

1. That the punishment in the institution shall be the same as under the regulations of the Government schools.
2. That the food shall be varied in accordance with the recommendations mentioned by the Commissioners in their report.
3. That the recommendation of the Commissioners to the effect that the boys should have under-vests to be worn in addition to the linen shirts during the winter months shall be given effect to.
4. That at least two married women shall be employed at the school, whose husbands might be engaged as farm-hands, &c., the women to be employed in the laundry, clothing-room, dormitories, and infirmary.
5. That in order to fully benefit the boys' physical training and outside work, at least two men skilled in garden, farm, and dairy work shall be employed.
6. That the administering of mustard-and-water in cases of indisposition shall be discontinued.
7. That a "punishment-book" shall be kept, in which shall be entered day by day records of all punishments inflicted in the school.
8. That a duly qualified medical officer shall be appointed to visit the school periodically, and a book kept in which he shall make a record of every visit, together with any notes that he may think fit. On the occasion of every visit of the medical officer, the punishment-book, with all records of punishment duly entered up to date, shall be produced to him.
9. That all the Brothers associated with the past administration of the school shall be at the earliest possible date replaced by others of British nationality and of cheerful disposition.
10. The Government further require that, as far as practicable, there shall be a classification of the inmates, and that the criminal children newly committed shall, before being associated with the other inmates, undergo a period of probation in some part of the institution to be set apart for the purpose.
11. The Government desire that inmates who have been licensed out for work, and have returned to the school, shall, as far as possible, be kept apart from the ordinary inmates.

It has weighed with the Government whether, under the circumstances disclosed, proceedings shall not be instituted against Brothers Loetus, Wybertus, and Kilian, but, as they have been removed from the institution, it has been decided that further action is unnecessary, although well deserved.

Very Rev. W. J. Mahoney,
Manager, St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys, Stoke, Nelson.

I have, &c.,
W. C. WALKER.

The Very Rev. Dean MAHONEY to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

St. Mary's Cathedral, Wellington, 28th August, 1900.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter containing a summary of the report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the management of the industrial school for boys at Stoke, Nelson, as well as of the decision of the Government as to the reforms to be carried out in the future.

In reply, I have to say that I willingly undertake that the reforms indicated in the letter shall be complied with. As, however, the carrying-out of some of the conditions requires a modification in the buildings, and a change in the staff, I would respectfully ask the Government to allow me a reasonable time to make the necessary improvements.

I have, &c.,
W. J. MAHONEY, Manager.

The Hon. W. C. Walker, Minister of Education, Wellington.

The Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION to the Very Rev. Dean MAHONEY.

VERY REVEREND SIR,—

Parliament Buildings, Wellington, 28th August, 1900.

I beg to acknowledge your letter of to-day's date, in reply to mine respecting the conditions the Government require to be accepted by you as to the future management of Stoke Industrial School.

In the last paragraph of your letter you ask for reasonable time to enable you to make the necessary improvements. So far as alterations in the buildings are concerned, reasonable time may fairly be allowed; but as regards the other conditions I must request you to give me your assurance that they will be fulfilled at once, and without any delay.

The Very Rev. Dean Mahoney, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,
W. C. WALKER.

COMMISSIONS.

RANFURLY, GOVERNOR.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to ROBERT SMELT BUSH, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, and to HERBERT SAMUEL WARDELL, Esq., Justice of the Peace, greeting:
WHEREAS it is desirable to make inquiry into the management of the St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys at Stoke, Nelson: Now, therefore, I, UCHTER JOHN MARK, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of