972	3,105	78	£ 2,425	£ —	£ 311	£ 1,753
Board schools -	10	5,582	5,393	3,905	72	2,816	2,023	—	1,651

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 16 2½	£ 4,552	£ s. d. 1 9 3½	With no voluntary contributions -	2	561
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	6	2,103
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	441
Board schools -	16 0¾	6,596	1 13 9¼	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY and 10 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	3,105	10	1	—	None	4	T.	U.	T.	U.	17	27	—	14
Board	3,905	9	—	1			18	5	8	12				

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 25 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 32 class-rooms there are 17 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 24 principal rooms there are 9 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 41 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

PORTSMOUTH (HAMPSHIRE) *including* PORTSEA.

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

		No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.									
Average Attendance less than 300		5	979	s. d.	15 9½	s. d.	30 9½	679	84
" " 300 and over		5	2,010		15 8		32 11½	1,351	85
Total		10	2,989		15 8½		32 3	2,030	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.									
Average Attendance less than 300		2	332	s. d.	14 1½	s. d.	38 5½	200	77
" " 300 and over		15	11,129		16 7½		28 0	7,474	86
Total		17	11,461		16 7		28 2½	7,674	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300		6	4	—	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—
300 and over		5	9	1	—	4	6	—	9	1	10	1	—
Total		11	18	1	—	5	10	—	14	1	15	1	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300		2	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
300 and over		11	28	6	—	5	23	2	30	—	30	—	—
Total		13	29	6	—	5	24	2	31	—	31	—	9

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

PORTSMOUTH (HAMPSHIRE) including PORTSEA.

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	8	3,498	2,454	—	£ 1,863	£ —	£ 440	£ 1,405
	Total -	10	4,764	3,739	80	—	—	—	—
Board	12 mos.	14	11,029	9,188	—	7,011	2,862	—	3,014
	Total -	17	13,792	14,713	78	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 15 8½	£ 5,957	£ s. d. 1 12 3	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	6	2,015
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	2	439
				No returns	2	535
Board schools -	16 7	12,956	1 8 2½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 9 VOLUNTARY and 17 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,498	5	1	1	1	3	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	19	30	4	13
Board	11,461	—	16	—	—			T.	U.	T.	U.				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 21 principal rooms there are 8 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40½ feet.

Out of 23 class-rooms there are 15 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 58 principal rooms there are 9 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 86½ feet.

Out of 123 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

OXFORD (OXFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	25	7,648	5,739	4,575	80	£ 3,605	£ —	£ 1,895	£ 3,197
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 8	£ 9,030	£ s. d. 1 19 5½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
Board schools	—	—	—	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	8	1,762
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	17	2,813

FROM ANSWERS given by 17 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.	T.	U.				
Voluntary	3,252	10	2	2	1	4	5	T. 25	U. 8	T. 7	U. 7	22	47	4	16
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 40 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 37 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WITNEY (OXFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos. 1	461	288	260	—	£ 256	£ —	£ 29	£ 215
	Total - 3	1,079	726	626	86	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d.	£	£ s. d.	With no voluntary contributions - - - - -		
	18 10	496*	1 18 2	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 1 260		
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. - - - - -		
				No returns - - - - - 2 366		
Board schools	—	—	—	—		

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 2 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 81.	Paid Monitors.		
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	539	2	1	3	4	T. 4	U. —	T. —	U. 2	5	13	—	4
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 7 class-rooms there is 1 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHATHAM (KENT).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	6	2,814	2,691	2,090	78	£ 1,631	£ —	£ 198	£ 1,211
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 1	£ 3,445	£ s. d. 1 12 11½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	6	2,090
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	—	—
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	1,729	2	2	1	3	4 and 5	T. 9	U. 3	T. —	U. 2	14	30	1	15
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 13 principal rooms there is one of 27½ feet in width.

Out of 16 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

FOLKESTONE (KENT).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	616	<i>s. d.</i> 15 2½	<i>s. d.</i> 34 9½	402	82
„ „ 300 and over -	2	852	17 1	34 6¾	547	82
Total - - -	7	1,468	16 4	34 7½	949	82
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—
„ „ 300 and over -	1	413	17 5½	36 10¾	293	88
Total - - -	1	413	17 5½	36 10¾	293	88

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	3	5	2	—	1	3	1	4	—	5	2	—	—
300 and over -	—	5	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—
Total -	3	10	2	—	1	6	1	7	—	8	2	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
Total -	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

FOLKESTONE (KENT).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	6	1,860	1,755	—	£ 701	£ —	£ 469	£ 993
	Total -	7	1,985	1,824	80	—	—	—	—
Board schools	1	815	673	413	61	192	314	—	244

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
	16 4	2,460*	1 14 7½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	2	852
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	4	568
Board schools	17 5½	762	1 16 10½	No returns	1	48

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY and 1 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	778	1	1	4	5	T. 4	U. 3	T. —	U. 2	5	6	2	5
Board	413	1	—					2	1	—	1	4	7

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 8 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 35 feet.

Out of 7 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 9 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHICHESTER (SUSSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	1,908	1,551	1,285	83	£	£	£	£
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d.	£ "	£ s. d.	Returns for 8 months.		
Board schools	—	—	—	—		
				With no voluntary contributions -	1	79
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
				No returns -	8	1,206

FROM ANSWERS given by 7 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	843	2	1	4	5	T. 6 U. 2	T. 1 U. —	4	10	1	2	
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 8 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34½ feet.

Out of 10 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

EASTBOURNE (SUSSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	9	2,776	2,724	2,225	82	£ 1,876	£ —	£ 855	£ 1,427
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 18 4½	£ 3,906	£ s. d. 1 15 - 1½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	2	772
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	7	1,458
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 7 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
						T.	U.	T.	U.				
Voluntary	1,789	2	1	4	5	T. 7	U. 8	T. 8	U. 2	19	6	3	9
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 11 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 80 feet.

Out of 22 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MAIDSTONE (KENT).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees. and Books.
Voluntary schools -	14	5,073	4,864	3,408	70	£ 2,891	£ —	£ 1,008	£ 1,870
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 4½	£ 5,790	£ s. d. 1 13 11½	With no voluntary contributions - 1 Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 4 Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 9	1 4 9	124 1,487 1,797
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 14 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	3,408	9	1	1	4 and 5	5 and 6.	T. 22	U. 6	T. 4	U. 4	18	38	2	27
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 83 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 31½ feet.

Out of 33 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

The Returns for Maidstone Borough are also included in Maidstone Union (pp. 298 and 299).

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (KENT).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	15	3,750	2,764	2,299	83	£ 1,893	£ —	£ 1,284	£ 1,399
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 8	£ 4,906	£ s. d. 2 2 8½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	1	164
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	14	2,135
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 10 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,737	1	3	1	None and 4	4 and 5	T. 9	U. 5	T. 4	U. 4	15	10	—	10
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 16 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 26½ feet.
 Out of 16 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WORTHING (SUSSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	8	1,979	1,625	1,320	81	£ 926	£ —	£ 593	£ 864
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 0	£ 2,410	£ s. d. 1 16 6½	{ With no voluntary contributions - - Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3 5	442 876
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	795	1	1	3	4	T. 5 U. 3	T. 2 U. 2	6	4	1	5	
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 10 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 6 class-rooms there is 1 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BRIGHTON (SUSSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	18	2,020	<i>s. d.</i> 15 9½	<i>s. d.</i> 41 4½	1,135	85
" " 300 and over -	8	3,451	17 9½	43 8	2,286	88
Total -	21	5,471	17 1	42 10½	3,421	87
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	1	207	<i>s. d.</i> Returns for 8 months only.	<i>s. d.</i>	162	95
" " 300 and over -	9	5,990	19 0½	46 5½	4,134	90
Total -	10	6,197	19 0½	46 5½	4,296	90

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	7	18	1	—	3	9	3	9	3	15	1	—	20
300 and over -	7	12	5	—	2	13	1	16	1	16	—	273	159
Total -	14	30	6	—	5	22	4	25	4	31	1	273	179
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	91	4
300 and over -	8	14	10	—	1	17	—	18	—	18	—	506	576
Total -	8	14	12	—	1	19	—	20	—	20	—	597	580

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BRIGHTON (SUSSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	21	9,228	7,117	5,471	77	£ 4,755	£ —	£ 3,186	£ 3,065
Board {	12 months	9	7,023	7,644	—	5,675	5,092	—	3,034
	Total -	10	7,638	7,90	78	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.					
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.			
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 17 1	£ 11,725	£ s. d. 2 2 10½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 2 Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 18	1	247			
Board schools -	19 0½	13,907*	2 6 5½				—	—	4,510

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 16 VOLUNTARY and 10 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*								
		5	6	6½	7	7½	8	12	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
												Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	4,417	8	1	1	1	2	1	1	None	6	T. 29	U. 9	T. —	U. 15	27	42	2	33
Board	6,197	—	—	—	—	9	—					T. 21	U. 8	14	25	25	94	—

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 36 principal rooms there are 17 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 35 feet.

Out of 35 class-rooms there are 19 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 33 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.

Out of 85 class-rooms there is 1 only 10 feet wide, and 1 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

COLCHESTER (ESSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	20	3,687	3,646	2,874	79	£ 2,102	£ —	£ 772	£ 1,788
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools -	15 9½	4,614	1 12 1¼	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 10 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 9	108	1,534
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 18 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total Number of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,591	4	3	4	5	T. 10	U. 10	T. 2	U. 5	22	18	7	9
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 21 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.

Out of 28 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S (SUFFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	10	2,803	2,506	1,930	77	£ 1,591	£ —	£ 510	£ 722
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 16 11	£ 3,055	£ s. d. 1 11 8	{ With no voluntary contributions - 3 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 1 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 6	3 1 6	511 273 1,146
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 10 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total Number of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,930	2	4	1	2	3	4	T. 10	U. 3	T. 1	U. 1	21	12	4	7
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 13 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.

Out of 17 class rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BOSTON (LINCOLNSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	10	2,558	2,094	1,653	79	£ 1,475	£ —	£ 411	£ 867
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 6	£ 2,936	£ s. d. 1 15 6½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 3 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 6	1 3 6	127 782 744
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 9 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
					Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	1,607	8	3	4	T. 12	U. 1	T. 1	U. 1	13	23	5	5
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 13 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32½ feet.

Out of 17 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LINCOLN (LINCOLNSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	18	6,978	4,989	—	£ 3,904	£ —	£ 817	£ 3,507
	Total -	19	7,208	5,161	78	—	—	—	—
Board schools	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
	16 10	8,024*	1 12 2	With no voluntary contributions -	3	838
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	7	2,440
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	8	1,711
				No returns -	1	172
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 12 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	3,679	5	3	1	2	3	4	T. 22	U. 2	T. 5	U. 2	22	55	2	12
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 29 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 45 feet.

Out of 32 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

IPSWICH (SUFFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	145	<i>s. d.</i> 17 9½	<i>s. d.</i> 32 8½	78	91
" " 300 and over -	7	2,796	17 6½	30 11	1,918	87
Total -	9	2,941	17 6½	31 0	1,996	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	7	1,138	<i>s. d.</i> 19 5¾	<i>s. d.</i> 43 5	1,077	91
" " 300 and over -	5	2,245	17 0½	32 7½	1,494	88
Total -	12	3,383	18 1¾	36 3	2,571	89

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	3	12	5	—	2	11	—	13	—	13	—	110	2
Total -	4	14	5	—	2	13	—	15	—	15	—	110	2
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	4	3	—	—	6	1	7	—	7	—	32	—
300 and over -	2	6	5	—	2	5	1	8	—	8	—	20	—
Total -	3	10	8	—	2	11	2	15	—	15	—	52	36

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

IPSWICH (SUFFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	3,976	3,867	2,941	76	£ 2,326	—	£ 541	£ 1,648
Board schools -	12	4,543	4,376	3,383	77	2,577	2,287	—	1,161

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	17 6½	4,559	1 11 0	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	5	2,103
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	4	838
Board schools -	18 1½	6,183	1 16 3	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 6 VOLUNTARY and 12 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.							Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	6	6½	7	7½	8	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.	U.
Voluntary	2,495	3	2	3	—	2	2	1	4	5	T. 14	U. 4	T. 1	U. 2	15	36	2	11
Board -	3,383	12	2	1	1	2	2	—	4	5	15	5	6	11	14	69	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 18 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30½ feet.

Out of 26 class-rooms there are 17 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 21 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 39 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NORWICH (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned, 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	16	2,597	s. d. 17 6½	s. d. 32 8	1,865	91
" " 300 and over -	3	1,410	17 5 ½	30 8½	937	92
Total -	18	4,007	17 6½	32 1½	2,802	92
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	7	1,186	s. d. 16 11	s. d. 41 5½	563	86
" " 300 and over -	8	5,716	17 6½	44 9½	4,108	86
Total -	15	6,902	17 5½	44 3½	4,671	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	10	9	5	—	2	11	2	12	—	15	—	153	23
300 and over -	1	7	1	—	1	5	—	6	—	6	—	—	—
Total -	11	16	6	—	3	16	2	18	—	21	—	153	23
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	3	3	1	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
300 and over -	9	8	9	—	5	11	2	17	—	18	—	—	112
Total -	11	11	12	1	6	14	2	21	—	22	—	—	112

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NORWICH (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	17	4,502	3,558	—	£ 3,142	£ —	£ 653	£ 1,764
	Total	18	5,166	4,738	85	—	—	—	—
Board	12 mos.	18	7,585	6,047	—	3,998	7,279	—	1,880
	Total	15	8,489	8,939	77	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	s. d.	£	£ s. d.			
Voluntary schools	17 6½	5,719	1 12 1½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	9	2,283
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	8	1,275
				No returns	1	449
Board schools	17 5½	18,385	2 4 3½		—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 18 VOLUNTARY and 15 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.							Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	6	6½	7	7½	9½	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	4,007	6	3	2	2	1	1	1	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	25	60	3	28
Board	6,902	6	7	1	—	1	—	—			T.	U.	T.	U.	91	24	2	46

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 32 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.

Out of 29 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 36 principal rooms there is 1 of 29 feet in width.

Out of 74 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

GREAT YARMOUTH (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	6	1,294	s. d. 16 5½	s. d. 34 3½	842	88
„ „ 300 and over	3	1,743	17 0½	33 7	1,326	85
Total	9	3,037	16 9½	33 10½	2,168	86
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	3	698	s. d. 16 7½	s. d. 45 0	449	84
„ „ 300 and over	3	1,556	16 0½	37 6½	1,180	80
Total	6	2,254	16 2¼	39 10½	1,579	81

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	4	4	—	1	3	2	—	5	—	5	—	76	—	
300 and over	1	6	1	1	1	4	1	6	—	6	—	10	—	
Total	5	10	1	2	4	6	1	11	—	11	—	86	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 300	1	4	—	—	1	2	—	3	—	3	—	6	—	
300 and over	4	3	2	—	5	—	1	6	—	6	—	—	—	
Total	5	7	2	—	6	2	1	9	—	9	—	6	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

GREAT YARMOUTH (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	9	3,946	3,904	3,037	78	£ 2,517	£ —	£ 212	£ 1,853
Board schools -	6	3,076	3,084	2,254	73	1,572	1,822	—	1,067

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£ "	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	16 9½	5,147	1 13 10¼	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 7 Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 1	1 7 1	216 2,589 232
Board schools	16 2¼	4,493	1 19 10½	—	—	—

* FROM ANSWERS given by 9 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	3,037	5	3	1	—	3	4	T.	U.	T.	U.	20	38	1	23
Board	2,254	8	2	—	1			12	2	1	8				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.

Out of 26 class-rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 14 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 32 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

GREAT GRIMSBY (LINCOLNSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	1,656	s. d. 15 6½	s. d. 29 11½	1,072	82
" " 300 and over -	1	426	17 11½	39 0	284	90
Total -	10	2,082	16 0½	31 9½	1,356	83
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—
" " 300 and over -	2	1,772	18 7	35 1¼	1,304	93
Total -	2	1,772	18 7	35 1¼	1,304	93

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance													
Less than 300 -	1	14	1	3	4	4	1	5	—	9	1	24	—
300 and over -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	25	—
Total -	1	16	1	3	4	5	1	6	—	10	1	49	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	4	3	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	29	—
Total -	—	4	3	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	29	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

GREAT GRIMSBY (LINCOLNSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	10	2,779	2,747	2,082	76	£ 1,517	£ —	£ 149	£ 1,706
Board schools -	2	1,825	2,294	1,772	77	1,498	308	—	1,244

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 0½	£ 3,311	£ s. d. 1 11 9½	{ With no voluntary contributions Voluntary contributions less than 5s. Voluntary contributions over 5s.	4	967
					5	1,015
					1	100
Board schools -	18 7	3,118	1 15 1¼	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 9 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	7.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,873	5	1	1	1	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	14	22	5	12
Board	1,772	2	—	—	—			5	3	2	7	17	19	—	7

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 19 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 28 feet.

Out of 19 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 8 principal rooms there is 1 of 26 feet in width.

Out of 22 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WEST HAM (ESSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	8	1,142	s. d. 13 0	s. d. 30 2½	503	76
" " 300 and over -	11	5,757	17 5	33 10½	3,306	89
Total -	19	6,899	16 8½	33 3	3,809	87
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	474	s. d. 17 2½	s. d. 50 11½	271	91
" " 300 and over -	15	11,938	17 8½	42 11½	7,735	91
Total -	17	12,412	17 8½	43 3½	8,006	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	8	4	—	2	4	1	1	4	—	6	1	—	—
300 and over -	4	16	10	—	7	12	—	19	—	19	—	176	—
Total	12	20	10	2	11	13	1	23	—	25	1	176	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	12	24	9	—	5	23	2	30	—	30	—	254	—
Total	12	26	9	—	5	24	2	31	—	31	—	254	—

COMPARATIVE RETURNS (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WEST HAM (ESSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	19	9,123	8,966	6,899	77	£ 5,171	£ —	£ 5,827	£ 4,708
Board schools -	17	14,740	15,925	12,412	78	10,139	9,929	—	6,311

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	16 8½	11,469	1 13 3	{ With <i>no</i> voluntary contributions - 3 Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - 10 Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 6	8	1,417
					10	4,472
					6	1,010
Board schools -	17 8½	26,868	2 3 8½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 16 VOLUNTARY and 17 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*								
		5.	6.	7.	7½.	8.	10.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 34.	Paid Monitors.	
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	5,939	8	1	—	1	1	1	2 and 3	4 and 5	T. 23	U. 12	T. 9	U. 14	47	45	5	18
Board	12,412	8	8	2	—	—	—	2 and 4	5	39	9	9	53	100	109	5	24

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 34 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.

Out of 44 class-rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6½ feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 47 principal rooms there are 30 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 33 feet.

Out of 114 class-rooms there is 1 only 18 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NORTH SHIELDS AND TYNEMOUTH (NORTHUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	8	1,556	s. d. 14 11½	s. d. 35 1¾	1,164	78
" " 300 and over	3	1,279	15 8½	31 9¼	937	80
Total	11	2,835	15 8½	33 7½	2,101	79
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	2	486	s. d. 16 0	s. d. 58 7¼	389	81
" " 300 and over	4	2,493	15 0	42 0¾	1,669	80
Total	6	2,929	15 1¾	43 7¾	2,058	80

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	6	3	1	2	4	—	2	5	—	6	—	6	—
300 and over	2	5	1	1	3	1	1	5	—	5	—	—	—
Total	8	8	2	3	7	1	3	10	—	11	—	6	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	8	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over	5	6	—	1	1	3	4	8	—	8	—	6	—
Total	8	6	—	1	2	4	4	10	—	10	—	6	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NORTH SHIELDS AND TYNEMOUTH (NORTHUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	11	4,275	3,618	2,835	78	£ 2,220	£ —	£ 380	£ 2,195
Board schools -	6	3,973	3,777	2,929	78	2,274	2,236	—	1,784

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools -	15 3½	4,767	1 13 7½	{ With <i>no</i> voluntary contributions - Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> -	3	894
					4	1,294
					4	647
Board schools -	15 1¾	6,391	2 3 7½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	6½	7	7½	8½	10	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil-Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,835	5	1	1	2	1	1	4	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	18	39	1	8
Board	2,929	6	—	—	—	—	—			T.	U.	T.	U.	20	41	4	14

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 35 feet.

Out of 30 class-rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 6 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 15 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 34 feet.

Out of 40 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

KENDAL (WESTMORELAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	8	3,879	2,305	1,717	74	£ 1,428	£ —	£ 422	£ 1,000
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 15 8½	£ 3,120	£ s. d. 1 16 4	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	4	1,146
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	4	571
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5 to 7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	1,717	7	1	2	5	T. 9	U. 4	T. 4	U. 2	14	22	1	8
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 14 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 45 feet.

Out of 24 class-rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet wide, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

PENRITH (CUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	5	908	s. d. 23 2½	s. d. Returns for 16 months.	660	86
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5	908	23 2½	—	660	86
BOARD SCHOOLS,						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	266	s. d. 25 9½	s. d. Returns for 16 months.	207	91
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	266	25 9½	—	207	91

* For 16 months.

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	4	1	1	—	3	—	3	—	3	1	1	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	4	1	1	—	3	—	3	—	3	1	1	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

PENRITH (CUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	5	1,096	958	908	95	£	£	£	£
Board schools -	1	281	311	266	86	Returns for 16 months.			

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.*	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.			
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	
Voluntary schools	s. d. 23 2½	£	£ s. d.	Inadequate returns.	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
Board schools -	25 9½				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	—	—
					Voluntary contribution over 5s.	—	—
					No returns	5	908

* For 16 months.

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 1 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary -	618	1	1	4	5	T. 4	U. —	T. 2	U. —	5	3	2	4
Board -	266	1	—	4	5	2	—	1	—	2	4	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 4 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 5 class-rooms there is 1 only 12½ feet wide, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 2 principal rooms there is 1 of 28½ feet in width.
 And 1 class-room above 14 feet wide, and not under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CARLISLE (CUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	4	831	<i>s. d.</i> 16 3½	<i>s. d.</i> 27 7	553	84
" " 300 and over -	3	1,744	17 4	32 8½	1,278	89
Total -	7	2,575	17 0½	31 4	1,831	88
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
" " 300 and over -	3	1,599	18 0½	40 10	976	90
Total -	3	1,599	18 0½	40 10	976	90

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	3	5	1	—	2	3	—	4	—	5	—	3	—
300 and over -	2	3	3	—	—	4	1	5	—	5	—	130	—
Total -	5	8	4	—	2	7	1	9	—	10	—	133	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	4	4	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—	—
Total -	—	4	4	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CARLISLE (CUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	6	3,125	3,007	2,373	—	£ 1,863	£ —	£ 317	£ 1,835
	Total -	7	3,524	3,269	2,575	79	—	—	—	—
Board schools	-	8	2,714	2,068	1,599	77	1,295	1,108	—	836

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 0½	£ 3,720*	£ s. d. 1 11 4	{ With no voluntary contributions - - - - - Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - - - Voluntary contributions over 5s. - - - No returns - - - - -	— 5 1 1	— 2,224 149 203
Board schools	- 18 0½	3,264	2 0 10	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instructions to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	5½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary -	1,320	1	1	3	3	5	T. 3	U. 4	T. 1	U. 3	10	19	—	6
Board -	1,599	3	—	—			9	—	8	5	19	25	1	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there is 1 of 30 feet in width.

Out of 13 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 9 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 80½ feet.

Out of 80 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS,

ALSTON (CUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.						
			s.	d.									
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	217	15	8	30 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	172	75						
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Total -	2	217	15	8	30 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	172	75						
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—						
" " 300 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Total -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—						
	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.	
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
					Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.			Did not take Class Subjects.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

ALSTON (CUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	2	432	292	217	74	£ 177	£ —	£ 60	£ 107
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 8	£ 335	£ s. d. 1 10 1½	{ With no voluntary contributions — Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 1 Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 1		
Board schools	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 2 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	217	1	1	{ None 3	{ 2 4	T. 2	U. 1	T. —	U. —	1	4	—	—
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 4 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 4 class-rooms there is 1 only 12½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

PRESTEIGN (RADNORSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	4	441	274	221	81	£ 179	£ —	£ 109	£ 70
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 15 9	£ 388	£ s. d. 1 15 1½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	1	43
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	178
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
					Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Half Time.	Full Time.	T.	U.	T.	U.							
Voluntary -	178	None	None	4	T. 1	U. 2	T. —	U. —	—	—	—	5
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms, 1 is 27 feet wide.

Out of 3 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and 1 only 6½ feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CARMARTHEN (CARMARTHENSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head (in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	417	<i>s. d.</i> 16 11	<i>s. d.</i> 29 10½	295	87
" " 300 and over -	1	365	17 5½	34 6½	276	83
Total -	4	782	17 2½	32 0½	571	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	2	158	<i>s. d.</i> 15 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 33 5	122	83
" " 300 and over -	1	465	17 6	26 8	350	91
Total -	3	623	16 11½	28 4½	472	89

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	2	1	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	1	—	—
300 and over -	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	40	—
Total -	3	3	3	—	—	5	—	5	—	5	1	40	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	73	—
Total -	1	3	2	—	1	3	—	3	—	4	—	73	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CARMARTHEN (CARMARTHENSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	4	1,298	1,014	782	77	£ 661	£ —	£ 237	£ 349
Board schools	3	774	800	623	78	570	100	—	214

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 2½	£ 1,253	£ s. d. 1 12 0½	With no voluntary contributions	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	1	365
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	3	417
Board schools	16 11½	884	1 8 4½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 2 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
							Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
		6.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Cer-tificated.		Not Cer-tificated.						
Voluntary	629	1	1	—	4	5	T. 5	U. 1	T. 1	U. —	2	15	—	5
Board	623	1	1	1†	4	5	5	—	—	—	1	12	—	2

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

† In winter ; 5 hours in summer.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there is 1 of 26 feet in width.

Out of 6 class-rooms there is 1 only 12½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.

Out of 5 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CARNARVON (CARNARVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
" " 300 and over	1	604	17 6½	28 9	399	76
Total	1	604	17 6½	28 9	399	76
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
" " 300 and over	1	635	17 5½	29 10½	453	87
Total	1	635	17 5½	29 10½	453	87

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
Total	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	6	—
Total	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	6	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CARNARVON (CARNARVONSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	1	1,157	779	604	78	£ 539	£ —	£ 94	£ 148
Board schools	1	812	827	635	77	518	242	—	176

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 17 6½	£ 717	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 3 9	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> -	1	604
				Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> -	—	—
Board schools -	17 5½	948	1 9 10½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 1 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		6.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	604	1	—	} Not stated	} T. 2 U. 1	T.	U.	8	7	—	—	
Board	635	—	1			3	—	1	6	9	—	2

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Each of the 3 principal rooms is above 25 feet in width, the widest being 36 feet.
Out of 4 class-rooms there is 1 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms there are 2 of 35 feet in width.
Out of 5 class-rooms there are 2 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CARDIFF (GLAMORGANSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	1,494	<i>s. d.</i> 16 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	<i>s. d.</i> 32 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	533	94
" " 300 and over -	10	4,224	17 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,824	94
Total -	19	5,718	17 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,357	94
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None		<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —		
" " 300 and over -	9	5,663	18 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 6	3,609	95
Total -	9	5,663	18 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 6	3,609	95

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	5	4	5	1	1	4	—	3	—	5	1	—	—
300 and over -	3	17	10	—	2	17	—	19	—	19	—	—	—
Total -	8	21	15	1	3	21	—	22	—	24	1	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	7	19	—	2	16	—	18	—	18	—	—	—
Total -	1	7	19	—	2	16	—	18	—	18	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CARDIFF (GLAMORGANSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	15	6,259	5,605	4,259	—	£ 3,449	£ —	£ 1,126	£ 2,198
	Total -	19	7,827	7,582	5,718	75	—	—	—	—
Board	12 mos.	8	6,768	7,386	5,152	—	4,071	3,535	—	2,772
	Total -	9	7,812	8,128	5,663	70	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 17 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	£ 6,914	£ s. d. 1 12 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	With no voluntary contributions	3	959
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	4	1,357
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	8	1,943
				No returns	4	1,459
Board schools -	18 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10,433	2 0 6	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 13 VOLUNTARY and 9 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*									
		5.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	6.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$.	7.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
											Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	3,754	4	—	2	1	2	1	5	6	T.	U.	T.	U.	24	45	2	29
Board	5,663	5	1	1	—	2	—			T.	U.	T.	U.				

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 29 principal rooms there are 9 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
 Out of 32 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 6 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 26 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
 Out of 69 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

HAVERFORDWEST (PEMBROKESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
" " 300 and over	1	348	16 2	28 3½	225	79
Total	1	348	16 2	28 3½	225	79
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	449	<i>s. d.</i> 18 0	<i>s. d.</i> 34 7	287	91
" " 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	449	18 0	34 7	287	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 and over -	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
Total	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	1	2	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
300 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	2	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

HAVERFORDWEST (PEMBROKESHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	1	495	479	343	72	£ 214	£ —	£ 88	£ 130
Board schools -	3	800	566	449	79	365	248	—	160

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 2	£ 485	£ s. d. 1 8 3½	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	1	343
Board schools -	18 0	776	1 14 7	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	8.	8½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	—	—	—	—	—	—	T. U.	T. U.	—	—	—	—	—	
Board	449	1	1	1	1†	3 and 4	4 and 5	4	—	1	—	9	—	4

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.
† In Summer; 5 hours in Winter.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :
No Return.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 8 class-rooms there are 2 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

LLANIDLOES (MONTGOMERYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	1	212	s. d. 17 6½	s. d. 28 0	143	93
„ „ 300 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	212	17 6½	28 0	143	93
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300	2	138	s. d. 19 6¾	s. d. 38 5	132	91
„ „ 300 and over	1	307	17 5½	30 11¼	241	89
Total	3	445	18 1¼	38 8	373	90

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	
300 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	
300 and over	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	
Total	—	2	2	—	1	2	—	3	—	3	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LLANIDLOES (MONTGOMERYSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	1	257	276	212	77	£ 175	£ —	£ 48	£ 72
Board schools	3	677	658	445	68	392	209	—	139

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	<i>s. d.</i> 17 6½	£ 297	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 8 0	With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	1	212
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
Board schools -	18 1¼	740	1 13 3		—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 1 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	212	1	—	3	5	T.	U.	T.	U.	1	2	—	—
						—	1	1	—				
Board	445	—	2			3	1	—	—	2	5	—	2

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL:
Dimensions not given.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 4 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 4 class-rooms there is 1 only 12 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (GLAMORGANSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
			<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	3	374	17	2	202	91
" " 300 and over -	5	3,219	17	3½	2,258	93
Total -	8	3,593	17	3	2,455	93
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	5	779	18	3½	506	92
" " 300 and over -	7	3,283	18	8½	2,522	96
Total -	12	4,062	18	8	3,028	95

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	4	2	—	—	3	—	2	—	3	—	—	
300 and over -	—	6	9	—	1	8	—	9	—	9	—	41	
Total -	—	10	11	—	1	11	—	11	—	12	—	41	
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	4	7	—	—	7	—	7	—	7	—	187	
300 and over -	—	6	13	—	1	11	—	12	—	12	—	44	
Total -	—	10	20	—	1	18	—	19	—	19	—	231	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (GLAMORGANSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	8	5,272	4,484	3,593	80	£ 3,128	£ —	£ 466	£ 2,006
Board {	12 months	6,362	4,942	3,762	—	2,757	2,772	—	1,401
	Total -	12	7,068	5,308	4,062	77	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions -	4	2,926
	17 3	5,791	1 12 3	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	921
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	2	346
Board schools -	18 8	6,966	1 17 0½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 4 VOLUNTARY and 12 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7½.	8.	9.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,703	1	1	1	1	4	5	T. 6	U. 5	T. 4	U. 11	15	31	1	6
Board	4,062	11	—	—	—	4	5	14	12	4	6	57	102	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there are 4 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 35 feet.
 Out of 19 class-rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 26 principal rooms there are 8 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 40 feet.
 Out of 43 class-rooms there is 1 only 10 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SWANSEA (GLAMORGANSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	6	1,015	<i>s. d.</i> 15 7	<i>s. d.</i> 28 7½	365	86
" " 300 and over -	7	4,907	18 7½	33 10½	3,496	91
Total -	13	5,922	18 0	32 10	3,861	91
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 300 -	9	1,393	<i>s. d.</i> 17 10	<i>s. d.</i> 49 9	739	91
" " 300 and over -	10	6,234	18 1½	26 6½	4,086	92
Total -	19	7,627	18 0½	38 11½	4,825	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	—	8	1	—	2	1	—	2	—	3	—	2	—
300 and over -	—	15	5	1	2	12	—	14	—	14	—	287	—
Total -	—	23	6	1	4	13	—	16	—	17	—	289	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 300 -	2	9	3	1	2	6	—	8	—	8	—	178	—
300 and over -	—	25	3	—	—	18	—	18	—	18	—	54	—
Total -	2	34	6	1	2	24	—	26	—	26	—	232	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SWANSEA (GLAMORGANSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	12	6,380	6,646	5,188	—	£ 3,961	£ —	£ 845	£ 3,283
	Total -	13	7,296	7,578	5,922	78	—	—	—	—
Board schools	-	19	10,056	9,725	7,627	78	£ 6,387	£ 4,266	—	£ 4,171

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions	1	224
	18 0	8,519*	1 12 10	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	8	4,211
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	3	753
				No returns	1	784
Board schools	18 0½	14,855	1 18 11½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 8 VOLUNTARY and 18 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.								Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	10	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
													Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	5,048	3	1	2	—	—	1	—	1	4	5	T. 12	U. 5	T. 12	U. 17	29	60	1	8
Board	7,495	5	—	7	1	2	5	5	1	4	5	31	8	17	11	59	93	1	32

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 21 principal rooms there are 10 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32 feet.
 Out of 31 class rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 5 feet, and 7 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 42 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.
 Out of 67 class-rooms there is 1 only 8½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—(CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NANTWICH UNION (CHESHIRE) (*including* CREWE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	22	1,288	<i>s. d.</i> 15 1½	<i>s. d.</i> 39 7	1,037	80
" " 100 and over -	22	6,125	17 0	33 11½	4,380	86
Total -	44	7,413	16 8	34 11½	5,417	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	4	286	<i>s. d.</i> 14 9	<i>s. d.</i> 33 6½	176	80
" " 100 and over -	5	992	16 1½	35 7½	688	87
Total -	9	1,228	15 10½	36 0½	864	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cook ery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	*Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	10	12	2	5	10	9	2	16	—	21	1	—	—
100 and over -	10	32	4	—	9	17	3	29	—	29	—	22	—
Total -	20	44	6	5	19	26	5	45	—	50	1	22	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	3	2	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	4	—	—	—
100 and over -	4	6	1	—	3	3	—	5	—	6	—	1	—
Total -	7	8	1	—	6	4	—	6	—	10	—	1	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NANTWICH UNION (CHESHIRE) (*including CREWE*).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	44	11,162	9,226	7,413	80	£ 5,883	£ —	£ 1,924	£ 4,980
Board schools -	9	1,760	1,599	1,228	77	875	718	—	541

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With <i>no</i> voluntary contributions - 4 1,856 Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - 10 3,147 Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 30 6,145		
Voluntary schools	16 8	12,947	1 14 11½			
Board schools -	15 10¼	2,163	1 16 0½			

FROM ANSWERS given by 31 VOLUNTARY and 9 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	6¾.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	6,246	11	11	1	2	2	3 and 4	4 and 5	T.	U.	T.	U.	27	71	7	22
Board -	1,228	1	1	—	—	1			7	8	—	1	9	15	1	3

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 48 principal rooms there are 9 of 25 feet and upwards in width, the widest being 33½ feet.
 Out of 53 class rooms there are 11 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and *none* under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 17 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.
 Out of 15 class rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM UNION (SALOP).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average attendance less than 100 -	43	2,271	<i>s. d.</i> 17 0½	<i>s. d.</i> 40 7	1,800	78
" " 100 and over -	11	2,875	14 8½	33 5½	1,711	78
Total - -	54	4,646	15 10½	36 11½	3,511	78
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	3	219	<i>s. d.</i> 16 7¾	<i>s. d.</i> 31 2¾	79	91
" " 100 and over -	3	855	16 8¾	40 7½	488	81
Total - -	6	1,074	16 8½	39 2½	567	82

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	16	16	7	11	11	15	4	17	—	30	14	25	—
100 and over -	6	10	3	5	4	7	3	11	2	14	2	31	—
Total - -	22	26	10	16	15	22	7	28	2	44	16	56	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	—	—	—
100 and over -	2	4	1	—	2	2	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
Total - -	3	6	1	—	2	3	1	5	—	6	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM UNION (SALOP).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	54	7,340	5,867	4,646	79	£ 3,846	£ —	£ 2,235	£ 2,189
Board {	12 months	4	1,230	870	—	720	617	—	362
	Total -	6	1,488	1,376	78	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions -	3	259
	15 10½	8,590	1 16 11½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	5	914
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	46	3,478
Board schools -	16 8½	1,705*	1 19 2½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 42 VOLUNTARY and 6 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		Hours per Week.					Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
		4.	5.	6.	6½.	9½.			Certified.	Not Certified.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	3,226	1	9	1	1	1	3	4	T. 35	U. 17	T. 2	U. 6	11	30	10	16
Board -	1,074	—	4	—	—	—	3	4 and 5 according to age.	1	11	—	2	21	15	—	9

* T, Trained ; U, Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 49 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 29 feet.

Out of 34 class rooms there are 15 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 8 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 12 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 10 class rooms there is 1 only 12½ feet wide and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET UNION (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	6	398	<i>s. d.</i> 14 1½	<i>s. d.</i> 38 1½	148	76
" " 100 and over -	24	5,391	13 9	31 8	3,997	76
Total -	30	5,789	13 9½	31 4½	4,145	76
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	2	101	<i>s. d.</i> 15 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 34 11½	23	88
" " 100 and over -	1	206	17 5½	36 9	160	87
Total -	3	307	16 9½	36 1½	183	87

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	4	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
100 and over -	19	13	1	12	5	7	12	12	3	24	3	—	—	—
Total -	23	15	1	12	7	7	12	13	3	26	3	—	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
100 and over -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Total -	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET UNION (DURHAM).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	29	7,558	7,392	5,753	—	£ 3,998	£ —	£ 1,294	£ 3,582
	Total -	30	7,643	7,437	5,789	78	—	—	—	—
Board schools	-	3	522	396	307	78	277	76	—	194

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.			
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions	-	1	288
	13 9½	9,024*	1 11 4½	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	-	12	2,836
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	-	16	2,629
				No returns	-	1	36
Board schools	16 9½	555	1 16 1½	—	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 22 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7.	7½.	8.	10.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
										T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	4,393	12	3	1	—	1	1	4	4 and 5	T. 23	U. 7	T. 5	U. 5	28	39	6	10
Board	307	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	5	T. 2	U. 1	—	—	2	4	—	1

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 29 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 32½ feet.
 Out of 40 class rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 4 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.
 Out of 3 class rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

GUISBOROUGH UNION (YORKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	7	437	<i>s. d.</i> 16 10	<i>s. d.</i> 42 5	295	82
" " 100 and over -	13	3,082	18 1½	36 7	2,214	90
Total -	20	3,519	17 11½	37 3½	2,509	89
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	8	429	<i>s. d.</i> 16 7¼	<i>s. d.</i> 47 5	238	85
" " 100 and over -	8	2,120	16 2½	38 1	1,526	84
Total -	16	2,549	16 3¼	39 8	1,764	84

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	3	4	1	—	—	4	—	1	—	4	2	—	—
100 and over -	—	15	9	—	2	13	—	13	—	15	—	—	—
Total -	3	19	10	—	2	17	—	14	—	19	2	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	4	4	1	—	2	1	1	4	—	4	1	—	—
100 and over -	6	9	3	—	4	7	—	10	—	11	1	—	—
Total -	10	13	4	—	6	8	1	14	—	15	2	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

GUISBOROUGH UNION (YORKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Per-centage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	20	5,373	4,395	3,519	80	£ 2,852	£ —	£ 1,074	£ 2,161
Board schools -	16	4,167	3,499	2,549	73	1,808	1,763	18	1,445

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 11½	£ 6,564	£ s. d. 1 17 3½	With no voluntary contributions -	3	722
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	832
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	15	1,965
Board schools -	16 3½	5,054	1 19 8	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 18 VOLUNTARY and 11 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	3,099	8	2	3	3 and 4	5	T. 20	U. 5	T. 4	U. 1	21	26	6	11
Board -	2,113	7	—	—	3 and 4	5	18	6	2	6	17	19	1	3

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :—

Out of 26 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 31 class rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :—

Out of 19 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 27 feet.

Out of 28 class rooms there are 5 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NORTHALLERTON UNION (YORKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	11	516	<i>s. d.</i> 16 6½	<i>s. d.</i> 40 1¼	484	72
" " 100 and over -	2	413	16 3¼	31 5¼	283	81
Total -	13	929	16 5	36 0	767	75
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	4	246	<i>s. d.</i> 16 2½	<i>s. d.</i> 44 6	193	79
" " 100 and over -	1	169	16 1¼	21 3¾	145	86
Total -	5	415	16 1¾	38 3¾	338	82

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	10	1	—	2	4	2	2	4	—	8	3	—	—
100 and over -	1	4	—	—	1	2	—	2	—	3	—	—	—
Total -	11	5	—	2	5	4	2	6	—	11	3	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	1	2	1	1	3	—	—	1	1	3	1	—	—
100 and over -	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total -	1	4	1	1	3	1	—	1	1	4	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NORTHALLERTON UNION (YORKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	12	1,488	1,150	869	—	£ 652	—	£ 379	£ 448
	Total -	13	1,556	1,227	929	76	—	—	—	—
Board schools	-	5	713	529	415	78	260	319	—	221

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contribution	—	—
	16 5	1,564*	1 16 0	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	2	456
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	10	413
				No returns	1	60
Board schools	-	16 1½	803	1 18 8½	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 11 VOLUNTARY and 4 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	797	3	—	} 2 and 4	5	T. 6	U. 8	T. —	U. —	4	7	2	2
Board	-	—	1			T. 4	U. 1	—	—	2	2	1	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 13 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.
 Out of 9 class rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 5 principal rooms there is 1 of 36 feet in width.
 Out of 3 class rooms there are 2 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

MALTON UNION (YORKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	33	1,502	<i>s. d.</i> 17 0	<i>s. d.</i> 46 1½	1,212	65
" " 100 and over -	4	929	12 2	28 11	735	59
Total - , -	37	2,431	15 1½	40 0	1,947	62
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	2	148	<i>s. d.</i> 19 7	<i>s. d.</i> 38 11	144	73
" " 100 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total - - -	2	148	19 7	38 11	144	73

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	21	10	2	7	14	4	11	15	9	29	3	1	—	
100 and over -	3	1	—	4	1	2	2	2	1	5	—	8	—	
Total - - -	24	11	2	11	15	6	13	17	10	34	3	9	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	
100 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total - - -	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MALTON UNION (YORKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	37	4,229	3,292	2,431	74	£ 2,171	£ —	£ 1,527	£ 1,194
Board schools -	2	189	232	148	64	135	55	—	98

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 1½	£ 4,863	£ s. d. 2 0 0	With no voluntary contributions -	1	40
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	3	621
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	33	1,770
Board schools -	19 7	288	1 18 11	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 34 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	2,136	6	1	1	3 and 4	4 and 5	T. 21	U. 15	T. —	U. 2	14	12	9	9
Board -	148	1	—	—	4	5 and 7	2	—	—	—	1	1	1	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 86 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 17 class rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 2 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 2 class rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

GLENDALE UNION (NORTHUMBERLAND).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	22	2,673	1,715	1,360	79	£ 1,248	£ —	£ 765	£ 835
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 18 3	£ 2,901	£ <i>s. d.</i> 2 2 8	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 { Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - 3 { Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 18	1 3 18	99 164 1,097
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 21 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6½.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	1,324	4	1	1	3	5	T. 20	U. 2	T. 1	U. —	3	11	2	1
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 22 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 15 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

ANGLESEA UNION (ANGLESEA).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	9	500	<i>s. d.</i> 16 1½	<i>s. d.</i> 31 9½	398	76
„ „ 100 and over -	3	319	15 6½	30 1½	247	81
Total - - -	12	819	15 10½	31 1½	645	78
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	4	218	<i>s. d.</i> 17 1¾	<i>s. d.</i> 38 10¾	224	86
„ „ 100 and over -	3	491	16 1	27 10½	361	76
Total - - -	7	709	16 7½	31 3½	585	80

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	6	2	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	3	7	—	—	
100 and over -	2	3	—	—	1	2	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	
Total -	8	5	1	2	3	3	—	2	—	6	7	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	1	1	2	—	—	3	—	2	—	3	1	—	—	
100 and over -	2	4	—	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	
Total -	3	5	2	—	1	6	—	6	—	7	1	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

ANGLESEA UNION (ANGLESEA).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	11	1,372	1,078	771	—	£ 578	£ —	£ 285	£ 216
	Total -	12	1,443	1,143	819	72	—	—	—	—
Board schools	-	7	1,549	984	709	72	568	373	—	168

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.			
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	
Voluntary schools..	s. d. 15 10½	£ 1,199*	£ s. d. 1 11 1½	With no voluntary contributions	-	2	107
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s.-	-	1	74
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	-	8	590
				No returns	-	1	48
Board schools	16 7½	1,109	1 11 3½	—	—	—	

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 9 VOLUNTARY and 7 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	7.	7½.	9.	10.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.
									Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.			
Voluntary	674	1	—	—	1	—	{ 2 3 3	4 5	T. 6 U. 4	T. — U. 1	3	3	5	2	
Board	709	—	1	1	—	1	2 and 3	4	9	—	—	5	8	2	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there is 1 of 26 feet in width.

Out of 8 class rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 10 principal rooms there is 1 of 26½ feet in width.

Out of 10 class rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 4½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES UNION (SURREY).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	11	718	<i>s. d.</i> 15 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 47 3	451	77
" " 100 and over -	22	7,074	17 6½	39 5½	4,842	88
Total -	33	7,792	17 4½	40 2	5,293	87
BOARD SCHOOLS,						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	1	64	<i>s. d.</i> 15 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 40 0	45	83
" " 100 and over -	3	489	16 0	39 9½	349	81
Total -	4	573	15 11	39 10	394	81

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	3	9	—	3	1	6	1	6	2	8	1	17	—
100 and over -	7	37	10	3	3	29	5	35	2	37	—	200	—
Total -	10	46	10	6	4	35	6	41	4	45	1	217	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
100 and over -	3	4	—	—	3	1	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
Total -	4	5	—	—	3	2	—	5	—	5	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES UNION (SURREY).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	33	11,158	9,793	7,792	80	£ 6,486	£ —	£ 4,165	£ 4,720
Board { 12 months-	3	658	572	460	—	308	374	3	234
{ Total -	4	867	780	578	78	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 4½	£ 15,647	£ s. d. 2 0 2	With no voluntary contributions -	3	260
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	697
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	28	6,885
Board schools -	15 11	916*	1 19 10	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 29 VOLUNTARY and 4 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	6	6½	6¾	8	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
									T.	U.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	2,315	15	4	1	1	1	{ 3 3 4 }	{ 4 5 }	T. 42	U. 19	T. 3	U. 25	41	82	4	50
Board	578	1	—	—	—	—	4	4 and 5	1	6	—	3	2	1	—	5

* T., Trained ; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 63 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 37½ feet.
 Out of 75 class rooms there are 11 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 9 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 9 class rooms there is 1 of 13½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WIMBORNE UNION (DORSET).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100	22	1,377	<i>s. d.</i> 15 0½	<i>s. d.</i> 36 1½	1,026	77
„ „ 100 and over	4	650	17 5	30 0½	455	88
Total	26	2,027	15 9½	34 2	1,481	80
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100	None	—	—	—	—	—
„ „ 100 and over	2	253	15 6	33 10½	168	84
Total	2	253	15 6	33 10½	168	84

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	11	18	—	3	11	5	2	13	—	18	4	—	—
100 and over	—	6	3	—	1	4	—	5	—	5	—	—	—
Total	11	24	3	3	12	9	2	18	—	23	4	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100 and over	2	3	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—
Total	2	3	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WIMBORNE UNION (DORSET).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	26	3,448	2,535	2,027	80	£ 1,477	£ —	£ 1,142	£ 525
Board schools -	2	354	294	253	86	184	153	—	62

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 9½	£ 3,463	£ s. d. 1 14 2	With no voluntary contributions -	1	88
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	6	497
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	19	1,530
Board schools -	15 6	429	1 13 10½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 21 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistant, Art. 84.	Paid Monitor.	
						Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	1,710	7	1	3	4 and 5	T. 21	U. 5	T. 1	U. 2	7	11	8	14
Board -	253	1	—	3	4	2	1	—	—	1	2	1	4

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 25 principal rooms there is 1 of 27½ feet in width.
Out of 19 class rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 5 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 4 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
Out of 2 class rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

AYLESBURY UNION (BUCKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100	19	1,067	s. 15	d. 7½	s. 39	d. 2½	825	75
„ „ 100 and over	18	2,148	s. 14	d. 7½	s. 33	d. 9	1,423	80
Total	32	3,210	s. 14	d. 11½	s. 35	d. 4½	2,248	78
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100	1	45	—		New School open 9 months.		35	70
„ „ 100 and over	1	128	s. 13	d. 7	s. 35	d. 8½	91	79
Total	2	168	s. 13	d. 7	s. 35	d. 8½	126	76

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	6	8	7	3	2	2	2	1	—	6	9	—	—
100 and over	10	13	3	1	4	4	3	6	—	11	4	—	—
Total	16	21	10	4	6	6	5	7	—	17	13	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
100 and over	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

AYLESBURY UNION (BUCKS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	29	4,346	3,823	3,065	—	£ 2,205	£ —	£ 1,880	£ 1,097
	Total -	32	4,585	3,993	3,210	80	—	—	—	—
Board	12 mos.	1	147	173	123	—	78	110	—	30
	Total -	2	195	226	168	74	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 14 11½	£ 5,428	£ s. d. 1 15 4½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	78
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	283
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	26	2,704
				No returns - - - -	3	145
Board schools	18 7	219	1 15 8½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 30 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		4.	5.	5½.	6.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	2,706	1	6	1	1	1	2	4	T. 25	U. 8	T. 5	U. 8	8	19	7	20
Board	168	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 41 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 33 feet.

Out of 30 class rooms there are 11 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

No class-rooms.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

ANDOVER UNION (HANTS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	21	1,075	<i>s. d.</i> 16 1½	<i>s. d.</i> 37 4½	742	78
" " 100 and over -	4	749	16 5½	38 6	562	82
Total -	25	1,824	16 3	35 9½	1,304	80
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	1	45	<i>s. d.</i> 21 9½	<i>s. d.</i> 47 4	33	83
" " 100 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	1	45	21 9½	47 4	33	83

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	3	19	2	1	9	5	1	6	3	15	5	—	—	
100 and over -	1	8	2	—	2	4	1	6	1	7	—	—	—	
Total -	4	27	4	1	11	9	2	12	4	22	5	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	
100 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total -	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

ANDOVER UNION (HANTS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	25	2,880	2,331	1,824	78	£ 1,540	£ —	£ 724	£ 628
Board schools -	1	92	49	45	92	50	36	—	17

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	16 3	3,262	1 15 9½	With no voluntary contributions -	5	239
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	4	252
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	16	1,363
Board schools -	21 9½	107	2 7 4	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 20 VOLUNTARY and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	9.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	1,474	2	3	1	3	4	T. 18	U. 6	T. 1	U. 1	5	6	8	7
Board -	45	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 24 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 13 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

There is 1 principal room of 19½ feet in width.
 And 1 class-room of 13½ feet wide, and 11½ feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CHELMSFORD UNION (ESSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	19	1,171	<i>s. d.</i> 13 11	<i>s. d.</i> 34 2½	801	77
" " 100 and over -	14	2,872	16 1½	34 11½	2,041	85
Total -	33	4,043	15 6½	34 9	2,842	82
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	3	238	<i>s. d.</i> 14 5½	<i>s. d.</i> 34 11½	180	90
" " 100 and over -	1	108	17 0½	36 9	93	94
Total -	4	346	15 3	35 6½	273	91

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	11	8	—	4	2	3	1	2	—	6	11	—	—
100 and over -	11	19	4	2	10	10	—	15	—	20	2	—	—
Total -	22	27	4	6	12	13	1	17	—	26	13	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
100 and over -	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Total -	3	5	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	3	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHELMSFORD UNION (ESSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary	12 mos.	32	5,479	4,007	—	£ 2,967	£ —	£ 1,783	£ 1,804
	Total -	33	5,542	4,049	79	—	—	—	—
Board Schools	-	4	459	346	81	245	221	—	127

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>	With no voluntary contributions	1	49
	15 6½	6,962*	1 14 9	Voluntary contributions less than 5s.	3	285
				Voluntary contributions over 5s.	28	3,673
				No returns	1	36
Board schools	15 3	615	1 15 6½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 31 VOLUNTARY and 2 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.						Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7.	7½.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
										Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	3,542	8	1	1	1	2	1	{ 2 and 3 3 and 4	{ 4 5	T. 35	U. 9	T. 5	U. 2	15	30	6	34
Board	162	—	—	—	—	—	—	{ 3 4	{ 4 5	T. 2	U. —	—	—	—	—	3	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 50 principal rooms there is 1 of 29 feet in width.

Out of 37 class rooms there are 14 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 7 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 2 principal rooms there are none above 26 feet in width.

There is 1 class room of 14½ feet wide and 13½ feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

HITCHIN UNION (HERTS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100	14	798	<i>s. d.</i> 14 2½	<i>s. d.</i> 40 10½	586	72
" " 100 and over	18	2,698	15 9½	31 10½	2,056	77
Total	27	3,491	15 5	38 11½	2,642	76
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100	2	84	<i>s. d.</i> 15 0	<i>s. d.</i> 43 1	64	70
" " 100 and over	3	515	16 10¾	30 8¾	334	83
Total	5	599	16 7½	32 5½	398	81

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Cookery.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	5	9	1	6	8	1	3	3	3	12	2	—	—
100 and over	14	12	2	1	6	10	2	15	1	18	—	16	—
Total	19	21	3	7	14	11	5	18	4	30	2	16	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
100 and over	1	4	1	—	2	1	—	3	—	3	—	—	—
Total	2	4	1	1	3	1	—	4	—	4	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

HITCHIN UNION (HERTS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	27	5,478	4,481	3,491	78	£ 2,676	£ —	£ 1,488	£ 1,274
Board schools	5	753	721	599	83	505	276	—	189

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 5	-£ 5,923	£ s. d. 1 13 11½	With no voluntary contributions -	2	193
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	3	507
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	22	2,791
Board schools -	16 7½	972	1 12 5½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 26 VOLUNTARY and 5 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*								
		5.	6.	7.	7½.	9.	10.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
										T.	U.	Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	3,289	7	3	1	2	1	1	3	4 and 5	T. 23	U. 17	T. 2	U. 1	16	42	1	42
Board -	599	2	—	—	1	—	—	3	4	3	3	—	1	2	7	1	6

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 39 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 26 class rooms there are 9 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 4 class rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON (WARWICK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.	
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100 -	17	861	s. 15	d. 7½	s. 37	d. 3½	604	79
„ „ 100 and over	7	1,489	16	10	34	3½	1,029	85
Total - -	24	2,350	16	4½	35	5	1,633	83
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100 -	5	256	s. 18	d. 1½	s. 32	d. 11	264	86
„ „ 100 and over -	4	702	16	0	37	10½	371	88
Total - -	9	958	16	4¼	36	6½	635	87

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. Number of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	8	12	1	2	1	2	—	—	—	3	14	—	—
100 and over -	1	7	5	—	1	8	—	3	—	9	—	—	—
Total	9	19	6	2	2	10	—	3	—	12	14	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	2	8	3	—	1	4	—	2	—	5	1	—	—
100 and over -	1	4	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Total	3	7	4	—	1	8	—	2	—	9	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON (WARWICK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	24	3,272	2,491	3,350	94	£ 1,952	£ —	£ 1,214	£ 847
Board schools -	9	1,475	1,136	958	84	595	675	—	436

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 16 4½	£ 4,161	£ s. d. 1 15 5	With no voluntary contributions - - Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	— 1 23	— 36 2,314
Board schools -	16 4½	1,751	1 16 6½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 21 VOLUNTARY and 5 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
			5.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	1,475	4	3 3 and 4	4 5	T. 16 U. 10	T. — U. 4	5	6	4	12		
Board -	560	1	4	5	4 4	1 1	1	5	1	3		

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

- Out of 25 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.
- Out of 15 class-rooms there are 7 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 3 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

- Out of 5 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.
- Out of 6 class-rooms there is 1 less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

MIDHURST UNION (SUSSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Percentage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	11	741	s. d. 15 6½	s. d. 39 1½	538	81
" " 100 and over -	6	868	15 1	35 2½	634	82
Total -	17	1,609	15 3½	37 0	1,172	82
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	2	121	s. d. No Returns.	s. d.	69	75
" " 100 and over -	1	159	12 11½	42 11½	135	80
Total -	3	280	12 11½	42 11½	204	79

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Cookery.	
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	9	8	1	—	4	4	1	6	—	9	2	—	—
100 and over -	5	6	—	—	5	2	—	6	—	7	—	—	—
Total -	14	14	1	—	9	6	1	12	—	16	2	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
100 and over -	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Total -	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	2	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MIDHURST UNION (SUSSEX).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	17	2,464	2,077	1,609	77	£ 1,261	£ —	£ 1,124	£ 626
Board {	12 months	1	203	206	159	93	189	—	48
	Total -	3	350	357	280	78	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 3½	£ 2,977	£ s. d. 1 17 0	{ With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				{ Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	214
				{ Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	15	1,395
Board schools -	12 11½	342*	2 2 11¼	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 16 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	Half time.	Full time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	1,528	2	1	3 4	4 5	T. 14 U. 9	T. 2 U. 2	6	6	7	8	
Board -	79	—	—	3	4	— 1	— —	1	—	—	1	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 21 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 20 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Of 2 principal rooms neither is above 25 feet in width.

There are no class-rooms.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

NEWTON ABBOTT UNION (DEVON) (*including* TORQUAY).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	22	1,170	s. d. 16 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	s. d. 36 5	754	83
" " 100 and over -	22	4,971	16 8	32 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,304	83
Total -	44	6,141	16 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,058	83
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	10	557	s. d. 14 1	s. d. 38 8	443	70
" " 100 and over -	9	2,137	16 2	33 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,480	83
Total -	19	2,694	15 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	34 3	1,923	80

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	13	13	2	1	5	6	1	5	—	12	8	14	12
100 and over -	13	27	11	1	10	17	2	25	—	29	1	5	—
Total -	26	40	13	2	15	23	3	30	—	41	9	19	12
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	7	4	2	3	3	3	—	3	—	6	4	—	—
100 and over -	7	11	6	—	6	7	1	10	—	14	1	1	—
Total -	14	15	8	3	9	10	1	13	—	20	5	1	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

NEWTON ABBOTT UNION (DEVON) (*including* TORQUAY).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	44	9,872	7,741	6,141	79	£ 4,946	£ —	£ 2,665	£ 2,286
Board schools -	19	4,011	3,428	2,694	79	2,008	1,547	—	991

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	<i>s. d.</i> 16 2½	£ 10,218	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 13 3½	{ With no voluntary contributions - Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> -	1	54
			9		1,649	
			34		4,438	
Board schools -	15 8½	4,613	1 14 3	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 29 VOLUNTARY and 18 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*								
									Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.			
		5.	5½.	6.	6½.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.		Certificated.	Not Certificated.				T.	U.	T.
Voluntary	4,577	10	1	3	1	3	{ 2 3 4 — 5 —	{ 3 4 5 3 5	T.	U.	T.	U.					
Board	2,494	6	—	1	—	—	{ 2 3 4	{ 3 4 5	19	10	5	7	15	27	4	26	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 49 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 48 feet.

Out of 43 class-rooms there are 11 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 30 principal rooms there are 3 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 31 feet.

Out of 28 class-rooms there are 12 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

PENZANCE UNION (CORNWALL).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	12	745	<i>s. d.</i> 17 4½	<i>s. d.</i> 35 5	678	85
" " 100 and over -	8	1,933	16 11½	29 8½	1,259	87
Total -	20	2,678	17 1	31 3½	1,932	87
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	10	625	<i>s. d.</i> 16 9¾	<i>s. d.</i> 37 4½	504	81
" " 100 and over -	8	1,901	16 9¾	32 3½	1,480	85
Total -	18	2,526	16 9¾	33 4	1,984	84

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments * paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	6	8	1	—	3	9	—	8	—	12	—	—	—
100 and over -	5	8	4	—	1	8	—	8	1	9	—	16	—
Total -	11	16	5	—	4	17	—	16	1	21	—	16	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	5	8	—	—	1	7	1	7	—	9	—	—	—
100 and over -	4	12	4	—	4	8	—	12	—	12	—	2	—
Total -	9	20	4	—	5	15	1	19	—	21	—	2	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

PENZANCE UNION (CORNWALL).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	20	4,345	3,715	2,678	72	£ 2,251	£ —	£ 749	£ 1,053
Board {	12 months	16	4,295	3,469	—	2,051	962	—	938
	Total -	18	4,596	3,670	69	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 1	£ 4,191	£ s. d. 1 11 3½	{ With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				{ Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	8	1,794
				{ Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	12	884
Board schools -	16 9½	3,993*	1 13 4	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 19 VOLUNTARY and 18 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.								Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5	6	6½	7	7½	8	9	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
												Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary	2,596	7	1	—	1	—	1	1	{ 3 and 4	4 5	T. 17	U. 7	T. —	U. 6	14	28	7	12
Board	2,526	10	—	2	—	2	—	—	{ 3 4	4 5	19	7	1	3	17	47	4	11

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 26 principal rooms there are 7 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 33 feet.
 Out of 24 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 34 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 34 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

REDRUTH UNION (CORNWALL).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.		Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
			s.	d.	s.	d.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100 -	5	284	16	8½	33	6	232	81
„ „ 100 and over -	5	842	16	3	25	9½	602	86
Total -	10	1,126	16	4½	27	8½	834	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100 -	4	256	15	0	31	11½	219	86
„ „ 100 and over -	9	2,539	16	10½	26	1½	2,006	85
Total -	13	2,795	16	8½	26	7½	2,225	85

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	2	3	2	—	1	4	—	2	—	5	—	1	—
100 and over -	4	6	1	1	1	6	—	5	—	7	—	—	—
Total -	6	9	3	1	2	10	—	7	—	12	—	1	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	—	5	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	2	2	—	—
100 and over -	6	15	4	—	4	12	—	16	—	16	—	—	—
Total -	6	20	4	1	4	14	—	18	—	18	2	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

REDRUTH UNION (CORNWALL).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	10	2,039	1,566	1,126	72	£ 842	£ —	£ 280	£ 408
Board schools -	13	4,186	3,943	2,795	71	2,093	768	—	841

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.				
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.		
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 16 4½	£ 1,561	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 7 8½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 2 Voluntary contributions less than 5 <i>s.</i> - 2 Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 6	2	157		
Board schools -	16 8½	3,724	1 6 7½				2	381
							6	588

FROM ANSWERS given by 10 VOLUNTARY and 13 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.	Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
			5.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	1,126	6	3 4	4 5	T. 10	U. 3	T. —	U. 2	3	10	6	11
Board -	2,795	11	— 3	4 5	12	14	1	1	18	31	5	20

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 15 principal rooms there is 1 of 34 feet in width.
 Out of 12 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 32 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 33 class-rooms there are 4 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

HOLBEACH UNION (LINCOLN).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.		Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100 -	7	381	s. 15	d. 3½	s. 38	d. 8½	291	79
" " - 100 and over -	4	510	16	8½	31	0½	374	87
Total -	11	891	15	10½	34	3½	665	84
BOARD SCHOOLS.								
Average Attendance less than 100 -	8	598	s. 14	d. 9¾	s. 39	d. 1	485	83
" " 100 and over -	4	941	17	3½	30	1½	765	87
Total -	12	1,539	16	4	33	7½	1,250	85

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	2	4	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	4	2	—	—
100 and over -	3	4	1	—	1	2	1	4	—	4	—	—	—
Total -	5	8	2	—	3	3	2	4	—	8	2	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	8	3	1	—	5	3	—	3	1	8	—	1	—
100 and over -	—	7	1	1	1	5	—	6	—	6	—	—	—
Total -	8	10	2	1	6	8	—	9	1	14	—	1	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

HOLBEACH UNION (LINCOLN).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	11	1,401	1,215	891	73	£ 642	£ —	£ 316	£ 393
Board schools -	12	2,272	1,994	1,539	72	1,175	909	—	494

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contribution to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 15 10½	£ 1,529	£ s. d. 1 14 3½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 3 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 7	1 3 7	44 344 503
Board schools -	16 4	2,586	1 13 7½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 10 VOLUNTARY and 9 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5	5½	6	7½	8	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
										Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary -	788	4	1	—	—	—	2 and 3 3 and 4	4 5	T. 7 U. 4	T. — U. 2	2	9	2	3	
Board -	796	5	—	1	1	1	3	4	6 3 1 —	2	13	1	6		

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 11 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.

Out of 8 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 10 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.

Out of 9 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 12 feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

BRIGG UNION (LINCOLNSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	21	1,287	s. d. 16 8½	s. d. 39 11½	978	87
" " 100 and over -	14	2,852	15 7¼	32 6½	2,173	84
Total -	35	4,139	15 11½	34 10	3,151	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	7	481	s. d. 16 4	s. d. 38 10½	451	81
" " 100 and over -	4	577	12 4½	27 7	380	79
Total -	11	1,058	14 2¼	32 8½	831	80

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	13	13	4	—	9	10	1	10	1	20	1	—	—
100 and over -	18	7	5	1	6	10	—	11	2	16	1	58	—
Total -	31	20	9	1	15	20	1	21	3	36	2	58	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	6	2	—	—	4	1	1	5	—	6	1	—	—
100 and over -	4	2	—	1	2	—	1	2	—	3	—	—	—
Total -	10	4	—	1	6	1	2	7	—	9	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

BRIGG UNION (LINCOLNSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	35	6,691	5,472	4,139	76	£ 3,052	£ —	£ 1,518	£ 2,373
Board schools -	11	1,736	1,485	1,058	71	705	504	—	546

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 15 11½	£ 7,210	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 14 10	With no voluntary contributions -	1	413
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	8	1,631
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	26	2,095
Board schools -	14 2¼	1,731	1 12 8½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 27 VOLUNTARY and 11 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Certificated.	Not Certificated.				
Voluntary	3,591	11	1	1	3 and 4	4	T. 24 U. 14	T. 2 U. 4	21	26	8	15	
Board	1,058	2	—	—	3 and 4	4 and 5	8 4	1 2	7	—	3	4	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 38 principal rooms there are 5 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 30 feet.

Out of 32 class rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 12 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 9 class rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

AMESBURY UNION (WILTS).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	16	1,434	1,282	981	77	£ 706	£ --	£ 575	£ 246
Board schools -	None.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	<i>s. d.</i> 14 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	£ 1,629	£ <i>s. d.</i> 1 13 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	With no voluntary contributions - 1 Voluntary contribution less than 5 <i>s.</i> - — Voluntary contributions over 5 <i>s.</i> - 15	1	35
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 16 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*						
		5.	6.	7.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
								Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary	981	1	2	1	3	{ 4 ^B 5 ^G }	T. 9 U. 8	T. — U. 2	6	6	6	7	
Board -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 17 principal rooms there is 1 of 28 feet in width.
 Out of 6 class-rooms there is 1 of 10 feet wide, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

MAIDSTONE UNION (KENT) (*including* MAIDSTONE BOROUGH).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	10	701	<i>s. d.</i> 14 8	<i>s. d.</i> 48 1¼	486	80
" " 100 and over -	18	4,291	17 6½	35 0¼	3,108	88
Total -	28	4,992	17 1½	36 10½	3,594	87
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	None	—	<i>s. d.</i> —	<i>s. d.</i> —	—	—
" " 100 and over -	3	579	16 11	39 11½	436	84
Total -	3	579	16 11	39 11½	436	84

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	6	9	1	1	6	3	2	5	1	11	1	—	—	
100 and over -	3	30	12	—	6	19	2	24	1	27	—	—	44	
Total -	9	39	13	1	12	22	4	29	2	38	1	—	44	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
100 and over -	2	3	3	—	3	2	—	4	1	5	—	—	—	
Total -	2	3	3	—	3	2	—	4	1	5	—	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MAIDSTONE UNION (KENT) (including MAIDSTONE BOROUGH).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	28	7,285	6,872	4,992	73	£ 4,217	£ —	£ 2,034	£ 2,582
Board schools -	3	777	778	579	74	488	849	—	272

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	17 1½	9,202	1 16 10½	{ With no voluntary contributions - 1 Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 5 Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 22	124	1,607
Board schools -	16 11	1,157	1 19 11½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 24 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.					Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	6½.	7½.	10.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
										Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary -	4,514	12	1	1	1	1	{ 3 4 5	{ 4 5 6	T. 29	U. 11	T. 6	U. 4	21	43	5	37
Board -	268	—	—	—	1	—	3	5	2	1	—	—	—	6	—	3

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 46 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 31½ feet.
 Out of 45 class rooms there are 16 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9½ feet and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

Out of 3 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
 Out of 3 class-rooms there is 1 only 11½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

LEOMINSTER UNION (HEREFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	19	1,028	<i>s. d.</i> 17 1½	<i>s. d.</i> 38 11½	855	80
" " 100 and over -	3	741	16 0	32 0½	510	77
Total -	22	1,769	16 7½	36 0½	1,365	79
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	1	60	<i>s. d.</i> 14 4	<i>s. d.</i> 50 0½		82
" " 100 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	1	60	14 4	50 0½	50	82

	*Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	7	7	4	2	8	9	1	7	1	13	6	—	—
100 and over -	3	2	2	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
Total -	10	9	6	2	4	12	1	11	1	17	6	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
100 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

LEOMINSTER UNION (HEREFORDSHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	22	2,938	2,363	1,769	75	£ 1,425	£ —	£ 1,012	£ 626
Board schools -	1	106	82	60	73	43	88	—	19

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	16 7½	3,190	1 16 0½	{ With no voluntary contributions - Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	—	—
					—	—
					22	1,769
Board schools -	14 4	150	2 10 0½	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 22 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	6	10	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.				
Voluntary -	1,769	2	—	1	3 and 4	4 and 5	T. 13	U. 12	T. 2	U. 2	7	12	6	6
Board -	60	—	1	—	3	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS :

Out of 25 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.

Out of 19 class-rooms there are 6 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS :

There is only 1 principal room 18 feet wide, and 1 class-room 17 feet wide.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

THETFORD UNION (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	18	963	<i>s. d.</i> 18 1½	<i>s. d.</i> 35 11	785	83
" " 100 and over -	3	457	17 6	35 8½	332	91
Total -	21	1,420	17 11	35 8½	1,067	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	1	92	<i>s. d.</i> 14 6½	<i>s. d.</i> 26 8½	65	84
" " 100 and over -	2	863	17 5½	36 5½	595	85
Total -	3	955	17 2	35 6	660	84

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects. Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants. of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	4	12	3	—	5	10	2	9	1	17	1	—	—
100 and over -	—	3	3	—	1	2	—	3	—	3	—	—	—
Total -	4	15	6	—	6	12	2	12	1	20	1	—	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
100 and over -	—	4	2	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	50	—
Total -	1	5	2	—	2	3	—	5	—	5	—	50	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

THETFORD UNION (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Per centage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	21	2,301	1,787	1,420	79	1,237	—	738	426
Board schools -	3	1,230	1,161	955	82	797	337	—	550

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£ -</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	17 11	2,536	1 15 8½	{ With no voluntary contributions -	—	—
				{ Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	8	287
				{ Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	18	1,133
Board schools -	17 2	1,695	1 15 6	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 20 VOLUNTARY and 3 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	8.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary -	1,361	2	—	3, 4, & 5	4, 5, & 6	T. 16	U. 7	T. —	U. 2	7	3	3	27
Board -	955	1	1	3 & 5	5 & 6	4	3	—	4	7	9	—	2

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 23 principal rooms there is only 1 above 25 feet in width, it being 26 feet wide.

Out of 16 class-rooms there are 8 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 10½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.

Out of 13 class-rooms there is one only 8½ feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

WALSINGHAM UNION (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	15	983	<i>s. d.</i> 15 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	<i>s. d.</i> 35 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	756	83
" " 100 and over -	6	1,014	17 0	32 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	721	87
Total -	21	1,997	16 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,477	85
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100 -	5	384	<i>s. d.</i> 16 7	<i>s. d.</i> 41 11	245	88
" " 100 and over -	2	507	16 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	34 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	365	85
Total -	7	841	16 8	37 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	610	86

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.								Specific Subjects. Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which				
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	11	10	—	1	6	5	1	5	—	12	3	—	—	
100 and over -	5	8	2	—	—	9	—	9	—	9	—	—	—	
Total -	16	18	2	1	6	14	1	14	—	21	3	—	—	
BOARD SCHOOLS.														
Average Attendance:														
Less than 100 -	2	6	—	—	1	3	—	2	—	4	1	—	—	
100 and over -	1	3	1	—	1	2	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	
Total -	3	9	1	—	2	5	—	4	—	7	1	—	—	

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

WALSINGHAM UNION (NORFOLK).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	21	3,245	2,563	1,997	78	£ 1,590	£ —	£ 1,163	£ 639
Board schools -	7	1,119	1,005	841	84	726	552	—	287

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£ <i>s. d.</i>			
Voluntary schools	16 0½	3,418	1 14 2¼	{ With no voluntary contributions - — Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - — Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 21	—	1,997
Board schools -	16 8	1,568	1 17 3¼	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 18 VOLUNTARY and 4 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.		Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5.	6.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
							Certificated.	Not Certificated.					
Voluntary -	1,632	5	2	3 and 4	3, 4 and 5	T. 17	U. 6	T. —	U. —	8	16	7	18
Board -	609	1	—	3 and 4	4 and 5	5	1	—	1	4	7	1	2

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 28 principal rooms there is 1 of 29 feet in width.
 Out of 9 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 8½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 7 principal rooms there are none of 25 feet in width.
 Out of 5 class-rooms there are none less than 14 feet wide, and none under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

RHONDDA VALLEY, PONTYPRIDD UNION (SOUTH WALES).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100	3	211	<i>s. d.</i> 16 11	<i>s. d.</i> 28 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	107	88
" " 100 and over	6	2,452	18 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	33 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,711	90
Total	9	2,663	18 0	33 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,818	90
BOARD SCHOOLS.						
Average Attendance less than 100	4	286	<i>s. d.</i> 19 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	<i>s. d.</i> 42 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	165	96
" " 100 and over	30	10,342	18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7,149	92
Total	34	10,628	18 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	33 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7,314	93

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which.			
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
100 and over	—	11	4	—	—	9	—	9	—	9	—	—	19
Total	—	13	6	—	—	10	—	10	—	10	1	—	19
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100	—	3	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	1	—	—
100 and over	2	26	38	1	3	35	2	40	—	40	1	198	100
Total	2	29	39	1	3	37	2	42	—	42	2	198	100

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

RHONDDA VALLEY, PONTYPRIDD UNION (SOUTH WALES).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from				
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.	
Voluntary	12 mos.	8	3,505	3,352	2,595	—	£ 1,769	£ —	£ 1,637	£ 796
	Total	9	3,631	3,419	2,663	78	—	—	—	—
Board	12 mos.	33	13,742	14,186	10,488	—	8,751	3,732	—	5,502
	Total	34	14,157	14,349	10,628	74	—	—	—	—

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.*	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools -	s. d. 18 0	£ 4,340	£ s. d. 1 13 5½	With no voluntary contributions -	1	319
				Voluntary contributions less than 5s. -	2	287
				Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	5	1,989
				No Returns -	1	68
Board schools -	18 1½	18,038	1 13 11½	—	—	—

* For 12 months' Returns only.

FROM ANSWERS given by 5 VOLUNTARY and 29 BOARD SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.										Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*									
		5	5½	6	6½	6¾	7	7½	8	9	9½	26½	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.			
																Certificated.	Not Certificated.						
Voluntary	1,256	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4 and 5	T. 7	U. 3	—	—	10	20	—	4
Board	9,585	8	1	11	1	1	1	1	2	—	1	3	4	4	5	42	17	6	7	79	161	1	5

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 10 principal rooms there is only 1 of 27½ feet in width.

Out of 11 class-rooms there is 1 less than 14 feet wide, being 13½ feet, and none under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

Out of 63 principal rooms there are 2 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 26½ feet.

Out of 92 class-rooms there are 10 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 11 feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

CHORLEY UNION (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.						
			s.	d.				s.	d.				
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance less than 100 -	19	1,854	16	1½	39 4½	1,082	84						
" " 100 and over -	26	5,962	18	0	34 11½	4,801	88						
Total -	45	7,816	17	8	35 9½	5,883	87						
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance less than 100 -	1	53	18	7	38 11½	43	87						
" " 100 and over -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Total -	1	53	18	7	38 11½	43	87						
DEPARTMENTS AND CLASS SUBJECTS.													
	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.							Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which			
				Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.	Did not take Class Subjects.			
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	6	16	2	8	12	3	3	8	—	18	—	—	—
100 and over -	11	36	9	1	11	18	—	23	1	29	3	1	—
Total -	17	52	11	4	23	21	3	31	1	47	3	1	—
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Average Attendance:													
Less than 100 -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
100 and over -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

CHORLEY UNION (LANCASHIRE).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	45	11,961	10,174	7,316	72	£ 6,081	£ —	£ 1,016	£ 5,184
Board schools	1	65	70	53	76	45	23	—	35

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 17 8	£ 13,084	£ s. d. 1 15 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	{ With no voluntary contributions - Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - Voluntary contributions over 5s. -	9	1,204
			20		4,514	
			16		1,598	
Board schools	13 7	103	1 18 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 23 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.			Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
		5	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.		Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.	
							Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.	T.	U.				T.
Voluntary	2,937	6	5	2	2 and 3	5	T. 25	U. 4	T. 5	U. 3	16	23	1	8
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 31 principal rooms there are 11 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 39 feet.

Out of 29 class-rooms there are 14 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and 1 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOL:

No returns.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH UNION (LEICESTER).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

—	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. of Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools -	37	6,493	6,058	4,784	79	£ 3,475	£ —	£ 1,159	£ 2,176
Board schools -	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

—	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance..	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 15 4½	£ 7,577	£ s. d. 1 11 8	{ With no voluntary contributions - 3 { Voluntary contributions less than 5s. - 15 { Voluntary contributions over 5s. - 19	3	280
Board schools -	—	—	—	—	—	—

FROM ANSWERS given by 31 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

—	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No. of Staff.*							
								Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.		
		5.	6.	7.	7½.	Half Time.	Full Time.		Cer-tificated.	Not Cer-tificated.					
Voluntary	4,375	10	3	5	1	—	4	T. 25	U. 18	T. 3	U. 6	23	46	7	13
Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

Out of 46 principal rooms there are 6 above 25 feet in width, the widest being 37½ feet.
 Out of 38 class-rooms there are 15 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7 feet, and 4 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOLS:

None.

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

I.—CONTRASTING SMALL AND LARGE SCHOOLS.

MACHYNLLETH UNION (MONTGOMERY).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance (on Grants earned 1884-5).		Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Number presented for Examination.	Per-centage of Passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.							
Average Attendance less than 100	12	680.	s. d. 19 6½	s. d. 36 7½	417	86	
" " 100 and over	3	446	18 9½	37 9½	381	91	
Total	15	1,076	19 8	3	798	88	
BOARD SCHOOLS.							
Average Attendance less than 100	4	294	s. d. 20 1½	s. d. 43 6½	250	90	
" " 100 and over	None	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	4	294	20 1½	43 6½	250	90	

	Departments (and Classes) which obtained Merit Grant.				Class Subjects.						Specific Subjects, Number of Passes.	Cookery. No. of Girls paid Grants of 4s.
					English.			Second Subject.		Senior Depts. which		
	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	Refused.	Departments 1s.	Departments 2s.	Departments refused.	Departments paid.	Departments refused.	Took Class Subjects.		
VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 100-	3	7	2	—	2	8	—	9	—	10	1	—
100 and over	—	1	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	—	23
Total	3	8	6	—	2	12	—	13	—	14	1	23
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
Average Attendance:												
Less than 100-	—	2	3	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	—
100 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	2	3	—	1	3	—	4	—	4	—	—

COMPARATIVE RETURN (B.) FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS.

II.—CONTRASTING VOLUNTARY AND BOARD SCHOOLS.

MACHYNLLETH UNION (MONTGOMERY).

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, YEAR 1884-5.

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.	Total No. on the Books.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Average Attendance to No. on Books.	Income from			
						Government Grant.	Rates.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	Fees and Books.
Voluntary schools	15	1,789	1,390	1,076	77	£ 1,045	—	£ 886	£ 380
Board schools	4	570	383	294	77	288	269	—	583

	Rate of Grant per Head in Average Attendance on Grants earned in Year 1884-5.	Total Cost.	Cost per Head in Average Attendance.	Contributions to Voluntary Schools.		
				Rate per Head in Average Attendance.	No. of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Voluntary schools	s. d. 19 3	£ 1,997	£ s. d. 1 17 1½	{ With no voluntary contributions Voluntary contributions less than 5s. Voluntary contributions over 5s.	—	—
					4	455
					11	621
Board schools	20 1½	640	2 3 6½	—	—	

FROM ANSWERS given by 14 VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS and 1 BOARD SCHOOL which have replied to CIRCULAR B.

	Average Attendance.	Schools giving Instruction to Pupil Teachers. Hours per Week.				Standard of Exemption.		Total No of Staff.*								
		5	7	7½	10	Half Time.	Full Time.	Head Teachers.	Assistants.		Pupil Teachers and Candidates.	Female Assistants, Art. 84.	Paid Monitors.			
									Certificatqd.	Not Certificated.						
Voluntary	879	1	1	1	1	{ 3 4 }	5	T. 11	U. 4	T. —	U. 1	2	11	2	4	
Board	45	None.				4	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

* T., Trained; U., Untrained.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS:

- Out of 16 principal rooms there are none above 25 feet in width.
- Out of 8 class-rooms there are 3 less than 14 feet wide, the narrowest being 7½ feet, and 2 under 10 feet high.

BOARD SCHOOL:

- The principal room is 20 feet wide.
- The class-room is 15 feet wide and 16 feet high.

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