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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR GEORGE GREY, BART.

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HALF-YEARLY JOINT REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF
FACTORIES.

SIR,
*Factory Inspectors' Office,
Whitehall, February 16th, 1866.*

WE have the honour to present to you our Reports on the state of our respective districts.

We have held our statutory meeting in conformity with our usual custom, and have conferred upon several matters which we have brought under your notice, particularly those which relate to an uniform administration of the law of restriction to the various kinds of works to which legislation has hitherto been applied, as well as with reference to those to which it may be extended hereafter. We have pointed out the anomalies which must inevitably prevail whenever there is a want of uniformity in the hours of work ; and which are frequently the cause of just complaint, when such hours can be extended under special pleas, beyond the limit laid down in the Factories Act, as a first great principle.

We especially allude to the Print Works Act, the Lace Works Act, and the Bleaching and Dyeing Works Acts, as applicable not only to bleaching and dyeing, but to calendering and finishing, and the works mentioned in the 27 & 28 Vict. c. 98. We are firmly of opinion, and we believe that the evidence we have brought before you will show, that the Factories Act Extension Act, 1864, has been a success most encouraging for further legislation in the same direction ; and we trust that our Reports will be so satisfactory to you in this respect, that any doubts (if such there be) of the general applicability of this Act to

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most, if not all, of the trades referred to by the Childrens' Employment Commissioners, will be removed.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

ALEX^r REDGRAVE

ROBERT BAKER.

The Right Hon.
The Secretary of State
for the Home Department,
&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. I.

GENERAL ABSTRACT, showing the Total Number of Accidents reported to the Inspectors of Factories during the Six Months ended the 31st October 1865.

TABLE No. I.—Accidents arising from Machinery.

Nature of Injury.	Adults.		Young Persons.		Children.		Total.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.&F.
Causing death - - -	11	4	6	-	4	-	21	4	25
Amputation of right hand or arm	7	1	5	2	1	1	13	4	17
Amputation of left hand or arm	4	2	1	2	1	-	6	4	10
Amputation of part of right hand	23	31	38	56	6	5	67	92	159
Amputation of part of left hand	19	20	22	32	6	3	47	55	102
Amputation of any part of leg or foot	3	1	1	1	-	-	4	2	6
Fracture of limbs and bones of trunk	37	16	35	16	9	3	81	35	116
Fracture of hand or foot	41	42	39	30	18	9	98	111	209
Injuries to head and face	15	38	28	28	12	6	55	72	127
Lacerations, contusions, and other injuries not enumerated above	311	284	407	352	99	49	817	685	1,502
Total	471	439	582	549	256	76	1209	1064	2,273

TABLE No. II.—Accidents not arising from Machinery.

Nature of Injury.	Adults.		Young Persons.		Children.		Total.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.&F.
Causing death - - -	5	1	1	-	-	1	6	2	8
Amputation of part of right hand	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	5	5
Amputation of part of left hand	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Fracture of limbs and bones of trunk	9	5	8	7	1	-	18	12	30
Fracture of hand or foot	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2
Injuries to head and face	9	7	5	3	3	-	17	10	27
Lacerations, contusions, and other injuries not enumerated above	41	19	24	14	11	2	76	35	111
Total	65	33	38	29	15	4	118	66	184

Appendix No. 2—continued.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	Number of Informations.	Result.			Penalties imposed.							
		Convicted.	Withdrawn on Payment of Costs.	Dismissed.	5s.	20s.	40s.	50s.	£3.	£4.	£5.	£10.
Brought forward - Not limewashing, as required by law -	6	5	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	1
Not entering date of holidays of limewashing in register -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not hanging up abstract of Acts, notices of hours of work, meal times, &c. -	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Making false entries in the register of young persons -	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Wilful obstruction of the sub-inspector in the execution of his office -	13	1	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total -	516	201	201	48	9	128	188	11	17	3	4	2

The Total amount of Fines inflicted, £448 15s.

The Total amount of Costs, £215 5s. 10d.