

DR. PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1890.

I have the honour to forward the following report on the Industrial School at Burnham :—

The institution has been kept generally in a very clean and orderly condition.

The children have enjoyed good health, with the exception of a few ailments and accidents. The band during their visit to Dunedin for the band-contest contracted "influenza," and introduced it into the school. This laid up a number of the inmates and some of the staff,—happily without any serious results or inconvenience to the working of the institution.

The children are doing well and making good progress in their lessons under the attention of their teachers.

The band continues to improve and give pleasure to the inmates. Their playing at the Dunedin contest was received with kindness and approbation.

The institution is beginning to reap the advantages of the orchard and vegetable-garden.

The Manager and Matron are particularly painstaking, and seem to work in accord with the other members of the staff to make the management of the institution effective and creditable.

I have, &c.,

H. H. PRINS,

Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

DR. BURNS'S REPORT ON CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Dunedin, April, 1890.

I have the honour to report that the sanitary condition of the Look-out Point School for the past year has been all that could be desired.

The average number of inmates for the year has been 118, and, with the exception of the minor ailments common amongst young people, the general health has been good. A month ago the school was visited by the influenza, and fully one-half of our number was attacked. High fever with vomiting for three or four days was the main feature; but all made rapid recoveries.

One death occurred in the school, of rather a peculiar kind. A youth, aged 17, T. S., was licensed out to service as long ago as 1886. His last master brought the lad back to us on the afternoon of the 19th September, and he died during the night. An inquest was, of course, held, and the verdict "Died from disease of the heart" returned.

It is a matter of congratulation that there has been no serious illness amongst the children boarded out.

I have, &c.,

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Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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