

ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (GIRLS'), WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Wellington, 20th May, 1907.

I beg to submit to you the medical report of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Wellington.

In the absence of Dr. Patrick Mackin, I am acting as interim Medical Officer.

From a medical point of view the past year at St. Joseph's has been an uneventful one. There has been no outbreak of infectious disease to report, and the general health of the inmates has been on the whole excellent.

The monthly examinations of the buildings and sanitary arrangements of the institution have shown that these are most satisfactory. Scrupulous cleanliness characterizes the entire establishment, and the greatest possible care and regard is paid to general hygiene.

The inmates I have found to be healthy, well nourished, and contented.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

JAMES REID, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, NELSON: BOYS' BRANCH, STOKE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 9th May, 1907.

During the year the health of the boys at the Stoke Orphanage has been good on the whole. No epidemic sickness has arisen, and no deaths have occurred in the institution.

On the occasions of my visits I have been pleased with the condition of the dormitories as to cleanliness and ventilation.

The institution as a whole appears to be working satisfactorily.

None of the boys punished have suffered in health therefrom.

The septic tank has been improved by the laying of pipes to carry the effluent to a distance, but is not yet satisfactory owing to a liability of the inlet-pipe to become blocked, thereby causing an overflow of the pipe contents, accompanied by a most offensive odour. Steps should be taken to remedy this defect.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

F. A. BETT, M.B.,
Medical Officer.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, NELSON: GIRLS' BRANCH, NELSON.

SIR,—

Nelson, 30th May, 1907.

I have the honour to report on the above institution for the year ending the 31st March, 1907.

Each month my partners or I have inspected the orphanage and the inmates in residence.

At the orphanage there has been an average of twenty-two boys, and at the girls' school an average of forty-two. In addition, there have been two or three babies under the care of a special nurse.

There has been no serious illness during the year, and, indeed, the institution has been very free from disease, save a few coughs and colds. Delicate children admitted to this Home usually rapidly improve.

The management is to be highly complimented on its efforts during the year, and I have every reason to believe that kindness is one of the most striking characteristics of the institution.

I am, &c.,

PHIL. ANDREW, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.),
Medical Officer.

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

TE ORANGA HOME.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 27th April, 1907.

I have the honour to report that the health of the inmates of Te Oranga Home has been on the whole good during the past year. There have been three cases of measles.

In paying my monthly visits of inspection I always found the Home clean and neat, also the outbuildings.

An addition to the Home is urgently needed, as the girls are overcrowded in the dormitories. Extra accommodation is also needed to allow the girls to be divided into three classes, instead of two as at present, and thus separate the worst types of girls from the others.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

A. MOORHOUSE, M.B., Ch.B.,
Medical Officer.

CHRISTCHURCH RECEIVING HOME.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 27th April, 1907.

I have the honour to furnish the annual report on the Government Receiving Home:—

There has been one case of scarlet fever. The source of infection could not be traced. The patient made a good recovery.

During the past summer many of the boarded-out children suffered from the prevailing epidemic of diarrhoea and sickness. Several of the children, whose constitutions had been under-