

BRADWALL TRAINING SCHOOL,

(CHESHIRE).

Visited : 13th February, 1912.

Inmates : Total No. in School, 70 ; On Licence, 17.

Staff : Superintendent and Matron ... Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shaw.
Head Schoolmaster Mr. A. W. Shaw.
Assistant „ Mr. B. Temple (ex P.T.) appointed May, 1911.

Medical Officer Dr. Riddell.

Dentist Mr. Shields.

Chaplain Rev. T. Lunt.

Bailiff

Tailor

Assistant Matron.

Labour-master (change).

Mr. J. Pye, Assistant Schoolmaster, resigned May, 1911.

Premises : Clean throughout. Extensive improvements and alterations have been made as follows:—New casement windows and fire escapes in Dormitories ; new floor, ceiling, cooking range and hotwater system in Kitchen ; new spray bath and hot water laid on in Lavatory ; new floor, wash troughs and furnaces rebuilt in Wash House ; new floor in Laundry. All the new floors are tiled.

Awards.

STANDARD SUBJECTS (Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, Reading and Writing, including Composition).

| STANDARD. | No. | RESULT. |
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| VI. | 20 | Very fair. |
| V. | 18 | Good. |
| IV. | 19 | Very fair. |
| III. | 10 | Fair. |
| Prep. | 3 | Newcomers receiving careful attention. |

The general award for the Elementary Standard Subjects is very fair.

CLASS SUBJECTS :

SINGING—(Sol-fa), Good.

RECITATION—Good.

GEOGRAPHY—Good in VI. and IV., very fair in V., fair in III. History readers are used.

ELEM. SCIENCE lessons in Horticulture are given.

DRAWING—Very fair generally, but requires better finish.

Industrial Training : The industrial training is mainly in farm and garden. The farm, 25 acres in extent, is entirely spade tilled, and a speciality is made of fruit growing.

The boys also receive theoretical and practical instruction in horticulture and poultry keeping.

There is a small Tailor's shop where good practical work is being done, and where the boys' farm clothes are made. 53 of the boys receive skilled instruction, mainly on the land.

Of the 26 boys who left during the year 21 went to occupations found by the School on neighbouring farms, while of the remaining 5, who went back to their friends, 3 entered progressive occupations.

Physical Training, &c. : The boys on the day of inspection gave a creditable display of Physical Drill, and are of good physique. Fire drill is also regularly practised.

Health : The health seems to be exceptionally good. No boys have been in the school infirmary since last April. The doctor visits the school regularly and a dentist has been appointed.

Conduct : has been generally good. The list of schoolroom offences is short. Outside the schoolroom, there have been but few offences, the most serious being one case of a boy stealing and eating another boy's food, and one case of a new boy attempting to abscond, aided by two other boys.

Remarks : The work of the schoolroom is somewhat more satisfactory than last year, and the recent improvements in the premises add to convenience in working the school as well as to the necessary comfort of the boys. The disposal of so large a proportion of the boys to situations on farms in the surrounding country is a most satisfactory feature.

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