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Dr. HISLOP to the SECRETARY for EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Forth Street, Dunedin, 5th May, 1900.

I am now far on in my seventy-ninth year, and I find that the infirmities of old age are more and more unfitting me for service as a member of the Industrial School Board of Advice. I am consequently under the necessity of requesting you to be good enough to place in the hands of the Hon. the Minister this my resignation of the position of a member of the Caversham Industrial School Board of Advice, which I have had the honour to hold for a number of years past. Unless my successor be appointed earlier, I am willing, health and strength permitting, to act until the 2nd of next month.

I consider it due to my colleagues, Messrs. Robin and Miller, and to Mr. and Mrs. Burlinson, to testify that our relationship has been unfailingly satisfactory and pleasant. I have also to acknowledge the courtesy shown me by the Minister and yourself, and also other members of the staff. I have been connected with the Caversham Industrial School for about thirty-two years in various capacities. This long connection, and my certain knowledge of the lifelong benefits which the operations of the School have conferred upon hundreds of young people who have passed through it, now rank high among the many "sunny memories" of a long and busy life.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Secretary, Education Department.

JOHN HISLOP.

The SECRETARY for EDUCATION to Dr. HISLOP.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 22nd May, 1900.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, in which you express your wish to retire from the Board of Advice of the Caversham Industrial School, and am directed by the Minister of Education to say that, although the reasons which you assign for your resignation compel him to give a sympathetic assent to it, he is nevertheless very conscious of the great loss the Department will sustain by your absence from the Board. Mr. Walker has long felt that your knowledge of affairs, your unfailing tact, your great experience in all that relates to the School, and your deep sympathy with the inmates and interest in their welfare have very largely assisted in making the Board the practical support it has been to the Department in the management of the Institution.

I beg most respectfully to express to you the sincere regret which the officers of the Department feel at losing this last connection with one for whom they entertain a very deep regard.

I have, &amp;c.,

Dr. J. Hislop, Forth Street, Dunedin.

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