

1896.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

THE inmates discharged from industrial schools during the year numbered 185, and the new inmates 175. Correspondingly, the number of names on the rolls has declined from 1,555 to 1,545. At the end of the year the total of 1,545 was made up of 560 inmates residing in the schools (203 in Government schools and 357 in private schools), 416 boarded out (405 from Government schools and 11 from private schools), and 569 licensed to service or to reside with friends or on other accounts absent (486 from Government schools and 83 from private schools). Of the 569 absent inmates, 419 were at service, 103 on probation with friends, 8 in hospitals, 5 in lunatic asylums, 3 at the Costley Training Institution on probation, 1 at a blind asylum, 15 absent without leave, 14 in refuges or preventive institutions, and 1 in prison.

The resident and boarded-out inmates reckoned together (as being alike dependent) were 995 at the beginning of the year and 976 at the end.

The wages of inmates are deposited in the Post-Office Savings-Bank. The total amount on deposit on the 31st December, 1895, was £9,436 (£9,090 on account of Government schools, and £346 on account of private schools). The amount withdrawn and paid to inmates, or former inmates, during the year was £1,317, of which £16 3s. 4d. was on account of private schools.

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1894 AND 1895.

	Boarded out.				In Residence				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec., 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1895.	Dec., 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1895.	Dec., 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1895.	Dec., 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1895.
Government Schools—																
Auckland	43	..	4	39	13	..	3	10	49	..	6	43	105	..	13	92
Burnham	170	..	6	164	111	..	4	107	263	6	..	269	544	..	4	540
Caversham	181	21	..	202	103	..	17	86	174	..	..	174	458	4	..	462
Private Schools—																
St. Mary's, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	45	1	..	46	11	3	..	14	56	4	..	60
St. Joseph's, Wellington	4	..	..	4	58	6	..	64	8	..	..	8	70	6	..	76
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	4	3	..	7	263	..	16	247	55	6	..	61	322	..	7	315
Totals	402	24	10	416	593	7	40	560	560	15	6	569	1,555	14	24	1,545

Of the inmates whose names were removed from the roll during the year six had reached the age of 21, and were *ipso facto* discharged. One young woman, having married (with the consent of the manager, her guardian) ceased to be under the control of the school. Three were transferred to the Costley Training Institution at the request of the Trustees. There were three deaths

during the year: a boy between 7 and 8 years old died at Nelson, of tubercular meningitis; a boy of 5 years, boarded out from Burnham, died in hospital of tumour on the brain; and a boy nearly 15 years old, a half-caste Maori, an inmate of Burnham, who had absconded from his place of service, was accidentally shot on the Port Hills, near Christchurch. By warrant of His Excellency the Governor, 172 other inmates were discharged.

The new inmates are distinguished, with respect to religious denomination, as follows: Church of England, 76; Roman Catholic, 54; Presbyterian, 26; Methodist, 18; Salvation Army, 1. There were 60 girls among the 175 new inmates: 36 destitute, 6 vagrant, 11 living in disreputable places, 6 guilty of punishable offences, and 1 admitted by arrangement. Of the boys, 50 were destitute, 8 vagrant, 7 living in disreputable places, 2 uncontrollable, 45 guilty of punishable offences, and 3 admitted by arrangement.

So far as the information summarised in Table U can be relied on, it appears that in 35 cases father and mother alike were of unsatisfactory character, in 47 cases the father alone, in 29 cases the mother alone, in 54 cases neither; and in the 10 cases remaining the data are wanting.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1895.

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	1	15	1	9	..	29
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	1	..	..	..	2	1	4
Of good character (or poor)	9	2	23	1	7	2	44
Not known or not stated	2	1	3	2	7	1	16
Of bad character	19	2	10	1	24	2	58
Deserters	1	4	10	..	4	5	24
Totals	35	10	61	5	53	11	175

The cost of maintaining the industrial schools and the amount recovered (from Charitable Aid Boards, from parents, from sale of farm produce, &c.) are shown in Tables W and X. These do not differ from the similar tables for 1894 in any degree that seems to call for notice.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1895.

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	1,282 1 7	648 5 2	337 13 9	944 7 10
Burnham	6,002 5 6	2,631 10 8	2,282 8 2	3,719 17 4
Caversham	6,359 14 8	3,257 12 10	4,228 14 1	2,131 0 7
Totals	13,644 1 9	6,537 8 8	6,848 16 0	6,795 5 9
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	373 15 9
Total .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	7,169 1 6

With respect to the Government schools, the average number boarded out was 399, and the cost per head (not reckoning the time spent by the managers and the Visiting Officer in attending to their cases) was (£6,537 ÷ 399) about £16 7s. 8d. The whole number maintained by the Government schools was on the average 634; and if these cases are charged with the whole expenditure, the cost is (£14,018 ÷ 634) about £22 2s. 2d. per head. If, however, the whole number of cases under control (an average of 1,100) is taken into account, the gross expenditure is about £12 15s. per head, and the net expenditure about £6 10s.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1895.

School.	Payments.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure by Government.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	485 3 0	18 13 0	466 10 0
St. Joseph's, Wellington	372 3 0	78 9 6	293 13 6
St. Mary's, Nelson	2,211 17 6	323 5 4	1,888 12 2
Totals	3,069 3 6	420 7 10	2,648 15 8

The receipts of the private schools do not include payments made to them by Charitable Aid Boards for maintenance of inmates in cases of indigence. The average number of inmates belonging to these schools during the year was 450 (362 resident, 9 boarded out, 79 at service, &c.).

No. 2.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

"INMATES," 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

Inmates.	Government Schools.						Private Schools.						All Schools.				
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Ponsonby.		Welling- ton.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Protestant.	Catholic.	Jewish.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.		B.	G.						
In the schools	10	75	32	40	46	12	34	64	184	63	311	249	560	187	373	..	
Boarded out	22	17	87	77	105	97	..	4	3	4	217	199	416	378	37	1	
With friends	1	1	38	20	8	10	..	2	6	15	2	62	41	103	71	32	
At service	8	27	123	72	76	62	1	11	1	24	14	232	187	419	331	88	
In hospital .. ..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	1	8	6	2
In lunatic asylum	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	1	5	1	4
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
In refuge or cognate institution .. ..	..	..	..	5	..	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	14	14	8	6
At Costley Institute on probation	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	3	..
Absent without leave .. ..	..	..	7	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	15	13	2
In gaol	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
Totals	37	55	334	206	240	222	13	47	76	229	86	853	692	1,545	1,000	544	1
	92		540		462		60			315		1,545			1,545		

PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1895.

Admitted	Government Schools.						Private Schools.						All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Ponsonby.		Welling- ton.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.		B.	G.				
As destitute	1	2	13	5	24	17	4	2	6	8	4	50	36	86	
As vagrant .. ..	..	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	5	2	8	6	14
As living in disreputable places	2	2	2	5	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	7	11	18
As uncontrollable .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2
As guilty of punishable offences .. ..	..	..	34	4	2	..	..	..	1	9	1	45	6	51
By arrangement .. ..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4
Totals	3	6	56	15	26	17	5	3	9	25	10	115	60	175	
	9		71		43		8			35		175			

DISCHARGES IN 1895.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Private Schools.						All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Pon- sonby.	Welling- ton.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.		
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.					
Warrant of discharge	6	13	47	20	23	14	4	3	30	12	106	66	172		
Death .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	3
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
Attaining age of 21	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	5	6
Marriage .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Totals	9	14	49	24	23	16	4	3	31	12	112	73	185		
	23		73		39				43		185				

NUMBERS OF 1894 AND 1895 COMPARED.

Inmates.	1894.	1895.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools	598	560	— 38
Boarded out	402	416	+ 14
With friends	116	103	— 13
At service	408	419	+ 11
In hospital	4	8	+ 4
In lunatic asylum	4	5	+ 1
In gaol .. .. .	..	1	+ 1
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	2	1	— 1
At Costley Institute .. .. .	..	3	+ 3
In refuge or cognate institution	8	14	+ 6
Absent without leave	18	15	— 3
Totals	1,555	1,545	— 10

No. 3.

DR. PURCHAS'S REPORT ON THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

It is pleasant to have to report that another year has passed without a death among the children under my charge in connection with the Auckland Industrial School. Although typhoid fever has for some time been unusually prevalent, we have not had a single case. The health of the boarded-out children has been exceptionally good, and in the Parnell Home most of the cases have been of an ordinary character. There have been two exceptions, in each of which it was necessary to recur to surgical operation, with the gratifying result that the patients are now in excellent health, and can walk well without artificial support.

It gives me much pleasure to add that this result is largely due to the efficient aid of my son, A. Challinor Purchas, M.B. and C.M. of Edinburgh, as operator, and to the excellent nursing and constant care of Miss Jackson and her assistant, Miss Clarke.

Auckland, 9th June, 1896.

A. G. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S., Eng., and L.S.A.

No. 4.

DR. PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1896.

I have the honour to forward the following report on the Industrial School at Burnham:—

During the year no special cases of illness occurred: the inmates have generally enjoyed good health. The institution has been kept clean and in good order.

The new additions to the main building will, when completed, add considerably to the convenience and comfort of the staff and inmates.

The boys and girls—numbering 169—boarded out are doing well in their foster-homes. This system continues to give complete satisfaction. The boys and girls (192) in situations are on the whole doing exceedingly well.

The band continues to afford enjoyment to the inmates, and gives satisfaction whenever they are invited out to play.

The garden and orchard are giving profitable returns.

The Manager and Matron still take the greatest interest in the school, and study the comfort and happiness of the inmates. They are cordially assisted by the other members of the staff.

I have, &c.,

The Minister of Education, Wellington.

H. H. PRINS, Medical Officer.

No. 5.

DR. BURNS'S REPORT ON CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 4th June, 1896.

I have much pleasure in being able to give a satisfactory account of the health of the inmates of the Industrial School for the past year.

The continued good health of the children furnishes little material for a report. The absence of any fever or continued sickness is the best proof of the salubrity of the site, and of the success of the sanitary precautions sedulously looked after by the Manager. The one death—that of C—R. M.—occurred in Dunedin Hospital. On his reception into the school he was noted as suffering from rickets and diseased bone, and, after a fortnight's residence, was sent to hospital for more skilled nursing.

The boarded-out children continue to be looked after with every attention from their foster-parents.

I trust that the present quiet state of affairs will not lead to forgetfulness of the dilapidated condition of the buildings. Neglect in this direction savours strongly of tempting Providence.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

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