

The farm affords good scope for the employment of the boys, and is a valuable adjunct to the school.

The master and matron have been unceasing in their endeavours to give every care and attention for the comfort of the inmates, have given the institution a home-like appearance, and seem to have the cordial assistance of the other officials.

I have, &c.,

H. H. PRINS, M.R.C.S, Eng.,

Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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Dr BURNS'S REPORT on the CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

The Industrial School, Caversham, 30th March, 1894.

I have much pleasure, in making my annual report on the year's work in the school, to be able again to say that the general health of the inmates continues good.

The number of boys and girls is about the same as the previous year, and, with a single exception, we have had no case of severe or prolonged illness. The exceptional case is a boy, D—B—, who sustained a severe scald in both legs, and is still under treatment in Dunedin Hospital, where every effort is being made to avert the necessity of amputation.

It was not to be expected that we should escape the epidemic of measles of last winter. Sixty-eight of the children were attacked, every one making an excellent recovery.

The boarded-out children of course had their share of the same attack, and I was satisfied on my visits to them that they were treated with the same attention that the foster-parents bestowed on their own offspring.

I have, &c.,

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

Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

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