

No. 3.

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL OFFICERS.

AUCKLAND.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, MOUNT ALBERT.

SIR,—

Auckland, 10th May, 1906.

In reference to the Auckland Industrial School I have to report that in the year ending the 31st March, 1906, there have been no cases of serious disease, and all the cases of minor importance have done well. Two cases of injury to limbs from accidental falls have made good recoveries. The house and grounds are in good order, and everything goes on in the usual satisfactory manner. Many of the children give promise of becoming a credit to the country and to the system under which they have happily been brought up.

Probably a word from your office would induce the local Road Board to provide a proper entrance from the public road to the front gate of the institution.

I am, &c.,

A. G. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S. Eng.

Medical Officer.

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

ST. MARY'S (ROMAN CATHOLIC) GIRLS' SCHOOL, PONSONBY.

SIR,—

Quite recently I made a thorough examination of the above institution. I went through every department most minutely. The sanitary lavatories and water-supply are very good, the dormitories well ventilated, and bedding most comfortable. The food is good and well varied; and cleanliness a speciality throughout the institution. The health of the children has been exceptionally good.

I have, &c.,

W. J. DARBY, Hon. Medical Officer.

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

ST. MARY'S (ROMAN CATHOLIC) BOYS' SCHOOL, LAKE TAKAPUNA.

SIR,—

Auckland, 22nd April, 1906.

This home is well kept, the bedrooms clean and well ventilated; the out-offices are in good condition and well kept. The children are healthy and well cared for.

There has been no case of infectious disease during the last four months.

I have, &c.,

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

Medical Officer.

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

WELLINGTON.

GOVERNMENT RECEIVING HOME.

SIR,—

Wellington, 10th May, 1906.

We have the honour to report that we have visited and inspected the Wellington Receiving Home at regular intervals throughout the year, and attended professionally the children there, as well as those at the foster-homes in the district.

The sanitary arrangements at the Home are all that could be desired, and every attention has been paid to the general order and cleanliness of the establishment.

Certain repairs to the buildings have been effected, but it is still defective in the number and size of the rooms, which lead to the inconvenience and dangers of overcrowding referred to in our last report.

There has been no epidemic sickness during the year, and no serious ailment has arisen to any of the inmates during their stay in the Home; while the illnesses from which the little ones so frequently suffer on admission have been readily and speedily remedied under the earnest and sympathetic care they receive at the hands of those in charge.

We have, &c.,

W. A. CHAPPLE, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

D. J. MCGAVIN, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Medical Officers.

The Secretary for Education.

ST. JOSEPH'S (ROMAN CATHOLIC) GIRLS' SCHOOL, WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Wellington, 30th April, 1906.

I have the honour to furnish the annual report on St. Joseph's Industrial School, Wellington, for the year ending the 31st March, 1906.

My annual examination was made on the 20th April, 1906, and I found the inmates happy, cheerful, and in the best of health. The dormitories, class, dining, and work rooms were scrupulously clean and well ventilated, and the sanitary arrangements in first-class order.

During the year I made a thorough examination of the institution monthly. There were no cases of severe illness until November, 1905, when two inmates contracted influenza, and this was followed by pneumonia. One of them was sent to the Hospital, and died at that institution on the 30th November, 1905.