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SIR,—

Dunedin, April, 1900.

I have the honour to present you with my annual report regarding the health of the inmates of this school.

At this time last year the buildings were being added to, and the improvement in the looks of the girls since their completion is very noticeable. I can only express my hope that the wants of the boys will be soon attended to.

As usual when we are not visited by any epidemic, the ailments of the children have been slight, and easily yielding to treatment. One case of scarlet fever cropped up, but every care was taken to strictly isolate the boy, and no other case occurred. I had the same experience in the case of a girl boarded out in one of the suburbs. It was the most malignant case I have seen for years, complicated with diphtheria. The foster-mother isolated herself along with the child, who made a good recovery.

The average number of inmates resident throughout the year was eighty—forty-nine boys, thirty-one girls. The general tone of the school is everything that could be desired.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

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

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EXAMINATION REPORTS.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, AUCKLAND.

Ponsonby Branch (Girls) (examined 20th December, 1899).

Presented: Standard V., 6; Standard IV., 5; Standard III., 7; Standard II., 12; Standard I., 16; Preparatory, 17. Examined in Standards: Standard V., 6; Standard IV., 5; Standard III., 7; Standard II., 11; Standard I., 16. Passed: Standard V., 6; Standard IV., 5; Standard III., 7; Standard II., 11; Standard I., 16. Note on the passes in Standards I. and II.: Quite satisfactory.

Class-subjects.—Grammar, satisfactory; history, satisfactory; geography (of Standard II.), good; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., fair; mental arithmetic, moderate.

Additional Subjects.—Repetition and recitation, good; drill and exercises, not taught; singing, satisfactory; needlework, very good; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, good.

Instruction of Preparatory Class.—Very satisfactory progress has been made in reading, writing, spelling, and very elementary arithmetic. The general tone, order, discipline, and behaviour of the school are very good indeed.

JOHN S. GOODWIN, Inspector.

Takapuna Branch (Boys) (examined 21st December, 1899).

Presented: Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 6; Standard III., 11; Standard II., 14; Standard I., 14; Preparatory, 21. Examined in Standards: Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 6; Standard III., 11; Standard II., 14; Standard I., 14. Passed: Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 4; Standard III., 6; Standard II., 14; Standard I., 14. Note on the passes in Standards I. and II.: Satisfactory.

Class-subjects.—Grammar, satisfactory; history, not taught; geography (of Standard II.), good; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., not taught; mental arithmetic, fair.

Additional Subjects.—Repetition and recitation, satisfactory; drill and exercises, not taught; singing, satisfactory; needlework, not taught; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, very satisfactory.

Instruction of Preparatory Classes.—The children are making satisfactory progress in reading, spelling, writing, and elementary arithmetic. The general tone, order, discipline, and behaviour are very good indeed.

JOHN S. GOODWIN, Inspector.

ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, WELLINGTON.—Examined 18th and 21st August, 1899.

Presented: Above Standard VI., 3; Standard VI., 8; Standard V., 15; Standard IV., 10; Standard III., 27; Standard II., 29; Standard I., 16; Preparatory, 33. Examined in Standards: Standard VI., 8; Standard V., 15; Standard IV., 10; Standard III., 23; Standard II., 29; Standard I., 16. Passed: Standard VI., 8; Standard V., 12; Standard IV., 6; Standard III., 20; Standard II., 21; Standard I., 16.

Instruction of Preparatory Classes.—Two candidates passed Standard VII. In accordance with Mr. Lee's inspection report of the 13th March, our examination was held for the purpose of classification only.

T. R. FLEMING, }
F. H. BAKEWELL, } Inspectors.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, NELSON

Boys' School (examined 23rd and 24th October, 1899).

Presented: Standard VI., 5; Standard V., 18; Standard IV., 21; Standard III., 36; Standard II., 28; Standard I., 8; Preparatory, 20. Examined in Standards: Standard VI., 5; Standard V., 18; Standard IV., 21; Standard III., 36; Standard II., 28; Standard I., 8. Passed: