

The following table contains information respecting the children that belonged to the industrial schools and orphanages during the year 1883. The same information concerning each of the institutions is given in a separate parliamentary paper (E.—3, 1884) :—

TABLE Q.—SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS, WITHDRAWALS, ETC., FOR YEAR 1883.

	Committed.			Non-committed.			Totals.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1. In the schools, 31st December, 1882	487	335	822	90	123	213	577	458	1,035
2. At service, 31st December, 1882	52	25	77				52	25	77
3. With friends, 31st December, 1882	79	72	151				79	72	151
4. Absent without leave, 31st December, 1882	6		6				6		6
5. Total belonging to schools, 31st December, 1882	624	432	1,056	90	123	213	714	555	1,269
6. New admissions during 1883	197	123	320	21	16	37	218	139	357
7. Number to be accounted for, 31st December, 1883	821	555	1,376	111	139	250	932	694	1,626
8. Number discharged or died during 1883	26	31	57	19	25	44	45	56	101
9. Total belonging to the schools, 31st December, 1883	795	524	1,319	92	114	206	887	638	1,525
Increase in 1883	171	92	263	2	-9	-7	173	83	256
Particulars of new admissions—									
10. Destitute	77	71	148	21	16	37	98	87	185
11. Vagrant	46	24	70				46	24	70
12. Residing in brothel or disreputable place	20	17	37				20	17	37
13. Uncontrollable	17	8	25				17	8	25
14. Guilty of punishable offence	35	1	36				35	1	36
15. Governor's order in lieu of imprisonment	2	2	4				2	2	4
Totals as in line No. 6	197	123	320	21	16	37	218	139	357
Particulars of discharges and deaths—									
16. Discharged by warrant	24	27	51	17	23	40	41	50	91
17. Discharged on reaching age of twenty-one		1	1					1	1
18. Died	2	3	5	2	2	4	4	5	9
Totals as in line No. 8	26	31	57	19	25	44	45	56	101
Particulars of children belonging to the schools, 31st December, 1883—									
19. In the schools	512	288	800	91	111	202	603	399	1,002
20. At service	65	39	104				65	39	104
21. With friends	113	85	198				113	85	198
22. Boarded out with foster-parents	94	111	205	1	3	4	95	114	209
23. Absent without leave	11	1	12				11	1	12
Totals as in line No. 9	795	524	1,319	92	114	206	887	638	1,525
Changes of status during year 1883—									
24. Returned from service	5		5				5		5
25. Returned from friends	5	3	8				5	3	8
26. Sent to service	21	16	37				21	16	37
27. Placed with friends	42	21	63				42	21	63
28. Boarded out with foster-parents	94	111	205	1	3	4	95	114	209
29. Absconded	7	1	8				7	1	8

Table Q shows that 1,056 committed children belonged to the industrial schools at the beginning of the year, and 1,319 at its close. The number of fresh commitments to the schools during the year was 320, but, as 52 children had been discharged and 5 had died in that period, the actual increase for the year was 263. Notwithstanding this very large increase in the number of children belonging to the industrial schools, the number in residence had decreased from 822 to 800. This is owing to the large number that have been placed out at service or with friends, and to the successful operation of the scheme for boarding out the younger children with foster-parents.

The following are the numbers of non-resident children at the beginning and at the close of 1883 :—

	Jan. 1, 1883.	Dec. 31, 1883.	Increase.
At service	77	104	27
With friends	151	198	47
Boarded with foster-parents		209	209
Absent without leave	6	12	6
Totals	234	523	289

Under the repealed Act the children were released from the control of the school on the expiry of their several terms of committal, by the Act of 1882 all are committed for detention in the school till they attain the age of fifteen