

The following table shows the ages of both classes of children in the several institutions at the end of 1882. The large proportion under seven years at Burnham and Caversham schools will no doubt be greatly reduced before the close of the current year owing to the number of young children that are now being placed with foster-parents.

AGES OF THE CHILDREN MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT IN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND ORPHANAGES.

Institution.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 3.	3 and under 4.	4 and under 5.	5 and under 7.	7 and under 10.	10 and under 13.	13 and under 15.	Above 15 Years.	Total.
Committed Children—											
Howe Street, Auckland	...	...	1	5	3	9	13	10	6	1	48
Kohimarama	...	...	...	...	1	14	24	37	15	...	91
St. Mary's, Auckland	...	...	...	...	3	3	8	14	10	...	38
Thames Orphanage	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	2	1	...	8
St. Mary's, Nelson	...	1	1	5	5	10	22	26	9	...	79
Burnham	...	...	5	4	15	39	77	99	40	3	282
Caversham	4	12	8	15	14	33	76	85	30	4	281
Total of committed children	4	13	15	29	41	110	223	273	111	8	827
Non-committed Children—											
Howe Street, Auckland	...	...	1	...	2	2	2	2	...	...	9
Kohimarama	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
St. Mary's, Auckland	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	4
St. Stephen's, Parnell	...	...	...	1	...	4	7	4	...	...	16
Thames Orphanage	...	1	...	...	...	1	5	3	...	...	10
St. Joseph's, Wellington	...	...	...	...	2	3	8	5	1	...	19
St. Mary's, Nelson	...	1	1	2	1	4	6	10	7	5	37
Motueka Orphanage	...	...	...	1	...	6	10	13	2	...	32
Lyttelton Orphanage	...	...	...	...	4	15	34	20	9	3	85
Total of non-committed children	...	2	2	4	9	36	76	57	19	8	213
Total of both classes	4	15	17	33	50	146	299	330	130	16	1,040

The amount of payments made by parents on account of the maintenance of their children is larger for 1882 than for 1881. The detailed statement, obtained from the Treasury, is as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Industrial School	...	...	224 12 9
Burnham Industrial School	...	...	504 6 4
Caversham Industrial School	...	...	284 6 7
St. Mary's (Nelson) Industrial School	...	...	21 19 0
Lyttelton Orphanage	...	...	95 8 8
Total for 1882	...	...	£1,130 13 4
Total for 1881	...	...	947 12 9

The following table furnishes information respecting the wages of the present and former inmates of the three Government industrial schools. The sums in the Post-office savings banks will be paid to those who have earned them, unless they forfeit their claims by serious misconduct :—

SUMMARY OF WAGES ACCOUNTS.

SCHOOL.	Amount due by employers to Children under License.	Amount of Wages in Bank.			Amount withdrawn in 1882 by former Inmates, by Minister's sanction.
		Belonging to present Inmates.	Belonging to former Inmates.	Total.	
Auckland	£ s. d. 28 11 6	£ s. d. 155 15 0	£ s. d. 158 10 6	£ s. d. 314 5 6	£ s. d. 4 5 6
Burnham	15 5 0	110 1 6	261 18 4	371 19 10	53 1 8
Caversham	70 17 6	108 18 6	1,005 19 8	1,114 18 2	73 12 4
Totals	114 14 0	374 15 0	1,426 8 6	1,801 3 6	135 19 6