

The charge made by the Government for the board and education of each pupil is £40 a year; but in a number of instances pupils are admitted free or at reduced rates, in order that no child capable of receiving benefit from the course of instruction may be excluded. A separate parliamentary paper (E.—4) contains the report of the Director.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND ORPHANAGES.

The following is a list of the Industrial Schools and Orphanages maintained wholly or partly by the Government from parliamentary votes: In Auckland, the Auckland Industrial School (comprising Kohimarama and the Howe Street Home), St. Stephen's Orphan Home at Parnell, St. Mary's Industrial School and Orphanage, and the Thames Orphanage and Training School; in Wellington, the St. Joseph's Providence Orphanage for Girls; in Nelson, the St. Mary's Industrial School and Orphanage and the Motueka Orphanage; in Canterbury, the Burnham Industrial School and the Lyttelton Orphanage; and in Otago, the Caversham Industrial School.

The Industrial Schools at Burnham and Caversham have been for the last three years under the direct management of the Education Department, and since the beginning of the past financial year the Auckland Industrial School has been on the same footing. The building in Howe Street, Auckland, is occupied by the girls and very young boys, under the immediate charge of a matron; the other boys being accommodated at Kohimarama, under the control of the manager and assistants. These three institutions receive only children committed under the Industrial Schools Act.

The St. Stephen's Orphanage at Parnell, maintained by a Church of England charity, is open for non-committed children only; the St. Mary's Industrial School and Orphanage at Auckland, under the control of the Roman Catholic Church authorities, receives both committed and non-committed children. Each institution receives from Government a subsidy at the rate of £1 for every £1 of voluntary contribution, and a capitation payment of £10 a year for each child sent in by Government authority.

The Thames Orphanage was established by the Borough and County Councils, and is under the charge of a committee of management. A public day-school is maintained at the institution by the Education Board, and is attended not only by the inmates of the Orphanage, but also by the children of the settlers in the neighbourhood. The usual capitation grants are paid to the Board for the children attending this school.

There is no industrial school in the Wellington District for the reception of committed children; those dealt with under the Industrial Schools Act are sent to the institutions at Nelson, Burnham, or Auckland, as may in each case be deemed most advisable. By an arrangement between the Government and the City Council, orphan and destitute girls have been received into St. Joseph's Providence Orphanage at a cost of 1s. a day for each child.

In consequence of the power given by "The Neglected and Criminal Children Acts Amendment Act, 1881," to send and remove committed children to any industrial school in any part of the colony, the authorities of St. Mary's Industrial School and Orphanage greatly enlarged the accommodation at that institution, and the number of committed children has increased in two years from 14 to 79; the number of non-committed inmates remaining about the same. The payment for children maintained at this institution by the Government is 1s. a day. The Motueka Orphanage, for non-committed children only, is carried on by a private person who receives from Government 7s. a week for some of the children, and 8s. a week for the others. Destitute children are admitted to this institution on the authority of the Government Relieving Officer at Nelson.

The Lyttelton Orphanage is for the reception of non-committed children only, and is under the direct management of the Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.

The three public Industrial Schools at Auckland, Burnham, and Caversham are wholly maintained by the Government out of the vote administered by the Minister of Education. The other institutions are inspected by, and make returns to, the Education Department, but, as has been stated, they are under local man-