

Additional Subjects.—Singing, satisfactory; drill and exercises, not examined, the instructor being absent.

Instruction of Preparatory Classes.—The preparatory classes did the work professed only moderately. They read well, but their writing was not good, and their knowledge of tables and sums was indifferent. Order, tone, and discipline were commendable.

E. C. PURDIE, Inspector.

ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (examined 13th August, 1900).

Pass-subjects.—Presented: Standard VI., 5; Standard V., 2; Standard IV., 12; Standard III., 15; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 13; Preparatory, 15. Examined in Standards: Standard VI., 5; Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 11; Standard III., 15; Standard II., 9; Standard I., 13. Passed: Standard VI., 3; Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 11; Standard III., 11; Standard II., 9; Standard I., 12. Reading and spelling good; writing, letters well formed, but a tendency to back-handed forms; school closed from February to Easter on account of epidemic of scarlet fever, but at other times the attendance is necessarily perfect, as the children are resident on the ground.

Class-subjects.—Geography, fair; drawing (freehand), satisfactory, a little scale done; grammar, moderate; history, none; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., a little domestic economy and cooking done; recitation, good; handwork, none.

Additional Subjects.—Singing, very good; needlework, industrial work substituted drill and exercises, satisfactory.

Instruction of Standard VII. and Preparatory.—The lower class work is well grounded, and reading and spelling are well taught; the object-lesson work might be extended; the general management and instruction are satisfactory.

ROBERT LEE, }
T. R. FLEMING, } Inspectors.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, NELSON.

Stoke Branch (Boys) (examined 5th February, 1901).

Pass-subjects.—Presented: Standard VI., 13; Standard V., 12; Standard IV., 13; Standard III., 22; Standard II., 24; Standard I., 9; Preparatory, 3. Examined in Standards: Standard VI., 13; Standard V., 12; Standard IV., 13; Standard III., 22; Standard II., 24; Standard I., 9. Passed: Standard VI., 2; Standard V., 1; Standard IV., 4; Standard III., 15; Standard II., 13; Standard I., 3.

Class-subjects.—Geography of Standards II. and III., fair—upper classes had not covered ground; drawing, none; grammar, very little done—time short; history, satisfactory; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., and recitation, very little done up to date; handwork, none.

Additional Subjects.—Singing, not examined; drill and exercises, cadet corps in course of formation.

Instruction of Preparatory Class.—Only three beginners in preparatory class; but some of Standard I. should have been in this class.

JAMES H. POPE, }
WILLIAM W. BIRD, } Inspectors.

Nelson Branch (Girls) (examined 6th February, 1901).

Pass-subjects.—Presented: Standard VII., 2; Standard VI., 6; Standard V., 14; Standard IV., 13; Standard III., 8; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 8; Preparatory, 28 (9 boys in infant division). Examined in Standards: Standard VII., 2; Standard VI., 6; Standard V., 14; Standard IV., 13; Standard III., 8; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 8. Passed: Standard VII., 2; Standard VI., 6; Standard V., 10; Standard IV., 11; Standard III., 8; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 8. All the standards were examined by us with very little special reference to what the teachers had done, and we took pains to give our work a certain amount of organizing value. We have no doubt that the schedules show the present condition of the school with considerable exactitude.

Class-subjects.—Geography, Standard III. very good, Standards IV. and V. satisfactory, Standard VI. very strong; drawing, done with care throughout; grammar, Standard VI. decidedly good, Standards V. and IV. satisfactory; history, Standard III. very good, Standards IV. and V. good; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., Standards V and VI. satisfactory; recitation, Standard II. very good, Standards I. and V. good, Standards VI. and IV. good; handwork, none.

Additional Subjects.—Singing, good; needlework, very good; drill and exercises, good.

Instruction of Standard VII. and Preparatory.—Standard VII., two girls, very good. Preparatory, satisfactory, but none good enough for Standard I. Of the preparatory class nine were boys; it is understood that these will go to Stoke when they are ready.

JAMES H. POPE, }
WILLIAM W. BIRD, } Inspectors.

BURNHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (examined 14th September, 1900).

Pass-subjects.—Presented: Standard V., 3; Standard IV., 14; Standard III., 20; Standard II., 11; Standard I., 5; Preparatory, 3. Examined in Standards: Standard V., 3; Standard IV., 14; Standard III., 20; Standard II., 11; Standard I., 5. Passed: Standard V., 2; Standard IV., 9; Standard III., 7; Standard II., 10; Standard I., 4. The promotions have been granted on a sound basis of attainment in the subjects of primary importance.