

## POSTAGE.

RETURN of Number of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS passed through the various Post Offices, in the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1859, 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.	Shp.	Inland.	Shp.	Letters.	Newspapers.		
263	4,503,426	2,145,862	3,233,108	1,818,294	6,649,288	5,051,402	£ 111,712 12 4	£ 126,693 6 0

\* Included in the above Income are Stamps to the amount of £10,199 1s. 6d. that have been supplied to the Government Departments, and for which cash has not been received.

General Post Office,  
Melbourne, 31st March, 1860.

WILLIAM TURNER,  
Secretary.

## CHURCHES, CHAPELS, ETC.

RETURN of the Number of CHURCHES, CHAPELS, and SCHOOL HOUSES used for Public Worship in the Colony of Victoria, on the 31st December, 1859.

DENOMINATION.	Number of Churches, Chapels, and Schoolhouses.	Number of Persons they are estimated to contain.
Church of England ... ..	163	29,866
Roman Catholic Church ... ..	69	19,751
Presbyterian Church of Victoria ... ..	74	Not supplied.
Free Presbyterian Church ... ..	13	3,950
United Presbyterian Church ... ..	6	2,500
Free Church of England ... ..	1	500
Wesleyan Church ... ..	179	32,070
Primitive Methodist Church ... ..	19	2,690
United Methodist Free Church ... ..	15	2,650
Bible Christian Church ... ..	11	1,408
Independent Church ... ..	35	9,695
Lutheran Church ... ..	9	2,700
Israelites' Church ... ..	3	550
Baptist Church ... ..	21	4,420
Disciples of Christ ... ..	3	620
Society of Friends ... ..	1	300
Unitarian Church ... ..	2	320
Jews' Synagogues ... ..	5	1,750
Welsh Protestant Church ... ..	7	1,490

NOTE.—No information for 1859 has been received from the Independents, and the figures of the previous year have therefore been given. With respect to the above return generally, it may be well to remark that private dwellings used for divine service were not returned by any Denomination but the Wesleyans. The number of persons which the Churches and Chapels are estimated to contain does not in all cases indicate the actual rate of attendance, as, with certain Denominations, frequent services are held on the same day.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER,  
Registrar-General.