

1853—4.

VICTORIA.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

AT THE

GOLD FIELDS, GAOLS, HULKS, STOCKADES, AND
LUNATIC ASYLUM.

RETURN TO ADDRESS.

MR. MYLES.—9TH DECEMBER, 1853.

L Aid UPON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

BY COMMAND OF

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

AND

ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED,

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By Authority :

JOHN FERRES, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

SCHEDULE.

- 1.—A Return showing the number of Ministers of Religion receiving pay from the Government, stationed on the Gold Fields, the denominations to which they severally belong, the places in which they are stationed, the number of public religious services they respectively conduct weekly, the places or description of places used for conducting such services, the number of adults who attend such services as near as may be computed, and the number of places not within a radius of three miles of such place or places where such respective religious services are conducted, having a population of 200 adults, which have no public religious services.
- 2.—A Return showing the number of Ministers of Religion holding the appointment of Gaol Chaplains, the denominations to which they severally belong, the Gaols, Hulks, and Stockades in which they conduct religious services, the number of prisoners and others who attend such services, the amount of pay to which each minister is entitled, the number, if any, of Gaols, Hulks, and Stockades in which no religious services are held.
- 3.—A Return showing the number, if any, of religious services conducted in the Lunatic Asylums, by what religious denomination such services, if any, are conducted; and if any religious services are conducted, are they gratuitous or otherwise; if paid for, the amount of stipend.

These Returns embrace the period of four months, namely, from 30th June to 31st October, 1853.

GOLD FIELDS.

RETURN showing the number of Ministers of Religion receiving pay from the Government, stationed on the Gold Fields, the Denominations to which they severally belong, the places in which they are stationed, the number of public religious services they respectively conduct weekly, the places or description of places used for conducting such services, the number of adults who attend such services as near as can be computed, and the number of places not within a radius of three miles of such place or places where such respective religious services are conducted, having a population of 200 adults, which have no public religious services.—Period from 30th June to 31st October, 1858.

WHERE STATIONED.	Number of Members receiving pay from Government.	Denominations to which they severally belong.	Number of Public Religious Services held weekly.	Places, or Description of Places used for conducting such Services.	Number of Adults who attend such Services.	Number of places not within a radius of three miles from such place or places where such respective religious services are conducted, having a population of 200 adults which have no public religious services.	REMARKS.
BALLAARAT. Gravel Pits ..	1	Church of Rome	1	One Slab Building, measuring 82 ft. by 25 ft.	1,000 to 1100		The building used as a Chapel is not large enough for the accommodation of the congregation.
CASTLEMAINE, Head Station and District generally	1 1 1 1	Episcopalian Wesleyan Presbyterian	4 14 2	One Weather-board Building, and two large Tents One Slab Building and four of Canvas, costing about £450 One Building of Canvas	320 Various 150	Not known	Occasional Services held during the week, in addition to those mentioned in this Return, which were on the Sabbath day. The Resident Minister is assisted by Lay Preachers in holding the various Services, two of which are held on the Sabbath, and two on other days of the week. Occasionally three Services were held during the Sabbath; one in the building used as a Church, one in the Gaol, and one every alternate Sabbath in the Hospital. The attendance given in this Return is that at the Church only. The Sabbath morning Service is for the public generally, that in the afternoon for the military. Sabbath morning Service only Sabbath afternoon Service only Occasional Services are also held during the week.
SANDHURST, Head Station and District generally	1 1	Episcopalian Wesleyan Church of Rome	2 1 1 36 1	One Frame Tent with fly roof, measuring 40 ft. by 16 ft. One Frame Tent with fly roof, measuring 40 ft. by 18 ft. One Slab Building with canvas roof Three Tents, one Frame Tent, and one Wooden Building One Tent	1300 600 1,500 to 2,000	These places of worship embrace nearly the whole of the Sandhurst District	The whole of this District is regularly supplied by the Resident Minister, who conducts Services in the various places of worship and in the open air. Congregations generally very large. The tent used as a Place of Worship is barely sufficient to contain fifty persons.

Note.—There are no Ministers of Religion who receive pay from Government on the Beechworth or Heathcote Gold Fields.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF GOLD FIELDS,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1854.
W. A. D. ANDERSON,
For Chief Commissioner of the Gold Fields.

By Order, (Signed)

GAOLS.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN GAOLS, FROM THE 30TH OF JUNE TO THE 31ST OF OCTOBER, 1853.

District.	No.	Names of Ministers.	Amount of pay to which each is entitled per annum.	Denomination to which they belong.	Gaols in which they conduct Religious Services.	Number of Prisoners and others who attend such Services.			REMARKS.
						Prisoners.	Turnkeys.	Gaolers.	
MELBOURNE	1	Rev. George Studdert	£ s. d. 500 0 0	Church of England	Central Gaol, Western Gaol, and Eastern Female Gaol, Melbourne	234 on an average weekly			<p>Mr. Studdert is bound to attend all the Gaols within the city boundary and the Collingwood and Richmond Stockades. Besides the paid Clergymen, the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Ministers visit and conduct Religious Services in the Gaols once a week.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No Gaols in which Religious Services are not held.</p>
Ditto	2	Rev. Laurence Shiel	250 0 0	Church of Rome	Central Gaol, Western Gaol, and Eastern Female Gaol, Melbourne	116 on an average weekly			
GEELONG	3	Rev. T. C. B. Stretch	£100 per annum was voted on the Estimates of 1853 for a Chaplain to the Gaol	Church of England	New Gaol, North Geelong	50	9		
Ditto	4	Rev. P. Dunn		Church of Rome		26	3		
Ditto	5	Rev. A. Love		Presbyterian		4			
CASTLEMAINE	6	Rev. James Lowe	30 0 0	Presbyterian	Castlemaine	20	1	1	

GAOLS

IN WHICH NO RELIGIOUS SERVICES HAVE BEEN HELD FROM THE 30TH OF JUNE
TO THE 31ST OF OCTOBER, 1853.

BELFAST.—There is at present no Gaol at Belfast, and Prisoners awaiting trial at the General Sessions are confined in the Watch House; consequently no Chaplain has been appointed nor any religious service held there during the period from the 30th of June to the 31st of October, 1853.

(Signed)

GEORGE STEWART,
Police Magistrate.

26th October, 1853.

PORTLAND.—No Chaplain of any denomination has been appointed to the Gaol at Portland, nor any religious services performed within the period named above.

(Signed)

SAMUEL WALKER,
Gaoler.

23rd December, 1853.

HULKS AND STOCKADES.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON BOARD HULKS AND AT STOCKADES, FROM THE 30TH OF JUNE TO THE 31ST OF OCTOBER, 1853.

No.	MINISTER'S NAME.	Amount of pay to which entitled.	DENOMINATION.	ESTABLISHMENTS VISITED BY EACH MINISTER, AND NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING SERVICE.								Total number of Establishments visited by each.	Number of Establishments where no Services are held.	REMARKS.
				Main Depot, Penritdge.	Collingwood Stockade.	Richmond Stockade.	Marine Stockade.	Hulk <i>President.</i>	Hulk <i>Deborah.</i>	Hulk <i>Success.</i>	Hulk <i>Sacramento.</i>			
1	Rev. Mr. Carter	£ 100 0 0 s. d. 0 0	Episcopalian	151	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1		
2	Rev. Mr. O'Hea	50 0 0	Roman Catholic	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1		
3	Rev. Mr. Gunn	75 0 0	Presbyterian	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1		
4	Rev. G. Studdert	*500 0 0	Episcopalian	..	64	36	..	..	..	..	..	2	3 No regular Services are held on board the Hulks <i>President</i> , <i>Success</i> , and <i>Sacramento</i> ; at the two former, the prisoners are visited in their cells by the Ministers; at the latter, no Minister appears to attend.	
5	Rev. Thos. Heron	65 0 0	Presbyterian	..	63	34	..	..	..	..	..	2		
6	Rev. Jas. Madden	50 0 0	Roman Catholic	..	31	18	..	..	..	..	..	2		
7	Vicar General	100 0 0	Roman Catholic	..	..	..	32	..	..	22	Attends	3		
8	Rev. Mr. Corrie	..	Presbyterian	..	..	..	..	Attends	112	Attends	..	3		

* Including attendance at the Gaol in Melbourne.

(Signed)

SAMUEL BARROW,

Inspector General, P.E.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

YARRA BEND LUNATIC ASYLUM,

December 21st, 1853.

SIR,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the prayers and lessons according to the service of the Church of England have been read every Sunday by myself and the Steward, since the 6th March last.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

ROBERT BOWIE,

Surgeon Superintendent.

The Honorable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.