

## REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

## AUCKLAND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Auckland, 24th February, 1912.

I beg to report that the health of the children at the Mount Albert Industrial School has been excellent during the last twelve months. What few cases of illness have occurred have been slight, and the children are all happy and contented.

I am, &amp;c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

A. CHALLINOR PURCHAS.

## ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, AUCKLAND (GIRLS' BRANCH).

SIR,—

Auckland, 19th March, 1912.

During the year March, 1911, to March, 1912, the health of the children in the Girls' Branch of St. Mary's Industrial School, Auckland, has been good.

One girl, a mental defective, was committed to the Mental Hospital. There has been one sporadic case of chicken-pox, and two sporadic cases of measles. The fact that neither of these diseases spread to the other children speaks well for the care and attention of the Sisters. Four of the girls have suffered from bad tonsils and adenoids, which were causing deafness, and during the course of the year these four children were operated upon.

At present the children are housed in a dwelling next to the old buildings, which have been pulled down. The premises are only temporary, but they have been kept clean, and the children have been well looked after, and the very best has been made of the limited space available. Within the next fortnight the new buildings at Northcote will be open, and the children will be removed there.

I consider that as an institution the place is well looked after, and the children all look well and are scrupulously clean. The Mother Superior, Sister Mary Frances, takes a great interest in each of her charges, and does everything in her power to see that the children under her care thrive.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

E. H. B. MILSOM, M.D., B.S. (Lond.),  
Medical Officer.

## ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, AUCKLAND (BOYS' BRANCH), TAKAPUNA.

SIR,—

Devonport, 31st March, 1912.

In reference to the Industrial School at Takapuna, I have the honour to report that there have been no serious cases of illness during the period I have been in attendance, and the boys appear happy. On the 24th March I visited and inspected the buildings, &c., and saw all the pupils, who were very well. The dormitory accommodation is excellent, and the ventilation leaves nothing to be desired. There were ninety-two boys in the institution on that date.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

C. H. WHEELER, M.D., D.P.H.

## BOYS' TRAINING-FARM, WERAROA.

SIR,—

Levin, 27th February, 1912.

I have the honour to present the annual medical report on the Boys' Training-farm.

The number of boys in the institution is about 200. There has been a good deal of sickness, chiefly of a minor character, during the last few months. In the spring influenza was very prevalent, and recently an epidemic of mumps, which is likely to become general, has started. In addition to this, there has been a succession of scarlatina cases, and it will be difficult to stamp out the disease until an isolation ward is provided for infectious diseases. At present they have to be put into the Hospital ward, which is most inconvenient. There should also be a consulting-room for the Medical Officer, who at present has to see his patients in the storeroom.

High-pressure water has been recently installed, and this cannot fail to be beneficial to the general health; also, arrangements have been made for improving the septic-tank treatment of sewage.

I would like to add that the institution is run with the smoothness of a machine; the boys seem generally happy and contented, and the food is good and abundant—too much so in some cases.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

HENRY A. DAVIES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

## ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (GIRLS'), UPPER HUTT.

Upper Hutt, 2nd March, 1912.

THIS is to certify that I have this day inspected St. Joseph's Industrial School, Upper Hutt. The general state of the school is quite satisfactory, and the health of the inmates excellent.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

FREDERICK W. KEMP, M.D.,  
Medical Officer.