

WELLINGTON RECEIVING HOME.

SIR,—

Wellington, 8th April, 1910.

I have the honour to report that during the past year I have regularly attended the inmates of the Wellington Receiving Home, and also the children boarded out.

There has been very little illness of a serious nature during the past year. Summer diarrhoea (always a scourge among infants) has only slightly affected the children of the Receiving Home during the past summer, and has caused no deaths. I attribute this immunity to,—

- (1.) The careful selection of intelligent foster-mothers by the Lady Manager.
- (2.) The patient instruction in infant-feeding the foster-mothers receive before they are permitted to take a child from the Home.
- (3.) The removal to the Home of any child seriously ill, where it receives more skilled attention, and is isolated.

I have, &c.,

DONALD MCGAVIN, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.S.,
Medical Officer.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, NELSON: BOYS' BRANCH, STOKE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 7th June, 1910.

There is little to report regarding the Stoke Orphanage for the year ending 31st March, 1910.

The period has been free from any serious epidemic of illness, although there have been the usual numbers of minor ailments.

There have been no deaths in the institution, but one boy died of rheumatic fever in the Nelson Hospital.

In December, 1909, there was a change in the management, Mr. Flaherty taking over the position occupied by Mr. Barry.

On the occasions of my monthly visits I found the dormitories and sanitary arrangements in a satisfactory condition.

I have, &c.,

P. A. BETT, M.B., M.R.C.S.,
Medical Officer.

TE ORANGA HOME, CHRISTCHURCH.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 31st March, 1910.

I have the honour to submit my report on Te Oranga Home, Christchurch.

There has been no case of serious illness amongst the inmates during the year, and their health as a rule has been excellent.

A considerable improvement in conduct has taken place recently in several who were very difficult to deal with a year ago.

The usual high standard of cleanliness and order in the Home has been fully maintained throughout the year.

I have, &c.,

JESSIE C. MADDISON, M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P.I.,
Medical Officer.

CHRISTCHURCH RECEIVING HOME.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 30th March, 1910.

I have the honour to submit my report for the Christchurch Receiving Home.

The health of the children generally has been good, the chief cause of trouble having been whooping-cough, of which there has been an epidemic in Christchurch.

The members of the staff have frequently been affected by various maladies due to chill, the only discoverable cause for which is the frequent passing to and fro between the two houses. I should like the Department to note that one well-adapted house could be worked much more advantageously to all concerned.

The management of the Home is conducted with unabated order and efficiency.

The statistics I proposed to incorporate in this report concerning the physical development of the children are so far satisfactory, but as yet incomplete, as it was not considered advisable to bring children up to the Home, especially for the purpose of measuring them. So far, fifty of them have been examined. I shall be able to include the complete results in my next report.

I have, &c.,

JESSIE C. MADDISON, M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P.I.,
Medical Officer.

BURNHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 30th June, 1910.

I have the honour to report on the health of the Burnham Industrial School for the year 1909.

There have been no deaths, and only one outbreak of illness in an attack of measles in March. There were about a dozen well-marked cases, but the outbreak was limited by isolating the cases in tents under the care of a trained nurse from Christchurch. The convenience and efficacy of