

TABLE T.—PARENTAGE OF NON-COMMITTED CHILDREN ADMITTED TO ORPHANAGES IN 1884.

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.	
Father described as—							
Dead	2	1	1	..	1	2	7
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Of good character (or poor)	9	..	..	..	..	3	12
Not known or not described .. .. .	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
Of bad character .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deserters .. .. .	..	..	2	1	..	1	4
Total	13	2	5	1	1	6	28

From the information contained in this table the following classification may be made:—

Character.	Fathers only of	Mothers only of	Both parents of
1. Presumably good	6 children	5 children	15 children
2. Undoubtedly bad	3 "	6 "	1 "
3. Not stated	3 "	1 "	0 "

The following is a summary of the ages of the children maintained by the Government who were resident at all the schools at the close of 1884:—

TABLE U.—AGES OF THE CHILDREN IN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND ORPHANAGES.

—	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 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.	Over 15 Years.	Total.
Committed children	1	3	5	7	13	59	142	293	134	18	675
Non-committed children .. .. .	..	1	..	1	3	8	50	69	21	6	159
Total	1	4	5	8	16	67	192	362	155	24	834

About 750 of the resident children were receiving day-school instruction, the numbers at the several institutions being as follows: Auckland Industrial School (Howe Street and Kohimarama), 87; Burnham, 138; Caversham, 165; St. Mary's, Auckland, 45; St. Mary's, Nelson, 183; St. Stephen's, Parnell, 13; St. Joseph's Providence, Wellington, 25; Motueka, 14; Lyttelton Orphanage, 80. Those at the Thames School, 28 in number, are included in the returns of "public school" attendance.

Information as to the degree of education and the school previously attended is obtained, as far as practicable, in regard to every child committed to an industrial school. Table V furnishes information concerning the schools attended by those committed in 1884.

TABLE V.—SCHOOLS ATTENDED BEFORE ADMISSION.

Classification of Schools.	Committed Children.	Non-Committed Children.	Total.
Board schools	138	18	156
Private schools	2	..	2
Roman Catholic schools	44	1	45
Attended no school	129	9	138
Total	313	28	341

It is required by section 53 of the Act of 1882 that "the Governor, or any Judge or Resident Magistrate, shall, when ordering any child to be sent to a school, state to what religious persuasion, creed, or denomination such child in his opinion belongs, and shall order and direct that such child shall be brought up and educated in that persuasion, creed, or denomination." The following is a summary of the religious denominations of the children admitted to the industrial schools and orphanages in 1884:—