

1907.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF
EDUCATION.

IN view of the developments that have taken place during the last few years in the industrial-school system, it appears desirable to give a statement of the several establishments connected therewith and the functions allotted to each. Under the authority given by the Act the transfers from one institution to another necessary to secure a broad general classification of the inmates are freely made.

The establishments belonging to the Government are the following:—

Auckland Industrial School.—This institution receives girls who do not need reformatory treatment, and it has also the care of boys who are not too old or too wild to be boarded out, or who can be placed at once at service or in the Costley Training Institution. Girls only are taken into residence.

Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa, receives boys who, not needing reformatory treatment, are, by reason of age or temperament, not fitted for boarding out.

Wellington Receiving Home receives infants and young boys and girls fit to be boarded out, and older girls who can be trusted at service. It is not at present adapted for residential purposes.

Christchurch Receiving Home.—The purpose of this establishment is similar to that of the Wellington Receiving Home.

Te Oranga Home, near Christchurch (Reformatory).—This is a reformatory for girls whose character requires that they shall be kept under strict discipline. Young women of seriously vicious or depraved habits committed to the Home are at present transferred to institutions more specially fitted for the care of such persons; but they will form a separate section of the institution when the contemplated extension of the buildings has been effected.

Burnham Industrial School (Reformatory).—This is a reformatory for boys whose vicious or criminal tendencies do not admit of their being dealt with at any of the other institutions.

Caversham Industrial School.—Similar to the Auckland Industrial School.

The private schools established under the Act are all in connection with the Roman Catholic Church, and receive boys and girls who do not need reformatory treatment. They are the following:—

St. Mary's Industrial School, Auckland, with separate branches for boys and girls.

St. Joseph's Industrial School, Wellington; for girls.

St. Mary's Industrial School, Nelson, with separate branches for boys and girls.

St. Vincent de Paul's Industrial School, Dunedin; for girls.

The numbers on the books of all the schools on the 31st December, 1906, compared with the numbers at the corresponding date of the previous year, are as follows:—

TABLE L1.—INMATES, 1905 AND 1906.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec. 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1906.	Dec. 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1906.	Dec. 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1906.	Dec. 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1906.
Government Schools—																
Auckland (Mount Albert)	63	4	..	67	24	4	..	28	47	..	2	45	134	6	..	140
Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa	..	18	..	18	111	15	..	126	..	105	..	105	111	138	..	249
Receiving Home, Wellington	192	39	..	231	6	..	4	2	37	8	..	45	235	43	..	278
Te Oranga Home, Christchurch	..	..	..	..	41	8	..	49	18	6	..	24	59	14	..	73
Receiving Home, Christchurch	137	48	..	185	12	..	3	9	96	..	4	92	245	41	..	286
Burnham ..	3	1	..	4	97	9	..	106	132	7	..	139	232	17	..	249
Caversham ..	179	..	1	178	26	..	3	23	199	..	116	83	404	..	120	284
Private Schools—																
St. Mary's, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	87	9	..	96	54	..	9	45	141	..	..	141
St. Joseph's, Wellington..	..	..	..	..	30	..	5	25	28	..	1	27	58	..	6	52
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	1	..	..	1	177	..	22	155	104	7	..	111	282	..	15	267
St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin	4	2	..	6	37	4	..	41	11	..	2	9	52	4	..	56
Totals ..	579	112	1	690	648	49	37	660	726	133	134	725	1,953	263	141	2,075

The number in residence at Government schools was 343, and at private schools 317, so that 660 was the total number actually in residence. The number boarded out on payment was 684, 7 being from private schools and the rest from Government schools. There were 11 girls maintained in various corrective institutions, 1 girl in hospital, 2 boys at the School for Deaf-mutes, Sumner, and 12 boys at the Costley Training Institution, Auckland. The total number of inmates dependent on public funds for maintenance was therefore 1,370, or 124 more than the number at the end of 1905. The remaining 705, although still subject to the control and supervision of the schools, were not dependent on them for maintenance.

In Table L2 is shown the cost of the Government schools, in which is included the expenditure for the maintenance of inmates boarded out and the salaries of the resident staffs and medical officers; it also shows the cost of supervision of all inmates who are licensed to reside away from the schools; and, further, the amounts of the recoveries from Charitable Aid Boards, from persons against whom orders for maintenance have been made, and from the sale of farm-produce, &c. The total amount contributed by parents towards the maintenance of their children was £3,477 8s. 6d., being at the rate of £2 10s. 9d. per head of the total number of children (1,370) maintained at the public cost.

TABLE L2.—EXPENDITURE ON GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1906.

Government Schools.	Cost of School, including Buildings and other Works.	Boarding out. (Included in first column.)	Salaries. (Included in first column.)	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland (Mount Albert) ..	2,277 6 3	1,225 18 10	387 14 9	909 15 8	1,367 10 7
Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa	14,442 17 10	92 10 0	1,657 13 1	1,616 17 5	12,826 0 5
Receiving Home, Wellington..	6,503 19 7	3,973 0 2	341 19 3	2,849 19 10	3,653 19 9
Te Oranga Home ..	1,800 0 10	..	634 14 5	90 7 11	1,709 12 11
Receiving Home, Christchurch	4,846 10 0	3,122 3 2	396 0 5	1,342 18 4	3,503 11 8
Burnham ..	5,465 16 2	49 12 10	1,937 4 7	604 17 6	4,860 18 8
Caversham ..	5,314 6 7	3,611 1 8	693 14 0	3,691 10 7	1,622 16 0
Totals ..	40,650 17 3	12,074 6 8	6,049 0 6	11,106 7 3	29,544 10 0
Salaries and expenses of assistant inspectors and visiting officers	..	..	..	..	1,963 12 10
Travelling-expenses of managers and others ..	..	..	..	..	409 15 9
Refund of earnings to former inmates ..	..	..	..	..	20 6 9
Commission expenses, inquiry held at Burnham	..	..	..	..	537 18 1
Contingencies ..	..	..	..	..	235 5 4
Total net cost ..	..	..	..	..	32,711 3 9

Table L3 shows the payments made by the Government on account of inmates in private industrial schools, the recoveries, and the net expenditure by Government. The contributions from Charitable Aid Boards are made directly to the managers of these schools, and are not included in the recoveries shown.

TABLE L3.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE (ROMAN CATHOLIC) SCHOOLS, 1906.

Name of School.	Gross Cost.	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Auckland	1,392 14 0	220 11 3	1,172 2 9
St. Joseph's, Wellington	234 1 0	23 18 8	210 2 4
St. Mary's, Nelson	1,186 9 0	304 19 10	881 9 2
St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin	72 12 0	46 16 2	25 15 10
Totals	2,885 16 0	596 5 11	2,289 10 1

The other payments made by Government are shown in the following table :—

TABLE L4.—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE ON SPECIAL CASES AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND PRIVATE HOMES, 1906.

	Government Schools.						Private (Roman Catholic).	Total.
	Auckland.	Receiving Homes, Wellington.	Te Oranga Home.	Receiving Home, Christchurch.	Caversham.	Total.	St. Mary's School, Nelson.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland—								
Costley Training Institution	289 3 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	289 3 0	.. .. .	289 3 0
"Door of Hope" Home	12 4 3	.. .. .	5 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	17 4 3	.. .. .	17 4 3
Wellington—								
Private Homes .. .. .	.. .. .	25 1 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	25 1 6	.. .. .	25 1 6
Christchurch—								
Mount Magdala .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	50 6 11	.. .. .	.. .. .	50 6 11	7 16 0	58 2 11
Children's Convalescent Cottage Home .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	8 4 0	.. .. .	8 4 0	.. .. .	8 4 0
Private Homes .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	108 10 9	.. .. .	108 10 9	.. .. .	108 10 9
Dunedin—								
Otago Benevolent Institution .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3 12 0	3 12 0	.. .. .	3 12 0
Private Homes .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	5 13 5	5 13 5	.. .. .	5 13 5
Total	301 7 3	25 1 6	55 6 11	116 14 9	9 5 5	507 15 10	7 16 0	515 11 10
Less miscellaneous recoveries .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	17 12 0
Net total .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	497 19 10

At the end of 1906 there was in the Post-Office Savings-Bank, on account of the earnings of inmates of Government industrial schools, a sum of £16,344 7s. 8d., and on account of inmates of private industrial schools, £4,012 4s. For inmates of Government schools a sum of £2,673 8s. 2d. was withdrawn from the bank during the year, and for inmates of private schools £280 4s. 6d.

During the year death caused two vacancies on the staff of Medical Officers of the Government schools. Dr. A. G. Purchas, of the Auckland School, and Dr. R. Burns, of Caversham, after having held their positions for many years, passed away at an advanced age. Not only was their professional skill always given wholeheartedly for the benefit of the children under their care, but their genial fatherly solicitude for everything connected with the schools won the affectionate regard of the children, and the grateful thanks of the Department, the Managers, and their staffs.

As time goes on it becomes more evident that the system of boarding out children in foster-homes is the most beneficent method of providing for them. Boarding-out was inaugurated in New Zealand in 1883, and the many hundreds of cases where the success of the system has been quite beyond question provide an ample answer to those who, through want of full acquaintance with the effects of it, are prone to condemn it when one of its failures occurs. During these twenty-four years the average number of children boarded out has been 454, the numbers rising from 209 in 1883 to 690 in 1906. In that time the number of deaths has been 51, of whom 32 were under four years of age, the average annual death-rate being 0·46 per cent. Such a result is very satisfactory, especially when the circumstances of the bulk of industrial-school children prior to their admission, and the fact

The admissions to the schools during the year are classified according to the two following tables :—

ADMISSIONS IN 1906, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CAUSE OF ADMISSION.

Admitted as	Government Schools.												Private Schools.						All Schools.		
	Aucklând.		Boys' Training Farm, Weraoa.	Receiving Home, Wellington.		Te Oranga Home.	Receiving Home, Christchurch.		Burnham.	Caversham.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		St. Joseph's, Wellington.		St. Mary's, Nelson.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	G.				
Destitute ..	3	..	8	29	17	1	15	12	..	9	10	3	..	2	3	3	5	70	50	120	
Vagrant..	1	1	4	2	2	1	4	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	15	4	19	
Associating with disreputable persons	7	5	4	4	4	2	14	19	..	..	..	3	3	..	3	..	3	35	36	71	
Uncontrollable ..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	10	
Accused or guilty of punishable offences	1	2	4	2	..	6	..	..	31	..	1	4	1	..	7	..	..	49	10	59	
By arrangement ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	
Transferred from gaol	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	8	
Totals ..	16	8	20	37	23	15	34	31	42	9	12	12	4	2	14	3	8	184	106	290	
	24			60			65			21		16			17						

ADMISSIONS IN 1906 CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER.

Fathers, described as	Mothers, described as	Precedent Condition of Children admitted in 1906.						Total.
		Destitute.	Vagrant.	Associating with Disreputable Persons.	Uncontrollable.	Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences.	By Arrangement.	
Dead ..	Dead ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
" ..	Mentally unfit ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
" ..	Good ..	5	1	1	4	10	..	21
" ..	Questionable ..	5	..	..	..	2	..	7
" ..	Bad ..	..	..	9	..	..	..	9
" ..	Unknown ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Physically unfit	" ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Mentally unfit	Good ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Good ..	Dead ..	6	1	..	..	5	1	13
" ..	Mentally unfit ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
" ..	Good ..	21	6	..	4	28	1	60
" ..	Questionable ..	8	1	2	1	1	..	13
" ..	Bad ..	..	..	9	..	1	..	10
" ..	Deserter ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
" ..	Unknown ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Questionable	Dead ..	5	..	4	..	1	..	10
" ..	Mentally unfit ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
" ..	Good ..	7	1	3	..	6	..	17
" ..	Questionable ..	..	..	9	..	4	..	13
" ..	Bad ..	2	..	2	..	..	..	4
" ..	Unknown ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bad ..	Good ..	3	..	2	..	2	..	7
" ..	Questionable ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
" ..	Bad ..	2	..	16	..	1	..	19
" ..	Deserter ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4
Deserter ..	Mentally unfit ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
" ..	Good ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	3
" ..	Bad ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
" ..	Deserter ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unknown ..	Dead ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	4
" ..	Mentally unfit ..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
" ..	Good ..	21	1	..	..	2	..	24
" ..	Questionable ..	6	1	1	..	..	1	9
" ..	Bad ..	3	..	5	..	1	..	9
" ..	Unknown ..	7	..	..	..	1	..	8
Totals ..		120	19	71	10	67	3	290

The number of admissions during the year (290) shows an increase of 11 on the number for 1905. Of these, 38 were sent from Auckland, 67 from Wellington, 86 from Christchurch, 31 from Dunedin, and 10 from Invercargill. Of the remaining 58 children, no one town sent more than 8 to the schools. Of the children admitted (290) 31·7 per cent. were illegitimate.

From information taken from the Magistrates' orders it is found that the religious denominations in which the children who were admitted are to be brought up are : Church of England, 161 ; Roman Catholic, 78 ; Presbyterian, 20 ; Methodist, 16 ; Baptist, 6 ; Church of Christ, 4 ; Christadelphian, 1 ; 3 to be brought up as Protestants ; and Jewish, 1.

The number of inmates who during 1906 ceased to be under the control of industrial schools was 168. Of these, 90 were discharged by warrant, 61 reached twenty-one years of age, 4 were married, and 13 died. Of this total 108 were of good character, 8 fair, 2 indifferent, and 6 bad ; 8 were weak-minded, 11 were missing, 12 were discharged under fifteen years of age (7 of whom were adopted), and 11 under and 2 over that age died.

The number of deaths (13) shows an increase of 3 on the number for the previous year. The medical certificates show that of the 5 inmates who were boarded out at the time of death, 1 died of gastro-enteritis and asthenia, 1 hyorscepholus and convulsions, 1 of influenza and pneumonia, 1 of measles and broncho-pneumonia, and 1 was accidentally killed. Two resident inmates died, one of tuberculosis, and the other of bronchitis. Two inmates died in the hospital, one of meningitis and congenital syphilis, and the other of tubercular hip-disease and phthisis. Two children in nursing homes died, one of intestinal tuberculosis and phthisis, and the other of meningitis. One young man who was at service met his death by drowning.

DISCHARGES, 1906.

Cause of Discharge.	Government Schools.											Private Schools.							All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa.	Receiving Home, Wellington.		Te Orange Home.	Receiving Home, Christchurch.		Burnham.	Caversham.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		St. Joseph's, Wellington.	St. Mary's, Nelson.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	G.				
Warrant of discharge	3	6	11	2	2	..	3	4	28	1	3	1	2	5	10	7	2	59	31	90	
Death ..	..	..	1	1	1	..	5	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	10	3	13	
Reached age of 21 years	..	3	1	..	1	11	..	5	14	1	6	1	3	3	5	6	1	22	39	61	
Marriage ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	
Totals	3	9	13	3	4	11	8	10	43	2	12	3	6	8	16	13	4	91	77	168	
	12			7			18			14		9			29						

NUMBERS OF 1905 AND 1906 COMPARED.

Inmates.						At End of Year		Increase or Decrease.
						1905.	1906.	
In the schools	..	..	..	..	..	648	660	+ 12
Boarded out	..	..	..	..	..	579	690	+ 111
With friends	..	..	..	..	..	189	171	- 18
Adopted	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	+ 1
At service	..	..	..	..	..	437	419	- 18
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	7	6	- 1
In mental hospitals	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	+ 2
School for Deaf-mutes	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	- 1
At Costley Training Institution	..	..	..	..	..	16	19	+ 3
Under control of refuges or cognate institutions	..	..	..	..	..	13	12	- 1
Under control of orphanage, cottage home, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..
In gaol	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	- 2
Absent without leave, or whereabouts unknown	..	..	..	..	..	48	82	+ 34
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	1,953	2,075	+ 122

Education Department, Wellington, 28th June, 1907.

E. O. GIBBES,
Secretary for Education.

No. 3.

REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

AUCKLAND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Auckland, 29th March, 1907.

I have the honour to report that the health of the children at the Auckland Industrial School has been very good during the past year. There was one case of injury to the knee which at one time looked serious, but it cleared up well, and the patient returned to her work. During my last inspection several children were shown to me who required artificial teeth. In cases where the upper and lower teeth do not meet on either side, it would be a matter of economy if the Department made provision for the obtaining of a plate in order that mastication could be duly carried out.

I have, &c.,

A. CHALLINOR PURCHAS, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S. (Eng.),
The Secretary for Education, Wellington. Medical Officer.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, AUCKLAND: BOYS' BRANCH, LAKE TAKAPUNA.

SIR,—

Auckland, 22nd May, 1907.

I have examined this orphanage, and find everything in good working-order. Health of the children excellent; dormitories clean and well ventilated; bath-rooms, &c., in perfect order and good sanitary condition. The addition of the new kitchen and dining-rooms has been a great advantage.

As Medical Officer to the institution I have had many opportunities of noting the great and marked improvement in the children after they have been in the Home for a month or so. There has been practically no sickness all this year in the institution.

I have, &c.,

W. GRATTAN GUINNESS, M.D., D.P.H.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

Medical Officer.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, AUCKLAND: GIRLS' BRANCH, PONSONBY.

SIR,—

Auckland, 9th July, 1907.

I have recently inspected the above institution, and I find everything in a most satisfactory condition. The dormitories are kept perfectly clean and well ventilated. The beds are very good, with plenty of warm covering. The whole establishment throughout speaks of cleanliness of the highest order. The children are all healthy, well clad, and fed most liberally. The drainage and lavatories are all in a satisfactory state, and the good Sisters spare no pains to keep in order every department of this noble institution under the kind Superioress, Sister Mary Francis.

I have, &c.,

W. J. DABBY,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

Hon. Physician.

BOYS' TRAINING FARM, WERAROA.

SIR,—

Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa, Levin, 20th May, 1907.

During the past year there were two deaths of boys belonging to the institution—A. C. died on the 22nd July, 1906, at the age of thirteen years, and J. C. died on the 12th January, 1907, aged sixteen years and seven months. Both these boys were ill before they arrived here, and had been under observation by several other medical men.

The general health of the boys in this institution has been good, there having been no epidemic disease during the year.

During the early part of the year there was considerable inconvenience from overcrowding in the dormitories, but the building of the cottage homes has relieved this.

In the earlier days of last year there was difficulty on account of defective water-supply, but this has to a large extent been remedied.

Three of the cottage homes are lighted with kerosene. From a sanitary and also a safety point of view, I would urge that the electric-light installation be extended to these.

The ventilation of the social hall and also of the dormitories might be improved.

I have from time to time made examination of the living and sleeping rooms, and have always found them scrupulously clean.

The Manager has at all times given me every assistance in carrying out my duties, and undoubtedly has the welfare of the institution at heart, and the Matron has been unremitting in her care of the sick.

I have, &c.,

H. D. MACKENZIE, M.D.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

Medical Officer.

WELLINGTON RECEIVING HOME.

SIR,—

Wellington, 27th April, 1907.

We have the honour to report that we have visited and inspected the Wellington Receiving Home at regular intervals throughout the past year, and attended professionally the children there, as well as those at the foster-homes in or contiguous to Wellington.

Owing to the exceptionally hot and dry summer, summer diarrhoea has been very prevalent amongst young children and infants, and those of the Receiving Home have not escaped. Two deaths resulted from this condition. One, however, was a child admitted from a licensed home who was suffering from rickets and diarrhoea at the time of admission, and died shortly afterwards. Of two other deaths, one was of an infant two months old who was in a condition of severe marasmus on admission, and died a few days later; the other was a case of acute pneumonia.

The great prevalence of adenoids amongst the children has necessitated operation for their removal in several cases. All those operated upon have very much improved.

We look forward to the completion of the alterations in the Home, as, notwithstanding the high efficiency of the staff, it has been found very difficult to do the best work in our present cramped surroundings.

We have, &c.,

W. A. CHAPPLE, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.,

D. J. MCGAVIN, M.D., F.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

Medical Officers.

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-

mined by previous neglect and unsuitable feeding, died. One child died of meningitis, and another died in the hospital also from meningitis.

The Home has been kept beautifully clean and neat in spite of the limited accommodation of the temporary Home and the unavoidable overcrowding at times.

I have, &c.,

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

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

BURNHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 20th May, 1907.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the Burnham Reformatory for the year 1906:—

During the latter part of the year an epidemic of influenza prevailed in Canterbury, and affected a large number of the inmates of the school. One boy, E. L., had a severe attack of rheumatic fever, and G. W. had appendicitis, requiring operation. Both recovered, but C. M., with heart-disease, was sent home to his mother, and died. There have been occasional outbreaks of ulcerated throat, which I attribute to the effluvium from the septic tank. I consider that the latter should be provided with a coke filter.

The Royal Commission appointed last year to inquire into the management of the Burnham School was the most important event in the history of the school. One of its recommendations, to which I wish to call attention, was the necessity of appointing a fully trained nurse to be responsible for the care of the sick, under the direction of the Medical Officer, and entirely under the control of the Matron. The Royal Commission also showed the urgent need of reconstruction and additions to the buildings. The dormitories are overcrowded in a very unwholesome manner. There is no hospital or sick-ward, or other means of isolating sickness; also no surgery or dispensary. The kitchen and offices are small and dark; there is not sufficient accommodation for the staff; and the whole arrangements, which were made more than thirty years ago for about fifty young children, are utterly inadequate for the hundred or more boys and young men who are now crowded into the same building.

The technical instruction of the boys has made great progress under the able direction of Major Sandford, whose removal to Taranaki is a very serious loss to Burnham.

The milk-supply has improved, and nine cows are now milked, but I notice that no provision is made for cooling the milk.

The new filter for the water-race has worked admirably without intermission; the water has been tested bacteriologically by the Health Department, and found perfectly pure. This has been a factor of great importance in the health of the school, in contrast with previous years.

In conclusion, I beg to repeat the recommendation I have made on several previous occasions—that inmates of an incorrigible type should not be released from control or supervision at the age of twenty-one.

I have, &c.,

W. H. SYMES, M.D.,
Medical Officer.

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 14th May, 1907.

I beg to submit my annual report on the St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin.

The children continue to receive the most careful attention from the Sisters. The food and clothing of the inmates and the sanitary arrangements of the institution are all that could be desired.

With the exception of an outbreak of measles, coincident with a widespread epidemic in the town, no cases of serious illness occurred during the year. No deaths took place, and, thanks to the skilled nursing of the nuns, the little patients all made good recoveries.

I have, &c.,

EUGENE J. O'NEILL, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng.),

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

Medical Officer.

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