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No. 51/131.National Education Office,
Sydney 6th March 1851

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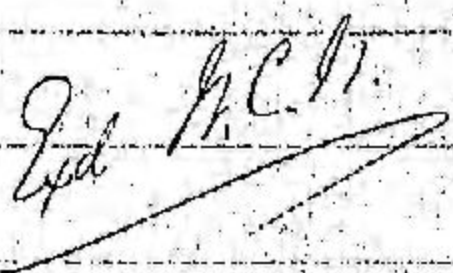
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I have the honor to enclose
herewith Draft on the Union Bank of Australia
Melbourne for the pounds, thirteen shillings and
four pence your salary for the months
of December and January last.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient serv^t
(Signed) W. C. Wells
Secretary

Mr. H. G. Ball
National School,
Bacchus Marsh, Port Phillip.

Ed. H.C. 11.


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Benalla,

Benalla

6th November 1879.

The Local Patrons National School, Benalla, to the Board of National Education, Sydney

Gentlemen,

I have been desired by the Patrons of the proposed National school to be erected at Benalla, in the District of Murray, to forward the accompanying application for the sum of £100 towards the same, £50 having been locally subscribed, collected, and paid into the Bank, to the credit of the said school.

I have also been requested to inform you that Nos. 4 and 5 of Block "K" situate within the Town of Benalla, from their healthy situation, are admirably adapted for erecting the school house on, and the Patrons would recommend that you secure them for that purpose.

I would observe that the Tender for the erection of the school-house has been taken at £133 and is to be substantially built of Brick,

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your most obt servant,
(Signed) Robt G. Meade,
Secretary.

The Board of }
Nat. Education }
Sydney

Expd. H. C. P.

Copy of printed Schedule enclosed in the preceding letter.

Benalla,

To the Commissioners of the Board of National Education,

The undersigned being desirous of establishing a Boys' and Girls' school under the direction of the Board of National Education, and being willing to act as Patrons thereof, have to request that the Board of Commissioners will, in pursuance of the regulations of 10th May 1848, be pleased to grant a sum of £100 towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to the annexed plan, and also a further annual sum of £50 in support of the Schoolmaster and the undersigned hereby engage to conform to such regulations as have been already published by the National Board, and to such as may be hereafter promulgated by their authority.

(Signed) John Allan Benalla,

P. Cheyne M. D.

Henry De clot

Robt. James Meade

Here follows a sketch of the ground plan, and a sketch of the elevation of the proposed Building.

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Copy of important parts of
the Schedule only.
E. J. C. J.

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Number of children in the District in which the School is proposed to be created,

Boys	14
Girls	19
Total	<u>33</u>

Of which — 14 are Church of England,
 " 6 are Wesleyans
 " 13 are Roman Catholics,
33

Proposed cost of the Building £ 133,
 Sum proposed to be raised by the Local Patrons for the Building £ 50,

By order and direction of the Local Patrons of proposed National school, Benalla,
 (6th November 1849.)

Signed Robt. Seamsy Meade,
 Secretary

Expd. G.C.B.

The Board of National Education
 Sydney
 To the Local Patrons of the
 National School Benalla

No. 49/340.

National Education Office,
 Sydney, 5th December 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th ultimo, stating that the Local Patrons of the proposed National

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£50, National school at Penalla, have subscribed,
 collected, and paid into the Bank fifty pounds,
 to the credit of the said school, applying for
 £100, £100 from the Board towards the same,
 forwarding selection of land for a building
 site, and stating that a tender for building
 the school house has been taken at One
 £133, hundred and thirty three pounds,

2. In reply, I am to request you will be
 good enough to inform me into what Bank
 the money is paid, and to state that the
 local subscriptions must be paid into the
Union Bank of Australia to the credit of
the Board of National Education Building Fund
 the Board will then credit Penalla school
 with one hundred and fifty pounds, Drafts
 on the Board to that amount will be duly
 honored on the certificate of a Majority of
 the Local Patrons stating that the sums
 are actually and necessarily expended,
 and where and to whom they are to be paid.

3. The land described, namely Allotments
 Nos. 4 and 5 of Block "K," situate within the
 Township of Penalla, have been applied for
 from the Government as a site for the
 Schoolhouse.

4. It will be necessary for the Local Patrons
 to forward the tender for the erection of the
 school house, to be formally approved of by
 the Government,

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Note
 At this period the funds voted
 for National Education were in
 the hands of the Government.

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5. The Board approve of the plan of the Building as sketched in the printed schedule, enclosed in your letter above referred to, and signed by the Local Patrons,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
W. C. Mills,
Secretary.

Robert G. Meade,
Secretary of the Local Patrons,
National School, Penalla.

W. C. Mills

Penalla, February 17th, 1850.

Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to enclose you the order of the Patrons of the Local Board of National Education to me as Treasurer, for the payment of the sum of £50 to the Contractor, for the building of the school house, also the Contractor's receipts for that amount. I enclose you these documents to show that the sum collected here by the Patrons has been expended on the Building, also, that the Board may immediately forward to me the amount promised by the Board in aid of this

The Local Patrons National School Penalla
To the Board of National Education Sydney

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the funds, namely £100, I have to impress upon the Board the necessity of a prompt remittance, as the Patrons are already in debt to the Contractor, also as the building is in rapid progression towards completion, consequently the two additional Instalments will be soon due to the Contractor.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient servant,

(Signed) John Allan.

To,
The Board of National Education
Dublin.

P.S. Please be particular in the address as there are others of the same name,

My address is Warrenbays,
near Penalla
Dorchester River

Ed W.C.W.

Copy of the Patrons' order for the payment of £50 to Contractor, as in preceding letter, viz,

As the Undersigned Patrons of the National school, at Penalla, now in course of erection, hereby request Mr. John Allan, the Treasurer to the same, to pay to John Rooney, the Contractor, the sum of Fifty pounds sterling, being,

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being the first and part of the second instalment, which are now due for the erection of the School according to the plan forwarded to the Board of National Education, Sydney.

(Signed) John Allan

Henry Macleod

Renalla, Broken River

Robt. G. Meade

February 16th 1850

A. M. Cheyne, M.D.

Copy of Contractor's Receipt for said £50, viz.

Renalla, Broken River.

February 16th 1850.

Received from John Allan Esq. Treasurer to the Local Board of Patrons of the National School, Renalla, the sum of Fifty pounds, as payment of the first instalment (of thirty three pounds seven shillings and six pence) and sixteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence towards the payment of the second instalment now due (of thirty three pounds seven shillings and six pence, for the erection of the Building for a school house.

(Signed) John Rooney

Contractor,

Robt. G. Meade

Clerk of Petty Sessions

Witness

Ed. M.C.P.

The Board of National Education Sydney
To the local patrons National School Benalla.

No. 50/116.

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National Education Office,
Sydney, 6th March 1850,

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to forward to you the enclosed Draft on the Melbourne Bank, to the credit of John Allaw, Henry Daalot, & Rob^t. G. Meade & Co. on account of the National school Building at Benalla for the sum of
£1000 One hundred pounds.

2. In complying with your request, in transmitting this amount, I am to explain that there seems to be some Misconception with regard to the Board's Circular No. 3, which is to be taken in connexion with rule 4, chapter, of the published regulations, which contemplates that no payments are to be made by the Board, even after the local patrons' funds are paid into the Bank or expended on the Building, until it can be satisfactorily shewn to them that the sums asked for have been actually & necessarily expended.

3. However, as the distance is so great, and as much time would be occupied in explaining the matter, the Board have in this instance forwarded the full amount pledged, and as is the practice, the Draft is made payable to a Majority of the
Local

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Local Patrons, which the Board hope will not be found inconvenient.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. C. Mills
Secretary

John Allan Esq.
Warrenbays
near Penalla
Broken River

Ed. M. G. W.

No. 50/172,

National Education Office,
Sydney 4th April 1850,

The Board of National Education Sydney
To the Local Patrons of the National School Penalla

Sir,
I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to forward to you for the information of the Local Patrons at Penalla, copy of the Colonial Secretary's Letter, respecting the appropriation of land as a school site.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. C. Mills
Secretary

J. Allan Esq.
Warrenbays,
near Penalla, Broken River

Ed. M. G. W.

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Copy of Colonial Secretary's letter alluded to
in the foregoing letter, viz.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney 28th March 1857.

Sir,

I do myself the honor, by direction
of the Governor, to inform you, that in
compliance with the request contained in
your letter of the 6th December last,
No. 49/346, His Excellency has been pleased
to authorize the appropriation of allotments
Nos. 4 + 5 of Block "K," situated in the Township
of Penalla, in the Port Phillip District, as
the site of a National School for Boys &
Girls, of which the Surveyor General has
been duly apprised, and instructed to
bring the same forward for final approval.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

(Signed)

For the Colonial Secretary,

W. Elyard, Junior,

The Chairman of the
Board of
National Education

Ed. W. C. W.

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Penalla, 18th June 1850,

Local Board of National Education Penalla
To the Board of National Education Sydney

£19.10.0

Gentlemen,

I have been instructed by the Local Patrons of the Penalla National school, to forward for your consideration the enclosed tender for furnishing the schoolrooms amounting to £19.10.0, and if you approve of it, to request pecuniary assistance from you, towards defraying the expense.

Rule 8. — See Rule 8 of Regulations.

2. I also forward by their directions the enclosed application and testimonials of Mr. Brownell, applying for the situation of teacher, and whom they could recommend as a competent person for the situation.

I have to request that the testimonials be returned.

I have the honor to be,

Sirs

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) = Robt. G. Meade

Secretary,

The Commissioners
of the Board of National Education
Sydney.

Ed. G. C. M.

See Copy of tender for furnishing schoolrooms, and Copy of application for the situation of teacher, on next page,

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(Copy, Tender.)

Benalla, June 12/50.

I, John Rooney, hereby agree to complete the fittings of Benalla National school, consisting of two single desks, One Masters' desk, 5 small forms, 2 long do. Masters' stool, 3 narrow shelves in each recess of the chimney piece, likewise one watercloset, dimensions 6 feet by 6 feet, for the sum of £19.10.0 slated and shingled,

(Signed) John Rooney

Exp. J.C. 87

Application for the situation of teacher, viz.

Broken river, April 29/50.

Gentlemen,

For the situation of teacher in the Benalla National school I beg to offer myself as a candidate,

My report is that Testimonials received from the Training school Liverpool, and from gentlemen for whom I conducted a National school in Dalton near Manchester cannot be furnished, as they are in Melbourne, but the enclosed will show that during three years in one of the first Educational Establishments in England, my conduct and qualifications were in every way satisfactory,

Should it be your pleasure therefore to appoint me to this school it shall be

My

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my constant study to discharge its duties
and claim your confidence,

I am,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. Brownhill

Exp. G.L. Br.

The Board of National
Education Sydney
To the Local Patrons National
School Benalla

No. 50 sub.

National Education Office,
Sydney, 3rd July 1850,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 18th ulto. forwarding
tender of Mr John Rooney amounting to £19.10.0
for school furniture at Benalla National school
and enclosing testimonials from Mr W. J.
Brownhill, with a recommendation for his
appointment as teacher of the school,

2. In reply I have the honor by direction
of the Board of National Education to forward
draft for two thirds of the amount of the
school furniture (£13) and to state that the
Board have no objection to the appointment
of Mr Brownhill, as Teacher, with the minimum
salary of £40 per annum, to take effect from
the date of the local patrons' meeting

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The School to be in operation with an attendance of 30 scholars.

I enclose Mr. Brownbill's testimonials, also abstracts (in duplicate) for payment of money at Benalla, which I will thank you to get signed, as pointed out in pencil, and to return them to this office at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Wills,

Secretary.

R. G. Meade Esq.

Secretary,

Nat. School, Benalla.

E. J. M. C. H.

Benalla, 2nd September 1850

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the abstracts in duplicate of sums expended on National school, Benalla, and signed by the Local Patrons as pointed out by you in pencil.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. C. Wills Esq.

(Signed)

Robt. Geaney Meade

Secy. to the Board

Secretary

of Nat. Education, Sydney.

The Local Patrons National School Benalla to the Board of National Education Sydney

E. J. M. C. H.

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Benalla, 20th January 1851.

Gentlemen,

At the request of the local patrons of the National school, Benalla, I do myself the honor to forward the testimonials of Mr. W. B. Bennett, an applicant for the situation of teacher of the National school, Benalla, vacant by the neglect of Mr. Brownhill, to enter on the duties of his office, and to recommend the appointment of Mr. Bennett, they conceiving him competent to discharge the duties required of him.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Robert G. Meade
Secretary.

The Board of Nat. Education }
Sydney }

Here follow two testimonials of Mr. Bennett's conduct, One signed "John Jones," Melbourne, and the other (signed) "John G. Allan" of Warranbary, Broken river.

Ed. M. P.

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No. 51/105.

National Education Office,
Sydney 19th July, 1851.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of January last, recommending Mr. W. B. Bennett for the appointment of teacher of the Nat. School at Binalla, in the place of Mr. Brownell, who has neglected to enter upon the duties thereof,

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In reply I am instructed to acquaint you that the Board see no objection to the appointment of Mr. Bennett, his salary at the rate of thirty pounds per annum to take effect from the date of the local patrons report that he has been in possession of the school,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obt. servant,

(Signed) W. C. Mills

P. J. Meade,

Secretary

Secretary

Nat. school. Binalla

Ed. McC. M.

B,
Barwon,

Barwon, 26th November 1849,

The Local Barwon National
School Board of National
Education Sydney

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that a public meeting was held at the residence of Mr Hopkins on the Barwon on the 17th inst. pursuant to advertisement in the papers, and that the following resolutions were then passed.

Mr Hopkins having been called to the chair it was

Proposed by Mr Armistage and seconded by Mr Beal,

"That it is expedient to establish a National School at the Barwon," Carried,

Proposed by Mr Wallace and seconded by Mr Orchard,

"That Messrs Armistage, Vicary Hopkins, Beal, & J. Roadknight be requested to act as Local Agents," Carried,

Proposed by Mr Beal and seconded by Mr Armistage,

"That Mr John Ross be requested to act as Secretary, and Mr John Hopkins as Treasurer," Carried,

Proposed by Mr Ross and seconded by Mr Beal,

"That

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"That a paper be handed round to the various subscribers to another school contemplated, but which has not progressed, so that such as may wish to support the National School may require the return of their subscriptions, & that a subscription list be now opened, also to support the National School," — Carried,

Proposed by Mr. Armistage and seconded by Mr. Beal.

"That this meeting be now adjourned to the first day of December proximo, — then to fix upon a site for the school," — Carried,

In transmitting these resolutions may I request an immediate answer as to whether and to what extent you are prepared to confer your assistance, so that the Patrons may collect subscriptions and proceed to business at once.

I would also mention that the sum of Fifty pounds will be guaranteed to be procured, as soon as you make known your determination.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obt. servant,

(Signed) John Ross,

Secretary to the

Local Board of Patrons.

Ed. M. C. P.

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No. 49/352.

National Education Office,
Sydney 12th December 1879,

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, stating that a meeting was held at the Barwon on the 1st of that month, to consider the expediency of establishing a National School at that place, forwarding minutes of the proceedings, and requesting to be informed to what extent the Board are prepared to confer assistance,

£150.

2. In reply I am desired to state that the Board will expend One hundred and fifty pounds on a school house and teacher's residence at Barwon, on the Local Patrons paying into

£50.

the Union Bank of Australia, fifty pounds to the credit of the "Board of National Education Building Fund", in terms of the printed Circular No. 3, that is, the Board will pay two-thirds of the cost of the building, and will in addition pay two-thirds of the cost of the necessary school furniture, and will also grant a

£110.

minimum sum of 75 pounds per annum towards the support of the teacher, with a gratuity at the termination of their year's service in terms of Rule 5, Chapter 3 of the printed Regulations,

The Board of National
Education Sydney
To the Local Patrons National
School Barwon.

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3, I am to request that the Local Patrons will forthwith select an eligible piece of land as a site for the School House, — if the land be the property of the Government, the area allotted by the Executive Council is two half-acres contiguous for the Boys' & Girls' school within the Township, and nine acres contiguous beyond the Township, if the town be outside the settled Districts, it will be necessary for the Local Patrons to forward a specific description of the land to this office, in order that application may be made to the Government for a Grant of the same.

4, I herewith send all necessary documents and forms to enable the Local Patrons to make formal application to the Board for the establishment of the school.

5, I am to request you will inform the Board if there be a competent couple in the neighbourhood whom the Local Patrons could recommend as Master and mistress of the proposed school.

I have the honor to be

Yours

Most Obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. C. Mills,

Secretary.

John Ross,
Secretary to the Local Patrons.

National School, Dawson River

Dist. Phillip.

5 Enclosures

W. C. Mills

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Barwon Review, 16th April 1857.

The Local Patrons National
School Barwon
Local Board of National
Education Sydney

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that a site for the erection of a National School at the Barwon has been fixed upon and application made to His Honor the Superintendent to know whether any objection will be made to its appointment.

The sum of Fifty pounds has been placed to the credit of the Board in the Union Bank of Australia, belonging by the Local Patrons.

As soon as the land which has been applied for is surveyed, and the plan of the building (which will be ready shortly) approved, the Patrons hope to be in a position to commence.

At a meeting of the subscribers to the school held last February, Mr. Thomas Austin and Mr. John Ross were appointed Patrons in the room of Mr. Thomas Roadknight and Mr. Thomas Vicary, resigned.

28 vols.
4 vols.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Twenty Eight Volumes of school books, exclusive of four left with one by Mr. George Rusden.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient
(Signed) John Ross,
Secretary.

J. H. C. W.

The Board of Nat. Education }
Sydney }

The Board of National Education
Sydney
To the local patrons National
School Barrow

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No. 50/231.

National Education Office,
Sydney, 1st May 1850.

Sirs

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated 16th April last, stating that the sum of Fifty pounds has been locally raised & placed to the credit of the Board in the Union Bank of Australia, & long by the Local Patrons. I, in reply I am instructed to state that this sum may be first of all expended on the Building by the local patrons, when the Board will contribute double that amount towards its completion, or the local funds may be remitted to the Union Bank in Sydney (for which no charge will be made) to the credit of the Board of National Education Building Fund, in either case payments will be made by the Board towards the Contract, on the receipt from the Local Patrons of a certificate signed by a Majority thereof, that the amounts asked for, from time to time, are actually due and expended on the Building.

3. The Board see no objection to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Austin and Mr. John Ross as local patrons, in the room of Mr. Tho. Road Knight and Mr. Thomas Vicary. Resigned.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yr. Obedt Servant,
Secy. to Local Patrons,
Nat. School, Barrow river
Port Phillip

Your Most Obedt Servant,
(Signed) W. C. Mills
Secretary

Ed. M. C. M.

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Barrow River,

6th Novr, 1850.

The local patrons National School Barrow
To the Board of National Education Sydney

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that application has been made to the Local Patrons of the Barrow National school by Mr. S. J. Connor of Hobart, Master of the Central school in that town, for the mastership of the National school at this place.

In Mr. Arnold's report of schools in Van Dieman's Land, Mr. Connor is spoken of in high terms, the Patrons - to three of whom Mr. Connor is personally known, have every confidence in his fitness for the situation, in a letter addressed to the Local Patrons he states, that, if appointed, he should require some pecuniary assistance, in order to enable him to leave Van Dieman's Land, - for having a large family, his removal will be attended with considerable expense.

The Patrons wish to be informed if the Board will grant any such assistance, they would also express a hope that the Board would allow to Mr. Connor (if consistent with its rules) the maximum salary of £70.

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The benefit the District may be expected to derive from the establishment of the school, depending very much upon the Education and character of the Master,

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The Patrons feel anxious to secure the services of a man so thoroughly competent in every way as Mr. Connor.

£50

The proposed plan of the Building you will receive by this Post, which, it is hoped, will meet with your approval.

The sum of fifty pounds was forwarded some time since through the Union Bank, Geelong to the credit of the Board in the Union Bank, Sydney.

The ground having been marked out by the Government Surveyor and bricks prepared, the Patrons wish to be informed how they are to meet the expenses of the building as it proceeds.

£150

Anticipating that the school house according to the proposed plan will cost more than one hundred ^{and fifty} pounds, the Patrons willingly guarantee the further sum of

£10

Ten pounds provided the Board will allow them further assistance.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt Servant,
(Signed) John Ross,
Hon. Secretary

The Board of
National Education,
Sydney

Wm. G. G. G.