

were—for Auckland, £443 Os. 10d.; Burnham, £373 15s. 11d.; Caversham, £263 12s. 4d.

The excess of the expenditure at Burnham over that at Caversham requires explanation. In the Burnham accounts a sum of £85 is entered for salaries of the preceding year; the excess in the expenses of travelling is £112, due to the distance of Burnham from Christchurch; about £300 has been spent on stock and farm with a view to future use; and an excess of about £625 in the expenditure on clothing appears to be due to the fact that the new manager has had to use great exertions to bring up the stock of clothing to a proper level.

The outlay on buildings, which is not included in the foregoing statement, was £882 16s., as follows: Caversham, £810 8s. 8d., principally on account of the new school-room built to supply the place of the old one that was destroyed by fire in 1884; Burnham, £36 19s. 6d.; Auckland, £35 7s. 10d.

Thanks are due to the ladies who visit all the boarded-out children and make a report on every case every month. It is proposed to arrange if possible for the extension of this system of visiting, so as to obviate the necessity of making inquiries through the police authorities as to the welfare of young people placed at service. It should be remarked that the police officials render very efficient aid to the Department, not only in making such inquiries, but also in tracing defaulting parents and obtaining payment from them.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM by the INSPECTOR-GENERAL of SCHOOLS.

THE following is a statement of the number and status of the inmates of the industrial schools, using the word "inmates" in the sense given to it by the Industrial Schools Act, that is, as equivalent to "persons under the legal guardianship of the managers of industrial schools."

"INMATES" OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS, 31ST DECEMBER, 1885.

Inmates.	Government Schools.						Local Schools.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Por-sonby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.			
In the schools ..	63	1	95	32	91	64	4	8	47	23	108	82	361	257	618
Boarded-out ..	66	40	112	95	98	85	..	..	..	2	..	..	276	222	498
With their friends ..	22	8	23	17	45	27	..	..	6	2	3	3	93	63	156
At service ..	26	29	59	27	65	38	6	..	7	..	4	6	160	107	267
In hospital ..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
Absent without leave ..	6	..	10	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	23	1	24
Totals ..	183	79	299	172	306	215	10	8	61	27	115	91	913	653	1,566
	262		471		521		18		61	27	206		1,566		

The number of committed children received into industrial schools and their precedent condition is shown in the following table:—

PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1885.

Committed as	Government Schools.						Local Schools.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Por-sonby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.			
Destitute ..	9	4	53	36	33	27	1	3	7	11	21	15	117	103	220
Vagrant ..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	11	2	13
Living in disreputable places	6	5	1	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	3	12	18	30
Uncontrollable ..	22	5	6	1	3	2	..	..	5	3	1	..	32	16	48
Guilty of punishable offences	7	..	8	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	27	2	29
Transferred from other schools	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	7	2	9
Totals ..	47	15	69	46	49	31	1	3	12	14	40	22	206	143	349
	62		115		80		4		12	14	62		349		