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KILMANY PARK
FARM HOME FOR BOYS (SALE)
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA
Box 70 Telephone Sale 3223
Superintendent: E. B. Frith.

13/8/65

Report on Hugh McGowan. Born [redacted] 1948

Admitted to Kilmany Park 23/9/64

HEALTH. Good. Hugh is slow in all ways and tires easily, but comes to life in the Summer when he excels at swimming. He always has a hearty appetite, but has not had occasion to see a Doctor since being at Kilmany Park. An impediment in his speech makes conversation difficult for listeners; but does not deter Hugh.

EMPLOYMENT. This lad came to Kilmany Park, reported as not being able to settle down to employment, and proved to be most unreliable, lazy, and dishonest. He has now shown a definite improvement, and at times has given cause for staff to be jubilant at his efforts; but usually they are short-lived. At the time of writing this report he is just completing a 3 weeks period of helping out a share farmer in the Nambrok-Denison area. The people are very satisfied with Hugh, and he also likes the job; but I like neither the family situation, nor the situation of the farm. It is reported that a lad on this farm was given beer to drink, and the farm is miles from any social life that Hugh does need.

GENERAL REMARKS. Hugh needs quite a lot of guiding. He has not got much ambition or initiative. Works well with a little encouragement such as kind words or with adult company. He appears to be a lonely boy reaching out for companionship.

Quite a lot of understanding will be needed by the person who employs him. When the right employer is found, Hugh has the ability to be an above average employee.

Yours faithfully,

KILMANY PARK
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[Signature]

Transcription of paragraph two of the Kilmany Park letter:

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