

The number removed from the control of the several schools during the year is stated in the next table:—

DISCHARGES, DEATHS, AND TRANSFERS IN 1885.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Local Schools.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Pen-souby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.			
Warrant of discharge ..	33	7	48	22	42	25	2	1	8	3	10	7	135	73	208
Death ..	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	6	2	8
Warrant of transfer to other schools ..	1	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	9
Attaining the age of 21 ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
Totals ..	37	9	57	24	43	25	2	1	8	3	11	9	150	79	229
	46		81		68		3		8	3	20		229		

Many individual changes have taken place in the condition of the committed children that have been on the books of the institutions for the whole year, as shown in the following table:—

CHANGES OF INDIVIDUAL CONDITION IN 1885.

Inmates on the 31st December, 1885.	Government Schools.						Local Schools.		Private Schools.				All Schools.			Differences.
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Pen- souby.	Well- ton.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.				
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	G.	B.	G.				
Placed out to board ..	33	16	41	38	25	21	..	..	..	2	..	..	99	77	176	147
Returned from board- out	4	1	2	2	7	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	16	29	
Sent to friends.. ..	14	3	6	8	22	8	..	..	5	2	2	3	44	29	73	64
Returned from friends ..	1	2	1	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	5	9	
Sent to service.. ..	9	7	22	7	22	13	4	..	4	..	4	6	61	37	98	88
Returned from service ..	1	1	2	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	6	10	
Sent to hospital ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Returned from hospital..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	
Absconded	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	6	5
Returned after absconding	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	

For purposes of comparison with the preceding year the numbers both of the committed and of the non-committed children for 1884 and 1885 are given in the following table, without distinguishing the different schools:—

NUMBERS OF 1884 AND 1885 COMPARED.

Inmates.	1884.	1885.	Increase or Decrease.
Committed—			
In the schools ..	675	618	— 57
Boarded-out ..	384	498	+ 114
With their friends ..	163	156	— 7
At service ..	201	267	+ 66
In hospital ..	4	3	— 1
Absent without leave ..	19	24	+ 5
Non-committed—			
In the schools ..	161	157	— 4
Boarded-out ..	8	4	— 4
At service	1	+ 1
Totals ..	1,615	1,728	+ 113

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No. 3.

Dr. PURCHAS'S REPORT on the AUCKLAND SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

Auckland, 22nd May, 1886.

I have the honour to report that the health of the children at the industrial schools at Kohimarama and in Kent Street during the past year has been remarkably good.

The same may be said of the children who have been boarded-out in this district. There have been cases of sickness here and there, but no serious epidemic and no death.