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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION:  
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

The number of cases admitted to the industrial schools in 1893 was 209—less than the number (225) for 1892, but larger than the number for any other year since 1887. Since the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act came into operation the highest number of admissions has been 238, and the lowest 158. The number of discharges during the year was 148, which is below the average, and the number of names on the books rose from 1,489 to 1,550. In 1886 the number of names was 1,609, a maximum, the lowest point reached since that date is 1,454 (in 1890) In 1885 the number of cases admitted was 340. The following statement shows the number of admissions and discharges for the several years from 1886 to 1893 (inclusive), and also the numbers (for each year) of dependent children maintained in the schools, and—separately—of those who were simply under the control of the schools:—

	Admitted.	Discharged.	Maintained.	Controlled only.
1886	238	202	1,123	486
1887	224	310	1,158	365
1888	192	161	1,206	348
1889	169	198	1,054	471
1890	158	229	971	483
1891	184	146	949	543
1892	225	228	946	543
1893	209	148	998	552

The principal statistics for the year for the several schools are set out in the following table:—

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1892 AND 1893.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.								
	Dec., 1892.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1893.	Dec., 1892.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1893.	Dec., 1892.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1893.	Dec., 1892.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1893.					
Government Schools—																					
Auckland, Kohimarama.	34			34	18			18	42			12	30			94				30	64
" Parnell	20		1	19	7		6	13	33		1	32	60		4	60				4	64
Burnham	174			174	101		28	129	216		..	237	491		49	491				49	540
Caversham	189		15	174	97		3	100	183		22	205	469		10	469				10	479
Local School—																					
Thames					7		7		12			12				19				19	
Private Schools—																					
St. Mary's, Auckland	1	3		4	41		1	42	10		1	11	51		2	51				2	53
St. Joseph's, Wellington				4	33		17	50	1		1	2	35		21	35				21	56
St. Mary's, Nelson	1	3		4	223		32	255	46		11	35	270		24	270				24	294
Totals	419	6	16	409	527		87	589	543		45	36	552			1,489	110		49	1,550	

The local school maintained by the local authorities of the Thames district was broken up in December, 1893. Sixteen inmates were transferred to other schools, and the remaining three were discharged. Of the persons—552 in number—described here as “at service, &c.,” 393 were at service in December 1893, 125 were residing with their friends under license, 18 were absent without leave, 1 was on probation for admission to the Costley Institute, 3 were in hospitals, 3 in lunatic asylums, 1 in a blind asylum, and 8 in refuges. The wages on deposit in the Post-Office Savings-bank amounted in December, 1893, to £7,383 11s. 6d. for Government schools, and £189 6s. 2d. for private schools.

The 209 cases of admission may be classified as to cause as follows—Destitution, 75, immoral surroundings, 61, crime, 38, vagrancy, 23, want of control, 10, parents' convenience, 2. With respect to religious profession the division is—Church of England, 90, Roman Catholic, 82, Presbyterian, 23, Methodist, 12, “Church of Christ,” 1; not known, 1

Table U affords some information with respect to the character of parents, and from this information it may be inferred that 51 of the cases were not due to any misconduct on the part of the parents, in 25 cases the information justifies no inference, in 40 cases blame attaches to the father alone, in 58 cases to the mother alone, and in 35 cases to both parents.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1893.

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	10	14	12	2	19		57
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	5			1			6
Of good character (or poor)	5		5	12	17		39
Not known or not stated	2	6	1	1	20	2	32
Of bad character	14	6	1	6	26		53
Deserters	3	3	5	2	8	1	22
Totals	39	29	24	24	90	3	209

The number of deaths during the year was eight two occurred at the Nelson school, from measles, the remaining five cases belonged to Burnham. A boy of twelve, living at home on probation, accidentally shot himself, an infant, two months old, was in a dying state when committed, and died of bronchitis in four days, a girl aged sixteen, at service, died of pneumonia, and two girls, of nine and thirteen respectively, died in consumption.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1893.

School.	Cost of School.	Cost of boarding out.	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	589 4 7	728 13 8	534 0 10	783 17 5
Kohimarama	655 1 9	203 11 4	312 4 3	546 8 10
Burnham	3,843 19 8	2,810 0 5	2,849 5 8	3,804 14 5
Caversham	2,892 8 3	3,003 5 6	4,420 16 6	1,474 17 3
Totals	7,980 14 3	6,745 10 11	8,116 7 3	6,609 17 11
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer				184 10 5
Total				6,794 8 4

The net expenditure on Government industrial schools for 1893 exceeded the corresponding amount for 1892 by about £40. The gross cost was £14,726 5s. 2d., the net cost, £6,794 8s. 4d. The average number of inmates of all grades belonging to these schools was 1,122: the gross cost of the maintenance of each therefore was £13 2s. 6d., and the net cost £6 1s. 1d. But the average number of inmates resident in the schools and boarded out was 631, and if the salaries and rent are regarded as a fair equivalent for the work involved

in the superintendence of the inmates at service and otherwise out on probation, the remaining expenditure, amounting to about £12,000, is equal to about £19 each for the maintenance of the really dependent children.

The Government expenditure on the private industrial schools is shown in Table X. The net expenditure is about £200 in excess of the corresponding amount for the preceding year

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1893.

School.	Payments.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure by Government.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	573 6 0	45 8 10	527 17 2
St. Joseph's, Wellington	149 13 0	24 0 4	125 12 8
St. Mary's, Nelson	2,008 19 6	289 5 5	1,719 14 1
Totals	2,731 18 6	358 14 7	2 373 3 11

## No. 2.

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

"INMATES," 31ST DECEMBER, 1893.

Inmates.	Government Schools.						Private Schools.						All Schools.					
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Ponsonby.		Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Protestant.	Catholic.	Jewish.	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.							
In the schools		13	101	28	54	46	3	39	50	190	65	348	241	589	227	362		
Boarded out	34	19	83	91	90	84			4	4		211	198	409	364	44	1	
With friends	13	2	30	21	29	12	..	1	2	8	7	80	45	125	96	29		
At service	13	30	98	74	71	80	3	7		6	11	191	202	393	316	77		
In hospital				1	2							2	1	3	3			
In lunatic asylum	2									1		3		3	2	1		
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	1									..		1		1	1			
In refuge		..		3		4					1		8	8	2	6		
At Costley Institute on probation	1		..	2	6	1						1		1	1			
Absent without leave			8							1		15	3	18	15	3		
Totals	64	64	320	220	252	227	6	47	56	210	84	852	698	1,550	1,027	522	1	
	128		540		479		53			294		1,550			1,550			

PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1893.

Admitted	Government Schools.						Private Schools.						All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Ponsonby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.		
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			G.	G.				B.	G.
As destitute		1	10	1	15	21		6	14	7	39	36	75		
As vagrant	1	2	5	1	3	1	..	3	6	1	15	8	23		
As living in disreputable places			9	19	2	2	..	13	16		27	34	61		
As uncontrollable	..	1	4		2	1	..		2		8	2	10		
As guilty of punishable offences			21	1	7		..		9		37	1	38		
By arrangement					2			..			2		2		
Totals	1	4	49	22	31	25		22	47	8	128	81	209		
	5		71		56				55		209				

## DISCHARGES IN 1893.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Pou-sondy.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	G.	B.	G.			
Warrant of discharge	9	6	26	3	23	10	2	1	7		24	12	84	39	123
Death	.		1	4				.			2		3	4	7
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute	6												6		6
Attaining age of 21	1	1		4							1		2	5	7
Marriage ..	.	2		1	.				1			1		5	5
Totals* .	16	9	27	12	23	10	2	1	8	..	27	13	95	53	148
	25		39		33		3				40		148		

## NUMBERS OF 1892 AND 1893 COMPARED.

Inmates.	1892.	1893.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools	527	589	+ 62
Boarded out	419	409	- 10
With friends	117	125	+ 8
At service	391	393	+ 2
In hospital	3	3	
In lunatic asylum	3	3	
In Magdalen Asylum	4	4	
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	2	1	- 1
At Costley Institute	5	1	- 4
In gaol	1	.	- 1
In refuge	2	4	+ 2
Absent without leave	15	18	+ 3
Totals .	1,489	1,550	+ 61

## No. 3.

## DR. PURCHAS'S REPORT ON THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

SIR,—

Auckland, 10th April, 1894.

In reply to your request of the 4th current, I now report that the health of the children under my charge, in connection with the Auckland Industrial School, has been as good as usual. There has been no death during the year. Several cases of measles came under my care—one of them complicated with acute pneumonia—and there were two cases of typhoid fever. One case of contagious disease was under treatment at St. George's Bay, but not long enough to effect a cure, as the girl absconded and I have not seen her since. It was a case for a reformatory, if there had been one to which she could have been sent. The girl did not belong to Auckland.

The boarding-out system continues to do the work well, so far as I have opportunity of observing.

I am, &amp;c.,

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

## No. 4.

## DR. PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, April, 1894.

I have the honour to forward the following report on the Industrial School at Burnham:—  
The institution has been kept orderly and clean. The inmates have all enjoyed good health, although in June and July last about two-thirds of them were laid up with an attack of measles. They all recovered with the exception of one, who, on inflammation of the membranes of the brain supervening, was removed to the Christchurch Hospital and died there. Some of the children who have been boarded out also contracted measles. They were well attended to. This is a good proof that the department has exercised very great care in choosing worthy, clean, and kind foster-parents.

The band continues to afford pleasure to the inmates, and is thoroughly appreciated by the public.

The iron bedsteads which have been placed in the dormitories here proved a great comfort to the inmates, and made a great improvement in the sleeping apartments.

The farm affords good scope for the employment of the boys, and is a valuable adjunct to the school.

The master and matron have been unceasing in their endeavours to give every care and attention for the comfort of the inmates, have given the institution a home-like appearance, and seem to have the cordial assistance of the other officials.

I have, &c.,

H. H. PRINS, M.R.C.S, Eng.,

Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

### No. 5.

#### Dr BURNS'S REPORT on the CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

The Industrial School, Caversham, 30th March, 1894.

I have much pleasure, in making my annual report on the year's work in the school, to be able again to say that the general health of the inmates continues good.

The number of boys and girls is about the same as the previous year, and, with a single exception, we have had no case of severe or prolonged illness. The exceptional case is a boy, D—B—, who sustained a severe scald in both legs, and is still under treatment in Dunedin Hospital, where every effort is being made to avert the necessity of amputation.

It was not to be expected that we should escape the epidemic of measles of last winter. Sixty-eight of the children were attacked, every one making an excellent recovery.

The boarded-out children of course had their share of the same attack, and I was satisfied on my visits to them that they were treated with the same attention that the foster-parents bestowed on their own offspring.

I have, &c.,

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

Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

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