

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

SIR,—

Auckland, 22nd May, 1911.

I have made my usual annual inspection of the above institution. Everything I find in good order; the children are well fed and properly clothed, their bedding being extremely clean and seasonably provided for. Lavatories are well flushed and kept in order. In a word, the orphanage is up to date and thoroughly managed under Mother Francis, the Superioress.

I have, &c.,

W. J. DARBY,

Hon. Physician.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (BOYS' BRANCH), TAKAPUNA.

SIR,—

Auckland, 1st July, 1911.

This is to certify I have medically visited the Takapuna Orphanage and find all the appointments in good order. The health of the children is excellent, sanitary arrangements, &c., up to date and clean, and the general condition of the home is very satisfactory.

I have, &c.,

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

BOYS' TRAINING FARM, WERAROA.

SIR,—

Levin, 3rd April, 1911.

I have the honour to report that during the year there have been, with one exception, no serious cases of illness in the institution; still, there has been a very large amount of minor sickness, more than one would expect with the number of boys here. This has been of the nature of boils, abscesses, and festering sores. The exception mentioned above was a case of scarlet fever; but, owing to prompt action by the officers of the institution and myself, the outbreak was confined to the one case.

The septic tank has caused trouble during the year. Owing to the increase in the number of inmates, it is not capable of dealing with the amount of sewage discharged from the institution. I consider this matter should be attended to without delay.

The Manager, Matron, and attendants have at all times given me every assistance in carrying out my duties, and I have always found the institution well kept and the food good.

I have, &c.,

H. D. MACKENZIE, M.D.,

Medical Officer.

ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (GIRLS') UPPER HUTT.

SIR,—

Upper Hutt, 20th March, 1911.

I beg to report that I have inspected St. Joseph's Orphanage School at Upper Hutt. The general health of the inmates is excellent, with the exception of two new children, both of whom are suffering from ringworm. In both cases the children had this complaint before they entered the school.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK W. KEMP, M.D.,

Medical Officer.

WELLINGTON RECEIVING HOME.

SIR,—

Wellington, 10th March, 1911.

I have the honour to report that during the past year I have visited the Receiving Home at regular intervals and also at such times as my services have been required.

The Home has during the past year been exceptionally free from sickness, and such as has occurred has been of a mild nature. The health of the boarded-out children has also been very good on the whole—a fact which I think may be largely attributed to the careful selection and education of foster-mothers.

I have, &c.,

DONALD MCGAVIN, M.D., F.R.C.S.,

Medical Officer.

BOYS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, STOKE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 1st March, 1911.

I have the honour to report that I have inspected the Stoke Orphanage twelve times during the last year at intervals of about one month. About 106 boys were housed in or near the building. The general health has been exceptionally good. The sanitary arrangements also are good. The food is plain, but sufficient. I have no fault to find from a medical point of view with any of the arrangements.

I have, &c.,

PHIL. ANDREW, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

Medical Officer.