

No. 3.—COSTLEY TRAINING INSTITUTION.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1915.

<i>Liabilities.</i>			<i>Assets.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Costley bequest	12,150	0 0	Mortgages	17,680	0 0
Hodge bequest	742	3 9	Accrued interest	153	17 4
Boys' savings account	11	2 5			
Jackson and Russell	343	3 11			
Revenue Account accumulated	4,560	14 1			
Bank of New Zealand	26	13 2			
	<u>£17,833</u>	<u>17 4</u>		<u>£17,833</u>	<u>17 4</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Office expenses	41	12 1	By Balance, 1st January, 1915 ..	3,758	6 3
Maintenance	111	1 6	Interest on investments	955	1 5
Balance carried forward	4,560	14 1			
	<u>£4,713</u>	<u>7 8</u>		<u>£4,713</u>	<u>7 8</u>

27th January, 1916.

C. HUDSON, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

No. 4.—INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION.

Education Department, Wellington, 31st April, 1916.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

I SUBMIT the following report on the work of the Department in respect of infant-life protection for the year 1915.

It will be seen that the bulk of the infants were in foster-homes—that is, with women who have the motherly capacity and the time and accommodation necessary to satisfy the Department's requirements for the license prescribed by the Act. The remainder were in various benevolent institutions, of which particulars are given below.

NUMBERS.

The number of infants in licensed foster-homes on the 31st December was 887, which is 21 less than there were at the beginning of the year. The individuals comprising these totals varied to a much greater extent than these figures indicate, however, the total number of individuals dealt with in connection with foster-homes during the year, by admissions, withdrawals, transfers, &c., being 1,577. The number of new admissions to foster-homes—558—was 33 less than in the previous year, and the number removed from the homes was 38 more.

In the institutions there were 486 at the end of the year, making in all a total of 1,373 infants being dealt with under the Act on the 31st December, 1915—a decrease of 103 on the number on the books a year previously.

The following table exhibits the transactions of the year in respect of infants in licensed foster-homes:—