

1893.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

The number of "inmates" of industrial schools was 1,492 at the beginning and 1,489 at the end of the year. The admissions were 225; the discharges were 228. The annual number of admissions, which fell from 340 in 1885 to 158 in 1890, has now been rising for two years. This rise has not augmented the number of children maintained by the schools; on the contrary, the number of resident inmates has declined in the two years from 544 to 527, and the number of boarded-out children from 427 to 419. The number of young people licensed to employers or friends has increased during the same period from 454 to 508. The principal changes in the numbers for 1892 appear in Table T.

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1891 AND 1892.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec., 1891.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1892.	Dec., 1891.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1892.	Dec., 1891.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1892.	Dec., 1891.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1892.
Government Schools—																
Auckland, Kohimarama..	46	..	12	34	31	..	13	18	44	..	2	42	121	..	27	94
" Parnell ..	19	1	..	20	10	..	3	7	24	9	..	33	53	7	..	60
Burnham ..	179	..	5	174	112	..	11	101	220	..	4	216	511	..	20	491
Caversham ..	176	13	..	189	92	5	..	97	208	..	25	183	476	..	7	469
Local School—																
Thames ..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	7	12	..	..	12	19	..	..	19
Private Schools—																
St. Mary's, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	41	5	5	..	10	46	5	..	51
St. Joseph's, Wellington ..	1	..	..	1	26	7	..	33	..	1	..	1	27	8	..	35
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	1	..	..	1	208	15	..	223	30	16	..	46	239	31	..	270
Totals ..	422	14	17	419	527	27	27	527	543	31	31	543	1,492	51	54	1,489

The number 543 ("at service, &c.") is made up as follows: 391 at service; 117 licensed to friends; 15 absent without leave; 5 at Costley Institute on probation; 3 in hospital; 3 in lunatic asylums; 2 in blind asylum; 6 in refuges; 1 in prison.

The cases admitted (225) may be classified in different ways. As to the ostensible causes of admission, 118 were destitute, 11 vagrant, 46 were living in disreputable places, 11 were uncontrollable children, 4 were admitted by arrangement with their relatives, 35 were convicted of offences. As to the parentage, it may be deduced from Table U that in 43 cases both parents were of unsatisfactory character; that in 97 cases one or other of the parents—the father in 43 cases, the mother in 54—was not of good character; that 53 cases were, so far as known, cases of simple indigence; and in 32 cases there are no data on which to base an opinion. As to religious profession, 101 belong to the Church of England, 78 are Roman Catholic, 39 Presbyterian, 5 Methodist, 1 Baptist, 1 Hebrew.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1892.

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	7	6	16	..	15	1	45
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	7	6	..	..	..	3	16
Of good character (or poor)	3	4	4	14	17	..	42
Not known or not stated	4	4	1	9	16	2	36
Of bad character	11	1	1	12	16	12	53
Deserters	5	..	8	5	15	..	33
Totals	37	21	30	40	79	18	225

The 228 discharges include 5 deaths: at Nelson Industrial School, a girl between eight and nine died of brain fever and worm fever; a girl of eighteen, placed at service from Burnham, died of typhoid fever; a boy of eighteen, placed at service from Caversham, also of typhoid; a boy of nearly fifteen, at Caversham, of epileptic convulsions and coma; and an infant, boarded out from Caversham, died at the age of one year, of bronchitis. The discharges by warrant of His Excellency the Governor numbered 204; by transfer to Costley Institute, 10; by marriage, 2; by attaining the age of twenty-one, 7.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1892.

School.	Cost of School.	Cost of boarding out.	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	418 15 5	340 15 6	116 5 8	643 5 3
Kohimarama	1,180 14 10	762 15 6	511 17 10	1,431 12 6
Burnham	3,260 3 11	2,984 15 7	3,510 2 8	2,734 16 10
Caversham	2,913 2 7	3,021 7 2	3,932 15 8	1,951 14 1
Totals	7,772 16 9	7,109 13 9	8,121 1 10	6,761 8 8

The expenditure on the Government schools (Table W) is rather less for 1892 than for 1891. The net cost (to the Government) is less by £2,200, the alteration being in great part due to the payment by Charitable Aid Boards of large sums that were in arrears. If the gross outlay (£15,512) is divided by the average number on the school-rolls (1,137), the capitation cost is about £13 13s., and the net cost (to the Government) is about £5 19s. Another calculation is as follows: If from the gross outlay is deducted the amount of salaries, rent, and insurance (regarding these items as a fair equivalent for services rendered in connection with young people not maintained by the schools, but placed at service or with friends), and if the remainder (about £12,900) is divided by the average number of children living in the schools or boarded out (652), the capitation cost is about £19 15s.

The Government expenditure on "private" schools (Table X.) is rather larger for 1892 than for 1891, the increase being accounted for by the growth of the schools.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1892.

School.	Payments.			Recoveries.			Net Expenditure by Government.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	606	6	0	67	5	4	539	0	8
St. Joseph's, Wellington	108	18	7	17	3	7	91	15	0
St. Mary's, Nelson	1,735	6	10	205	8	11	1,529	17	11
Totals	2,450	11	5	289	17	10	2,160	13	7

The Auckland Industrial School for Boys at Kohimarama has—from some cause or causes not exactly known—been dwindling for some years. The Costley Institute was intended to relieve this school of the care of its most promising inmates, and is accomplishing its purpose (see separate paper, E.—3A). The number of commitments to the school of late years has been very small. The capitation cost of a very small school is necessarily very high, and from that point of view is obnoxious to adverse criticism. On all grounds it has been deemed expedient to close the school, the few inmates that could not be suitably disposed of in Auckland being transferred to Burnham. The institution is not, however, abolished; the manager of the Auckland Girls' Industrial School has been made manager also of the boys' school, and is therefore the legal guardian of the Kohimarama inmates now at service, or boarded out, or licensed to their friends.

No. 2.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

"INMATES," 31ST DECEMBER, 1892.

Inmates.	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.						All Schools.					
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Ponsonby.		Wellington.		Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Protestant.	Catholic.	Jewish.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	G.	B.	G.								
In the schools ..	18	7	77	24	55	42	5	2	41	33	157	66	312	215	527	198	329	..		
Boarded out ..	34	20	87	87	101	88	..	..	..	1	1	..	223	196	419	371	47	..
With friends ..	15	2	22	17	26	11	..	..	4	1	12	7	75	42	117	80	97	..
At service ..	17	31	95	74	55	77	5	7	6	..	10	14	182	209	391	310	81	..		
In hospital ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	3	..	..
In lunatic asylum ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	2	1	..
In Blind Asylum, Auckland ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	..
In gaol ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
In refuge ..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	6	2	4	..
At Costley Institute on probation ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	5	..	..
Absent without leave	1	1	11	1	1	..	13	2	15	12	3	..	
Totals ..	94	60	285	206	248	221	10	9	51	35	182	88	819	670	1,489	986	502	1		
	154		491		469		19				270		1,489			1,489				

PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1892.

Admitted	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.						All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Ponsonby.		Wellington.		Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	G.	B.	G.					
As destitute ..	1	1	7	11	29	39	..	1	..	8	15	6	52	66	118		
As vagrant ..	2	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	10	1	11
As living in disreputable places ..	1	3	7	6	..	4	..	..	6	..	17	2	25	21	46
As uncontrollable ..	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	10	1	11
As guilty of punishable offences ..	..	1	17	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	9	..	31	4	35
By arrangement ..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
Totals ..	7	5	38	19	36	47	1	1	7	8	48	8	130	95	225		
	12		57		83		2				56		225				

NOTE.—29 of the above are illegitimate children.

DISCHARGES IN 1892.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Pop- sondy.	Well- ton.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.			
Warrant of discharge ..	29	1	56	11	53	27	1	1	3	..	15	7	154	50	204
Death .. .. .	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	5
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	10
Attaining age of 21..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	5	7
Marriage .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Totals ..	38	2	58	14	55	32	1	1	3	..	16	8	168	60	228
	40		72		87		2				24		228		

NUMBERS OF 1891 AND 1892 COMPARED.

Inmates.	1891.	1892.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools	527	527	..
Boarded out	422	419	- 3
With friends	119	117	- 2
At service	394	391	- 3
In hospital	2	3	+ 1
In lunatic asylum	2	3	+ 1
In Magdalen Asylum	2	4	+ 2
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	2	2	..
At Costley Institute	1	5	+ 4
In gaol .. .. .	..	1	+ 1
In refuge	1	2	+ 1
Absent without leave	20	15	- 5
Totals	1,492	1,489	- 3

No. 3.

DR. PURCHAS'S REPORT ON THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

SIR,—

Auckland, 13th April, 1893.

In reporting upon the Industrial Schools in this provincial district for the year ending the 31st March, 1893, I have to say that the health of the children, as a rule, has been remarkably good.

At Kohimarama, in May, a case of fever occurred, and ended in recovery. During the last two quarters of 1892 I was not called to any case of sickness there, and, as that school is now closed, I need not refer to it any more.

There was no sickness during the whole year at the girls' school in St. George's Bay. Amongst the boarded-out children there were very few cases of sickness, and no death occurred.

I observe that it is reported that Dr. MacGregor recommends that all destitute children should be taken under the care of the department, and I think it would be well if the recommendation were adopted, as it would insure that the advantages of the boarding-out in respectable homes would be conferred upon all.

I am, &c.,

The Secretary, Education Department,
Wellington.A. G. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S., Eng.,
Medical Officer of Auckland Industrial Schools.

No. 4.

DR. PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1893.

I have the honour to forward the annual report on the Industrial School at Burnham.

The school has been kept very clean and orderly. The inmates have enjoyed good health. The enclosed memorandum gives an account of those treated at the Christchurch Hospital. The band continues to improve, and is a source of pleasure to the inmates. Their playing is also much appreciated wherever they go, and has the effect of enlisting the sympathy of the public in the institution. The boarding-out system continues to give satisfaction. The officers of the institution are unceasing in their efforts to make the school efficient and comfortable.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

H. H. PRINS, Medical Officer.

CHILDREN FROM BURNHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL admitted to the CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL from the 1st April, 1892, to the 31st March, 1893.

Name.	Disease.	Admitted.
Annie S.	Sub-acute rheumatism ...	June 13, 1892.
Francis P.	Enteritis	August 27, 1892.
Susan E.	Gastralgia	February 22, 1893.

Remained in hospital respectively 93, 183, 15 days.

No. 5.

DR. BURNS'S REPORT ON THE CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,— The Industrial School, Look-out Point, Dunedin, 30th March, 1893.

I have the honour to transmit to you my annual report regarding the Caversham Industrial School.

Amongst the children—average number 105—the general health has continued excellent. In the absence of any epidemic the school has maintained its salubrious reputation.

H— M—, aged eleven months, boarded-out in North-east Valley, succumbed to an attack of acute bronchitis. I am satisfied she received every attention from her foster-parent; and I have pleasure in noting that of every case which I have had occasion to visit I feel assured the same remark may be made.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT BURNS, F.R.C.S., Edin.,
Medical Officer.

The Secretary of Education.

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