

FARM AND GARDEN.

Much valuable work has been carried out in connection with our farm and garden. We are able not only to supply all our own needs as far as milk, vegetables, fruit, &c., are concerned, but have been able to supply a considerable quantity of our surplus to other institutions under the Education Department's control.

LIGHTING.

This school is still lighted by kerosene-lamps, which is an exceedingly dangerous method of lighting for an institution of this kind. Electric light should be installed with the least possible delay.

HEALTH.

I am glad to be able to report again that the health of the children has been excellent. There have been no deaths and no serious accidents.

SCHOOL-WORK.

Another year's work has been successfully completed and the results on the whole are satisfactory. Much of the work attempted in the school is handwork and kindergarten occupations. The various forms of handwork taught in the school show decided improvement, and many of the articles made are of a useful nature.

EXTENSIONS.

We have commenced clearing the sites for the extensions which are so badly needed. The buildings, however, will not be completed for some months.

GEORGE BENSTEAD, Principal.

APPENDIX.

PARTICULARS OF DEATHS IN FOSTER-HOMES DURING 1914.

Locality.	Date.	Sex.	Age at Death.	Birth.	Time in Foster-home.		Cause of Death.	Remarks.
					Last Foster-home.	Total Time under Control.		
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Christchurch ..	28/1/14	F.	0 4	Illegitimate	0 0 4	0 0 5	Malnutrition ..	No inquest.
Napier ..	6/3/14	M.	0 1½	"	0 1 6	0 1 10	Chronic gastric-enteritis	Inquest.
Wellington ..	28/3/14	M.	0 5½	"	0 3 2	0 4 2	Enteritis ..	No inquest.
Auckland ..	1/4/14	M.	0 5	"	0 0 16	0 1 25	Gastro-enteritis ..	"
Christchurch ..	1/4/14	F.	0 4½	"	0 3 29	0 4 4	Whooping-cough; heart-failure	"
" ..	10/4/14	F.	0 4	"	0 0 17	0 0 17	Marasmus and congenital debility	Inquest.
Auckland ..	10/5/14	M.	0 5	Legitimate	0 2 15	0 2 15	Acute enteritis ..	No inquest.
Wellington ..	7/6/14	F.	0 7	Illegitimate	0 4 15	0 6 24	Marasmus; exhaustion	"
Christchurch ..	14/8/14	M.	2 8	Legitimate	0 4 11	0 5 10	Marasmus ..	"
" ..	16/8/14	F.	0 3½	"	0 3 8	0 3 23	Malnutrition ..	Inquest.
" ..	29/9/14	F.	0 3½	Illegitimate	0 2 16	0 3 2	Hydrocephalus ..	"
Dunedin ..	19/10/14	M.	0 8	Legitimate	0 4 26	0 6 17	Senility unknown ..	No inquest.
Hawera ..	29/10/14	M.	0 10	Illegitimate	0 9 29	0 9 29	Pneumonia; toxæmia	"
Wellington ..	13/11/14	M.	0 5	Legitimate	0 1 5	0 1 5	Marasmus ..	Inquest.
Invercargill ..	15/11/14	M.	2 9	Illegitimate	0 1 19	2 1 10	Heart-failure; embolism tricuspid	"
Christchurch ..	16/12/14	M.	0 4	"	0 0 24	0 2 25	Bronchitis and asthma	No inquest.
" ..	19/12/14	M.	0 1½	"	0 1 2	0 1 2	Marasmus ..	Inquest.
Auckland ..	20/12/14	F.	0 3	Legitimate	0 2 15	0 2 15	Water on the brain ..	No inquest.
Wellington ..	27/12/14	F.	3 2	Illegitimate	2 7 23	2 9 1	Meningitis ..	"
Christchurch ..	31/12/14	F.	1 2	"	1 1 10	1 1 10	Cardiac failure; influenza	Inquest.