

TABLE No. 5.—AVERAGE NUMBER AND COST OF RESIDENT CHILDREN FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1883-84.

Schools.	Average Number of Resident Children.	Total Cost to Government after Deduction of Recoveries.	Average Cost per Child.		
			For Year.	For Week.	For Day.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland (Howe Street and Kohimarama)	154	2,334 2 1	15 3 1½	0 5 9¾	0 0 10
Burnham	247	4,552 19 5	18 8 7¾	0 7 1	0 1 8
Caversham	250	4,102 0 6	16 8 2	0 6 3¾	0 0 10¾
Thames Orphanage	20	406 11 3	20 6 6¾	0 7 9¾	0 1 1¼
Lyttelton Orphanage	86	1,770 19 5	20 11 10¼	0 7 10¾	0 1 1½
St. Joseph's, Wellington	22	375 9 0	§18 5 0	0 7 0	0 1 0
St. Mary's, Nelson	144	2,249 9 0	§18 5 0	0 7 0	0 1 0
Motueka Orphanage	29	571 14 7	§20 3 0	0 7 9	0 1 1¾
St. Stephen's, Parnell	*18	†172 1 8			
St. Mary's, Ponsonby	†45	815 19 8			
Foster-children		2,325 11 0			
Visiting Officer and Collector		131 8 0		..	
Total		20,316 9 8			

The Auckland, Burnham, and Caversham Industrial Schools are under the direct control of the Education Department, the Thames and the Lyttelton Orphanages are managed by local Boards, and are maintained by the Charitable Aid vote. The average cost of each child at these five institutions is ascertained by dividing the total cost for the year by the average number of resident children. The average cost of maintenance at the three first-named institutions is higher during the past financial year than it was during the previous year. In the year's expenditure is included the cost of furnishing complete outfits of a liberal character to the 250 children boarded out with foster-parents. The much larger expenditure shown on account of Burnham School for the year is owing in some measure to the circumstance that a number of large accounts due for the previous year had been held over by the late manager till after the close of the financial year 1882-83, and these had to be paid out of last year's appropriation.

The sum of 1s. a day is paid for each child at St. Joseph's Orphanage, Wellington, and St. Mary's, Nelson, the charge at Motueka is 8s. a week, except for seven children for whose maintenance 7s. a week is paid. At St. Stephen's, Parnell, and St. Mary's, Ponsonby, other children are maintained besides those placed in them by the public authorities. For each of the latter class the sum of £10 a year is paid from the Charitable Aid vote, and, in addition to this, a subsidy at the rate of £1 for every £1 raised by local effort is paid to the governing body of each of these two institutions.

I submit a letter written by the Secretary to the Victorian Industrial and Reformatory Schools Department on the working of the Industrial Schools Acts in that colony. The letter contains valuable information and suggestions.||

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No. 3.

Dr PURCHAS'S REPORT ON HOWE STREET HOME.

SIR,—

Auckland, 14th May, 1884.

I have to report that at the end of March I made my usual quarterly inspection of the Howe Street Industrial Home, and found 40 children present, of whom 10 were little boys. They all looked clean, cheerful, and contented, and most of them were in excellent health. There were a few cases of congenital disease, one of which is very severe. It is that of a girl who has been suffering from infancy. She was for some time in the District Hospital, but was discharged as incurable, and is now much to be pitied. The progress of the ulceration has destroyed her nose, and will probably ultimately prove fatal.

* There are 64 inmates of the Parnell Home. The average number for the year of those sent by Government was 18.

† Besides the 45 children sent by Government there are other inmates, probably about 10.

‡ The managers of St. Stephen's Home have just forwarded a claim of £893 15s. 3d. for subsidy, in consideration of an equal amount raised locally between October 1, 1882, and March 31, 1884. The amount (£172 1s. 8d.) of receipts from Government is on account of children sent to the school by the Government authorities.

§ Fixed rate of capitation payment.

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