

State Receiving Depot
124 Quarry Street, /40
ROCKHAMPTON.

1st July, 1960.

Mr. Holbeck,
Inspector,
State Children Dept.
ROCKHAMPTON.

Sir,

I herewith furnish a report on the above Institution.

The health of the children has been fairly good with the exception of colds and Gastric upsets which has been very prevalent in the town.

One young boy was transferred to the General Hospital for a Tonsillectomy Operation.

We have had a very busy year as our numbers have risen considerably in the last few months. It is the most we have had since my appointment here. We have had to get extra beds to accommodate the children. Some of the smaller boys we have had to place in cots so as to be able to use the beds for the older boys.

We have had seventeen children going to School. This has made extra work as their lunches had to be cut. It also makes extra washing and ironing.

We have had several babies during the year. A three weeks old baby was only admitted a week ago. They make extra work and one person's time is taken up attending to them. We only had one hired girl until recently, when another girl was hired. This has helped quite a lot, as the Assistants were helping with the housework as well as their own work, and I was doing most of the cooking.

The conduct of the children has been fairly good with the exception of one girl, who was committed as a neglected child. She absconded twice and was brought back by the Police. The first time she absconded she took the hired girl with her.

I am sure she has learnt her lesson, as she seemed to have settled down quite well. The children have been entertained by different Organisations. They also had a Day at the Show. They also go to the Pictures of a Saturday afternoon. I am most grateful to our Inspector who takes the children down and also brings them home again.

I was able to hire a person during Miss Crossan's absence on Annual Leave.

I am very grateful to the Staff for their able assistance and co-operation.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I remain Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Eileen Walsh, Matron.