

### KOHIMARAMA NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The annual report of the Naval Training School showed that at the end of December 53 boys were in the school. Before the school was closed 25 were discharged and sent to their parents, 2 were released on the expiry of the terms for which they were committed, 5 absconded, 2 went to sea as apprentices, and 7 were placed in service. On the closing of the school there remained 12 who were not yet fit for service and had no suitable home to go to; these were committed to the Industrial School.

#### ST. MARY'S NELSON.

(Government contribution, 1s. a day for each child.)

The authorities of St. Mary's Orphanage and Industrial School, in acknowledging the receipt of £766 from Government for the girls' school, say, "The children being under the domestic as well as the scholastic charge of the sisters, it is not possible to correctly estimate the cost under these heads [management and education]. The bare cost of food and clothing per head was £12 8s. 8½d. for year 1881. A considerable sum has also been expended in repairs and up-keep of buildings." So with respect to £265 16s. received for the boys' school, it is stated that the cost for each child can only be approximately ascertained, and that for food and clothing it ranged from £12 to £14.

It is understood that preparations are being made to carry on this school on a more extensive scale, relying on the operation of the Amendment Act of 1881, which gives Judges, Magistrates, and Justices power to remove a child from one industrial school to another, in which they can be educated in the principles of their own religious denomination.

#### MOTUEKA ORPHANAGE.

(Government contribution, 7s. or 8s. a week for each child.)

A recent report from Lowther Broad, Esq., R.M., shows that Mr. Wallis's private school at Motueka is well conducted. Mr. Broad says, "The children are, I am satisfied, almost strangers to corporal punishment; they seem to be managed with kindly tact, and gave me the idea of being members of a happy family. They were scrupulously clean, neatly dressed, and appeared to be in robust health. None of them had any complaints to make. . . . The general tone of the establishment is excellent."

WM. JAS. HABENS,  
(for the Secretary for Education.)

### Enclosure to No. 2.

*Annual Report of the Managers of the St. Stephen's Orphan Home, Parnell, for the Year ending 31st March, 1882.*

THE institution continues to progress satisfactorily. There are now 58 inmates in the Home, viz., 34 boys and 24 girls. This is the same number as at the commencement of the sessional year. Of these, 3 are four years of age or under, 4 are between four and five years of age, 13 are between five and seven years, 19 are between seven and ten years, 14 are between ten and thirteen years, 3 are between thirteen and fourteen years, and 2 are above fifteen years of age. These two last are employed in the Home. Seven children have been removed from the Home by their relatives during the year, and there have been 7 new admissions. Of these, 3 have been admitted on the nomination of Government, making 13 boys and 4 girls at present in the Home, towards whose maintenance Government contribute. It is gratifying to report that, amidst so much sickness as has prevailed in the district, the health of the children in the Home has been generally good, the one or two cases of scarlatina which occurred having been promptly attended to and isolated, and the disease stayed from spreading through the institution. The income of the year has amounted to £1,063 5s. 8d., and the expenditure to £939 3s. 6d. It will be seen from the Treasurer's statement that a sum of £241 15s. 5d. has been received from the Colonial Treasury, being a grant of £1 for every £1 of general subscriptions received during the half-year ending the 31st December last. Prior to receiving this grant the Board, from various causes, had been obliged to encroach upon the fund reserved for repairs and improvements to the Home buildings. The Board would remind the subscribers that the amount of the grant depends upon their liberality, and they trust it will be a stimulus to increased generosity. There is abundant scope for extending the usefulness of the institution, and it is in contemplation to alter and enlarge the present buildings, with a view to making the institution available for a larger number of children, under an improved system of classification. This will necessarily involve a considerable outlay. The Board have again heartily to thank the lady canvassers for their self-denying services during the past year, and trust that the prospect of each pound they collect being supplemented by one from Government will prompt them to still greater zeal in their work. The Board also desire to thank the many kind friends who, during the past year, have given entertainments and useful or amusing articles for the gratification of the children. They would especially mention the Union Steamship Company and Captain Carey, of the s.s. "Te Anau," for the annual treat and trip to Motutapu; Captain Underwood, of the s.s. "Rotomahana," for several subscriptions promoted by him, in aid of the Home, among the passengers; promoters of the band contest at the North Shore for amount realized by the sale of booths; the North Shore Ferry Company for a free pass for the children of the Home by the company's steamers; the children's old friend and benefactress, Mrs. Reader Wood, for her annual treat and Christmas-tree; and Mr. and Mrs. Raynes for the entertainment and Christmas-tree procured by them. The work of laying down the Home paddock in grass having been completed, a second cow has been procured, so that the children have now a constant and plentiful supply of good pure milk. The Board regret that the directors of the Gas Company have not yet seen fit to comply with their request to have the Home supplied with gas. The Board hope the directors will soon be imbued with a more enlightened spirit in the matter. It was always gratifying to the Board, as they feel sure it will