

give satisfaction. The children I have seen professionally seem to be well cared for and happy. The band is a source of amusement to the inmates, and their playing appreciated on several public occasions. The orchard, vegetable-garden, and the farm, have yielded satisfactory results. The planting of trees for shelter was commenced this year on a small scale. The master and matron with their officers are unceasing in their efforts to make the inmates comfortable, and in keeping the establishment in good order.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

H. H. PRINS, Medical Officer.

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Dr. BURNS'S REPORT ON CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Industrial School, Caversham, 31st March, 1892.

In furnishing my annual report I have much pleasure in stating that the health of the children—whose average number has been ninety-five—has continued to be very satisfactory. No very serious case of illness occurred, and only one death has to be recorded. This case presents some features worthy of detailed comment. J. D. was fourteen years of age when he died of epileptic coma. He was many years in the school—his parents having a large family, and being unable to give proper care to their afflicted child. Apart from his fits he was of vigorous health, his appetite excessive, and of strong physique. His temper was usually good, and although in the interests of the other children his presence was undesirable, I am pleased to know he ended his days in the school, as the sole alternative was his being consigned to the lunatic asylum. I look forward to its soon being necessary that the Government should take steps to form an institution for the reception and training of idiotic and imbecile children generally.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT BURNS, F.R.C.S. Ed.,

Medical Officer.

The Secretary of Education.

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