

conducted by the Roman Catholic authorities as a private industrial school under the supervision of the Education Department, and generally known as the Stoke Orphanage, has been purchased for this purpose, and will hereafter be a Government industrial school to which Magistrates can commit boys irrespective of the religious denomination they belong to.

*School for the Deaf.*

(See also E.-4, 1911, pages 5-8.)

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| Number of pupils who returned to the school in February, 1910, after the summer vacation .. .. . | 89 |
| Number admitted during the school year .. .. .   | 12 |
| Number who left during or at the end of the school year .. .. .                                  | 11 |
| Number remaining on the roll after the close of the school year .. .. .                          | 90 |

The cost of the school for the years 1909 and 1910 respectively was as follows :—

|   | 1909. |    |    | 1910. |    |     |
|---|-------|----|----|-------|----|-----|
|   | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d.  |
| Salaries .. .. .  | 2,916 | 2  | 7  | 2,958 | 12 | 6   |
| Maintenance of pupils .. .. .   | 1,513 | 6  | 8  | 1,551 | 8  | 4   |
| Maintenance of buildings and water charges .. .. .                        | 332   | 15 | 6  | 367   | 16 | 5   |
| Sundries .. .. .  | 121   | 19 | 0  | 145   | 15 | 1   |
| Less—   |       |    |    |       |    |     |
| Amount collected from parents by way of maintenance contributions .. .. . | 838   | 11 | 0  | 929   | 0  | 2   |
| Sundry other recoveries .. .. .   | 6     | 18 | 11 | 7     | 11 | 3   |
| Net expenditure on the institution .. .. .                                | 4,038 | 13 | 10 | 4,087 | 0  | 11* |

(\* Including £540 paid from National Endowment revenue.)

There was an increase of 10·9 per cent. in parental contributions, as against an increase of 1·1 per cent. in the number of pupils under instruction.

*Jubilee Institution for the Blind.*

During the year the Government contributed towards the cost of training 35 pupils of this institution, of whom 1 was an adult, the net amount expended being £721 (including £99 from National Endowment revenue), as against £903 for the previous year on account of 39 pupils. Maintenance payments by parents and guardians increased from £215 19s. 3d. in 1909 to £291 2s. 6d. during 1910. For the two past financial years the revenue from the National Endowment Reserves Account amounted to £99 9s. 4d. The sum payable by the Government as subsidy to the Board of Trustees during last year under the provisions of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act was £1,709.

*Special School for Boys of Feeble Mind.*

(See also E.-4, 1911, pages 8-11.)

This institution is being steadily developed, there being now 47 boys in residence. The matter of admitting young persons who are over twenty-one years of age has been fully considered, and it has been determined to give preference to younger applicants. Undoubtedly a large number of the pupils will need permanent institutional care, and by retaining these under control the adult section of this institution will be formed gradually. It is to be borne in mind that the Otekaike school does not admit those who are imbecile: it is essential that pupils shall have the capacity to derive benefit from the special education and training provided for in the school course.

The cost of the institution for the past two years was as follows :—

|   | 1909. |    |    | 1910. |    |    |
|---|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
|   | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
| Salaries .. .. .  | 1,102 | 15 | 4  | 1,564 | 10 | 8  |
| Maintenance of pupils .. .. .   | 647   | 14 | 11 | 1,115 | 7  | 6  |
| Maintenance of buildings .. .. .  | 243   | 19 | 7  | 239   | 18 | 0  |
| Farm and stock .. .. .  | 612   | 19 | 9  | 318   | 8  | 9  |
| Additional buildings, water-supply, drainage, fencing, &c. .. .. .        | 1,602 | 18 | 3  | 4,984 | 0  | 8  |
| Sundries .. .. .  | 180   | 6  | 10 | 178   | 19 | 6  |
| Less—   |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| Amount collected from parents by way of maintenance contributions .. .. . | 182   | 2  | 2  | 428   | 16 | 3  |
| Sundry other recoveries .. .. .   | 105   | 2  | 11 | 138   | 12 | 6  |
| Net expenditure on the institution .. .. .                                | 4,103 | 9  | 7  | 7,833 | 16 | 4† |

(† Including £440 paid from National Endowment revenue.)