

## POSTAGE.

RETURN of the Number of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS that passed through the various Post Offices in the Colony of Victoria during the year 1858, distinguishing Ship from Inland Letters and Newspapers.

| Number of Post Offices. | Number of Letters passed through the Post Offices. |           | Number of Newspapers passed through the Post Offices. |           | Total.    |             | Income.                | Expenditure.            |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                         | Inland.  | Ship.     | Inland.   | Ship.     | Letters.  | Newspapers. |                        |                         |
| 232                     | 3,548,272  | 1,477,548 | 2,642,755   | 1,621,936 | 5,025,820 | 4,264,691   | £ s. d.<br>89,997 13 6 | £ s. d.<br>118,223 16 5 |

General Post Office,  
Melbourne, 31st March, 1859.

WILLIAM TURNER,  
Secretary.

## CHURCHES, CHAPELS, ETC.

RETURN of the Number of CHURCHES, CHAPELS, ETC., in the Colony of Victoria, on the 31st December, 1858.

| DENOMINATION.                                 | Number of Churches, Chapels, and Schoolhouses. | Number of Private Dwellings and Public Buildings used for Religious Purposes. | Number of Persons they are estimated to contain. |
|---|--|---|--|
| Church of England* ... ..                     | 127  | ...   | 17,875   |
| Roman Catholic Church† ... ..                 | 65   | 26  | 22,520   |
| Presbyterian Church—Synod of Victoria‡ ... .. | 28   | 24  | 5,769  |
| Free Presbyterian Church ... ..               | 23   | 15  | 8,295  |
| Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria ... ..   | 9  | ...   | 2,550  |
| United Presbyterian Church ... ..             | 11   | ...   | 3,650  |
| United Presbyterian Church of Scotland ... .. | 2  | ...   | 350  |
| Free Church of England ... ..                 | 1  | ...   | 500  |
| Wesleyan Church ... ..                        | 146  | 20  | 28,216   |
| Primitive Methodist Church ... ..             | 47   | ...   | 4,710  |
| United Methodist Free Church ... ..           | 12   | ...   | 2,410  |
| Bible Christian Church   ... ..               | 6  | ...   | 860  |
| Independent Church ... ..                     | 35   | ...   | 9,695  |
| Lutheran Church ... ..                        | 7  | ...   | 1,600  |
| Israelites' Church ... ..                     | 3  | ...   | 550  |
| Baptist Church ... ..                         | 18   | ...   | 4,280  |
| Disciples of Christ ... ..                    | ...  | 7   | 530  |
| Society of Friends ... ..                     | 1  | ...   | 60   |
| Unitarian Church ... ..                       | 3  | ...   | 460  |
| Jews' Synagogues ... ..                       | 5  | ...   | 1,310  |
| United Presbyterian Synod of Australia ... .. | 4  | ...   | 1,150  |
| Total ... ..                                  | 553  | 92  | 117,340  |

\* With respect to 2 churches and 69 schoolhouses belonging to the Church of England the number of persons they contain is not given; the number of private dwellings used for Divine Service is also omitted.

† The number of persons attending 14 private dwellings used for Divine Service by Roman Catholics is omitted.

‡ The number of persons attending 20 private dwellings used by the Presbyterian Church for Divine Service is not given; the average number attending, however, is stated to be from 10 to 40 persons in each.

|| The return of the Bible Christians for the Castlemaine District has not yet been received.

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Registrar-General.