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## EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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No. 1

EXTRACT FROM EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

THE number of inmates of industrial schools changed but little during the year, the increase—from 1,550 to 1,555—being only five, the difference between 203, the number of cases admitted, and 198, the number of discharges. The number of children dependent on the schools for maintenance declined from 998 to 995.

The following table (T) shows the variations during the year of the numbers respectively (1) of children boarded out, (2) of inmates residing in the schools, (3) of inmates at service, or with their friends, or for some other reason absent from the schools. The absentees are 560 408 at service, 116 licensed to friends, 18 absent without leave, 4 in hospitals, 4 in lunatic asylums, 2 in a blind asylum, and 8 in refuges

The wages on deposit in the Post-Office Savings-Bank amounted to £8,668 15s. 1d for Government schools, and to £254 2s. 2d. for private schools.

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1893 AND 1894.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.				
	Dec., 1893.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1894.	Dec., 1893.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1894.	Dec., 1893.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1894.	Dec., 1893.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1894.	
Government Schools—																	
Auckland	53		10	43	13			13	62		13	49	128			23	105
Burnham	174		4	170	129		18	111	237	26		263	540	4		544	544
Caversham	174	7		181	100	3		103	205		31	174	479		21	458	458
Private Schools—																	
St. Mary's, Auckland					42	3		45	11			11	53	3		56	56
St. Joseph's, Wellington	4			4	50	8		58	2	6		8	56	14		70	70
St. Mary's, Nelson	4			4	255	8		263	35	20		55	294	28		322	322
Totals	409	7	14	402	589	22	18	593	552	52	44	560	1,550	49	44	1,555	1,555

The 203 new inmates are distinguished, with respect to religious denomination, as follows Catholic, 83, Church of England, 74, Methodist, 20, Presbyterian, 19, Salvation Army, 3, Baptist, 2, Congregational, 1, Church of Christ, 1. More than half (110) of these children were sent in on account of destitution, 40 as having been guilty of punishable offences, 31 as living in disreputable places, 11 as vagrant, as uncontrollable, 5, by arrangement with parents, 6.

Such information as is on record with respect to the previous home-life of the new inmates is exhibited in Table U, and, so far as inferences from this table

are justifiable, it appears that in 80 cases there is no reason to impute any blame to the parents, that in 17 cases both parents, in 38 cases the father alone, and in 45 cases the mother alone, were of unsatisfactory character, and that in 23 cases the data do not afford any ground of judgment.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1894.

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	7	26	.	12		55
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	2		1	1	4		8
Of good character (or poor)	19	8	7	9	18		61
Not known or not stated	4		5	4	10	1	24
Of bad character	12	3	4	6	10		35
Deserters	3		10		6	1	20
Totals	50	18	53	20	60	2	203

Ten deaths occurred during the year, as follows In hospital, a Caversham boy of 10, of laryngitis and congenital disease, at service, a Caversham boy of 14, of enteritis, at service, a Caversham boy of 16, accidentally drowned, at service, a Burnham boy of 18, of peritonitis, attributed to eating unripe fruit, at St. Joseph's, Wellington, a little girl of 6, in consequence of a fall, at Auckland, an infant boy a month old, who had been greatly neglected, and was suffering from whooping-cough when he was admitted, an imbecile youth of 20, an inmate at Nelson, of phthisis, a Nelson boy of 8, of influenza and failure of the heart's action, an infant boy of 13 months, at Nelson, ill when admitted, of bronchitis and marasmus, and another Nelson inmate, an infant girl of 5 months, of cerebral congestion.

The net cost of the maintenance of the Government schools in 1894 was £7,160 4s. 4d., the gross cost being £14,602 14s. 9d., and the recoveries £7,442 10s. 5d. As the average number belonging was 1,159, the gross cost was £12 12s. a head, and the net cost £6 3s. 6d. But this calculation is of little value. There were on an average 641 inmates maintained, and if the salaries (£1,962 12s. 11d.) are regarded as a fair equivalent for work involved in the supervision of 518 inmates (on an average) at service, with friends, &c., the gross cost per head for the 641 is £19 14s. 4d.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1894.

School.	Gross Cost of School.	Cost of boarding out. (Included in preceding Column.)	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	1,517 7 2	775 15 1	476 19 6	1,040 7 8
Burnham	6,353 6 3	2 816 16 2	2,992 4 1	3,361 2 2
Caversham	6,329 6 5	3 101 9 7	3 973 6 10	2,355 19 7
Totals	14 199 19 10	6,694 0 10	7 442 10 5	6,757 9 5
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer				402 14 11
Total				7,160 4 4

The Government expenditure on the private industrial schools is shown in Table X. The net expenditure exceeds that of the previous year by £465.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1894.

School.	Payments.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure by Government.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	532 10 0	33 19 3	498 10 9
St. Joseph's, Wellington	370 10 6	30 12 6	339 18 0
St. Mary's, Nelson	2 355 14 0	356 0 0	1 999 14 0
Totals	3,258 14 6	420 11 9	2,838 2 9

## No. 2.

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

"INMATES," 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

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	86	25	53	50	5	40	58	193	70	337	256	593	213	380	..	
Boarded out	29	14	88	82	93	88			4	4		214	188	402	361	40	1	
With friends	3	4	39	22	16	12		1	4	10	5	68	48	116	90	26		
At service	7	31	106	84	66	66	3	7	3	24	11	206	202	408	319	89		
In hospital				1	3							3	1	4	4			
In lunatic asylum	2									2		4		4	2	2		
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	1								1			1	1	2	1	1		
In refuge				2		4				2			8	8	1	7		
At Costley Institute on probation																		
Absent without leave	1		8	1	7					1		17	1	18	16	2	..	
Totals	43	62	327	217	238	220	8	48	70	234	88	850	705	1,555	1,007	547	1	
	105		544		458		56		322		1,555		1,555					

## PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1894.

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	1	11	6	25	17		9	25	15	62	48	110					
As vagrant					1	1		1	5	4	7	4	7	11					
As living in disreputable places		1	3	7	8	1	1	1	3	4	2	13	18	31					
As uncontrollable				1			1			3		4	1	5					
As guilty of punishable offences			1	31	1	1		1		5		37	3	40					
By arrangement						5	1					5	1	6					
Totals	2		5		50		16		32		20		3	17	41	17	125	78	203
	7		66		52								58		203				

## DISCHARGES IN 1894.

Removed by	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.									
Warrant of discharge	14	7	43	14	41	23	2	2	13	11	111	59	170						
Death	1		1		3			1	3	1	8	2	10						
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute	5										5	3	5						
Attaining age of 21			2	5	1	2				1		8	11						
Marriage				1		1						2	2						
Totals	20		7		46		20		45		26		2	3	16	13	127	71	198
	27		66		71								29		198				

## NUMBERS OF 1893 AND 1894 COMPARED.

Inmates.	1893.	1894.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools	589	593	+ 4
Boarded out	409	402	- 7
With friends	125	116	- 9
At service	393	408	+ 15
In hospital	3	4	+ 1
In lunatic asylum	3	4	+ 1
In Magdalen Asylum	4	6	+ 2
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	1	2	+ 1
At Costley Institute	1		- 1
In refuge	4	2	- 2
Absent without leave	18	18	
Totals	1,550	1,555	+ 5

## No. 3.

## Dr. PURCHAS'S REPORT on the AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

SIR,—

Auckland, 9th March, 1895.

In reporting on the Auckland Industrial School, I have pleasure in stating that the health of the children has been exceptionally good during the past year, especially among those who are boarded out. There has been no serious epidemic, and, considering the inherited unhealthiness of some of the children, it speaks well for the care of the foster-mothers that there has been so little sickness.

I have much satisfaction in reporting that the very serious operation in the case of a girl who has long been a cripple from long-continued disease of the hip has been successful. She is now in excellent health, and can walk well without crutches or stick. She owes much to the unremitting care of Miss Jackson and her assistant, and although she still needs attention there is every reason to hope that the result will be a complete cure.

The Secretary, Education Department,  
Wellington.

I am, &amp;c.,

A. G. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S., Eng.,  
Medical Officer, Auckland Industrial School.

## No. 4.

## Dr PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1895.

I have the honour to forward the following report on the Industrial School at Burnham:—  
The school has been kept clean and orderly throughout the year. The inmates have enjoyed good health—with the exception of measles and chicken-pox. One boy licensed out to a farmer died as the result of a gun-accident.

The system of boarding out the children with foster-parents continues to give satisfaction.

The band continues to give pleasure and amusement to the inmates, and seem to be appreciated wherever they play.

The farm, garden, and orchard seem well looked after. They are a source of instruction and interest to the boys and usefulness to the institution.

The master and matron take the greatest interest in the institution and inmates, and with the assistance of the other officials give the school a homely appearance.

I am, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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

## No. 5

## Dr BURNS'S REPORT ON CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Industrial School, Caversham, 31st March, 1895.

I have the honour to report that the past year has been satisfactory from a sanitary point of view. No epidemic illness has occurred. Some scrofulous cases have improved under ordinary treatment. The general health of the 103 inmates is good. One case of fracture of the thigh-bone occurred.

I have nothing special to say of the boarded-out children. Very little sickness has visited them, and such as I have had occasion to see I am satisfied receive every attention from their foster-parents.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Secretary, Education Department,  
Wellington.

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