

matmaking, sewing, &c., or are fairly capable at domestic or laundry work or gardening, they can be transferred to one of the other schools, where it will not be necessary to employ an expert staff.

As in the majority of cases it will be necessary to retain lifelong control, the problem of establishing after-care homes or colonies will have to be faced in the near future.

With regard to boys, the extended building programme at the special school at Otekaike has now been completed, and there is now provision for the accommodation of some two hundred cases. Workshops have been provided, and technical instruction in carpentry, bootmaking, mat-weaving, basketmaking, boxmaking, &c., will be carried out. A thoroughly equipped day school has also been provided, and under the direction of an expert teacher progress in the training of the boys is now possible. Nearly one hundred boys have been admitted, and as the cases now under review are examined they will be drafted on to Otekaike until the full complement of the school is reached.

The following tables show the numbers dealt with at Otekaike during the past year, together with particulars regarding expenditure :—

Numbers as at 31st December, 1916 :—

	Males.
In residence	67
Boarded out	2
Temporarily absent with friends	10
	79

Particulars of expenditure for the financial year ended 31st March, 1917 :—

	£
Salaries	2,839
General maintenance	2,828
Travelling-expenses	358
Maintenance and buildings	230
Additional buildings, furniture, &c.	5,635
	£11,890
<i>Less—</i>	
Parental contributions towards maintenance	636
Amount collected from Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards	411
Sundry other recoveries	306
	1,353
Net expenditure	£10,537

Special School for Girls, Richmond.

Numbers dealt with : In residence at 31st December, 1916, 48.

Particulars of expenditure :—

	£
Salaries	360
General maintenance	612
Travelling-expenses	69
Buildings, furniture, &c.	2,264
	3,305
<i>Less—</i>	
Parental contributions towards maintenance	90
Sundry other recoveries	5
	95
Net expenditure	£3,210

On the land attached to Otekaike and Richmond (in conjunction with the Nelson Training-farm) sufficient vegetables and fruit are grown to provide for the needs of these two schools, and in addition the dairy herds supply the schools with their requirements in the way of milk and cream. At each of these two schools a certain number of the inmates are employed on the farm or in the garden and orchard. Every care is taken, however, to ensure that no boy or girl is required to do work for which he or she is not physically fitted.