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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Christchurch, April, 1888.

In submitting my annual report upon the deaf-and-dumb asylum at Sumner I have once more the pleasure of stating that every care and attention continues to be paid to the health, comfort, and education of the pupils. The places are kept clean and orderly, while the drainage—to which I made reference in a former report—has now been thoroughly attended to. The pupils, who numbered last year forty-two (twenty boys and twenty-two girls), have, on the whole, maintained good health. A few, suffering from some slight ailments, received advice and treatment at my house. A few of the pupils are somewhat delicate, and these receive extra care, attention, and comforts. The pupils continue to make satisfactory progress in their education under the unremiting care and attention bestowed upon them by Mr. and Mrs. Van Asch and their assistants.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

I have, &c., H. H. Prins, Medical Officer.

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