

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1888 AND 1889.

|                             | Boarded out. |            |            |             | In Residence. |            |            |             | At Service, &c. |            |            |             |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|                             | Dec., 1888.  | In-crease. | De-crease. | Dec., 1889. | Dec., 1888.   | In-crease. | De-crease. | Dec., 1889. | Dec., 1888.     | In-crease. | De-crease. | Dec., 1889. |
| Government Schools—         |              |            |            |             |               |            |            |             |                 |            |            |             |
| Auckland, Kohimarama ..     | 61           | ..         | 13         | 48          | 52            | 1          | ..         | 53          | 51              | ..         | 14         | 37          |
| " Parnell ..                | 34           | ..         | 14         | 20          | 10            | ..         | 1          | 9           | 20              | 8          | ..         | 28          |
| Burnham ..                  | 211          | ..         | 9          | 202         | 104           | ..         | 8          | 96          | 166             | 20         | ..         | 186         |
| Caversham ..                | 194          | ..         | 11         | 183         | 117           | 5          | ..         | 122         | 151             | 20         | ..         | 171         |
| Local School—               |              |            |            |             |               |            |            |             |                 |            |            |             |
| Thames ..                   | ..           | ..         | ..         | ..          | 11            | ..         | ..         | 11          | 10              | ..         | 4          | 6           |
| Private Schools—            |              |            |            |             |               |            |            |             |                 |            |            |             |
| St. Mary's, Ponsonby ..     | ..           | ..         | ..         | ..          | 42            | 2          | ..         | 44          | 7               | ..         | 1          | 6           |
| St. Joseph's, Wellington .. | 1            | ..         | ..         | 1           | 24            | ..         | ..         | 24          | 4               | ..         | 3          | 1           |
| St. Mary's, Nelson ..       | ..           | ..         | ..         | ..          | 245           | ..         | 4          | 241         | 39              | ..         | 3          | 36          |
| Totals ..                   | 501          | ..         | 47         | 454         | 605           | 8          | 13         | 600         | 448             | 48         | 25         | 471         |

Of the 169 children admitted, 6 were received by arrangement with their parents, 67 were committed as "destitute," 11 as "vagrant," 31 as living in disreputable places, 7 as "uncontrollable," and 47 as guilty of punishable offences. According to the police reports there were among them 67 who were not attending school, many of them too young to attend; of the rest, 78 were attending public schools, 21 were attending Roman Catholic schools, 2 were attending high schools, and 1 a private school. Sixty-three are said to belong to the Church of England, 58 are described as Catholic, 39 Presbyterian, 3 "Protestant," 3 Methodist, 1 Baptist, 1 Congregationalist, and 1 as belonging to the Salvation Army. Of the 1,054 children living in the schools or boarded out, 617 are Protestant and 437 Catholic; and of the 471 inmates under control (at service, with friends, &c.), 349 are Protestant and 122 Catholic. So far as the police reports afford means of estimating the character of the parents of the children committed during the year, it appears, as shown in Table U, that 52 were the children of parents who probably are not to blame for their condition, and that 31 others ought, perhaps, to be placed in the same category; while 86 owe their position to the faults of one or both parents (the woman being in fault in 37 cases, the man in 22, while in 27 other cases both were to blame).

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1889.

| Children of                     | Mothers described as |                              |                              |                          |                   |            | Total. |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
|                                 | Dead.                | Sick, Lunatic, Disabled, &c. | Of Good Character (or Poor). | Not known or not stated. | Of Bad Character. | Deserters. |        |
| Fathers described as—           |                      |                              |                              |                          |                   |            |        |
| Dead ..                         | 3                    | 8                            | 12                           | 1                        | 9                 | ..         | 33     |
| Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c. .. | ..                   | ..                           | ..                           | ..                       | 5                 | ..         | 5      |
| Of good character (or poor) ..  | 17                   | 1                            | 11                           | 20                       | 8                 | 5          | 62     |
| Not known or not stated ..      | ..                   | 1                            | 5                            | 4                        | 9                 | 1          | 20     |
| Of bad character ..             | 2                    | 3                            | 1                            | 11                       | 10                | 5          | 32     |
| Deserters ..                    | 2                    | ..                           | 3                            | ..                       | 12                | ..         | 17     |
| Totals ..                       | 24                   | 13                           | 32                           | 36                       | 53                | 11         | 169    |

The Costley Institute, at Auckland, which during the year received by transfer, under the Governor's warrant, 17 children from the Auckland industrial schools, has submitted its accounts for 1889, and these, together with a report from the Trustees, are printed, and will be submitted to Parliament (E.—3A).

The expenditure, as might be expected, is declining, and the net cost to the Government is being more than proportionately diminished. The total cost in 1888 was £13,697 15s. 11d.; for 1889 the cost is £11,630 19s. 4d., showing a reduction of more than £2,000. The net cost is reduced by a further difference of £750. The cost of the Government schools for the year is shown in Table W.