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# EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

(PAPERS RELATING TO).

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## No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT of the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

THE number of children admitted to industrial schools during the year was 190 (a smaller number than usual), and the number of inmates discharged was 159, so that the number of young persons under the control of the schools has been increased by 31, the number at the end of the year being 1,554. But the number of children maintained by the institutions has declined from 1,158 at the beginning of the year to 1,106 at the end of the year, the number in the schools having been increased by 10, and the number of boarded-out children diminished by 62. Among the 159 cases of discharge are reckoned 5 boys transferred from Kohimarama to the Costley Institute in Auckland, 4 girls adopted, 1 girl married, 3 inmates who attained the age of twenty-one during the year, and 4 deaths. Two little girls died at St. Mary's, Nelson—one (eight years old) of croup, after an illness of three days, and another (five years and nine months) of rheumatic fever and heart disease, after a prolonged illness. A girl of seventeen, belonging to the Caversham School, died at service, of inflammation of the lungs, and an infant of six months, who had been boarded out, died within two months of her commitment to Caversham. The numbers of inmates maintained by the several institutions at the beginning and end of the year respectively are shown in Table T, and the boarded-out children are distinguished from the resident inmates.

TABLE T.—CHILDREN MAINTAINED.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.			
	Dec., 1887.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1888.	Dec., 1887.	Increase.	Decrease	Dec., 1888.
Government Schools—								
Auckland, Kohimarama ..	78	..	17	61	56	..	4	52
"    Parnell ..	37	..	3	34	9	1	..	10
Burnham ..	230	..	19	211	94	10	..	104
Caversham ..	218	..	24	194	126	..	9	117
Local School—								
Thames Industrial School ..	..	..	..	..	5	6	..	11
Private Schools—								
St. Mary's, Ponsonby ..	..	..	..	..	47	..	5	42
St. Joseph's, Wellington ..	..	1	..	1	21	3	..	24
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	237	8	..	245
Totals ..	563	1	63	501	595	28	18	605

The difference between the number of young persons under the control of the institutions (1,554) and the number of children dependent on the institutions for maintenance (1,106) is thus accounted for: 299 were at service under license,

118 were licensed to reside with friends, 5 were at the Costley Institute on probation, 3 were in hospitals, 2 in lunatic asylums, 1 in an asylum for the blind in Melbourne, 1 in a Magdalen asylum, and 1 in gaol; and 18 (all boys) were absent without leave—7 having absconded from the schools, 10 having left their places of service without consulting the managers of the schools to which they belong, and 1 having absconded from the Costley Institute, to which he had been sent on probation.

The number of girls belonging to the schools was 633 (out of a total of 1,554 “inmates”): 240 residing in the schools, 225 boarded out, 124 at service, 41 with friends, 1 on probation at Costley Institute, 1 in a lunatic asylum, and 1 in a Magdalen asylum.

Of 190 children admitted, 84 were simply destitute, 16 vagrant, 22 living in disreputable places, 9 uncontrollable, 56 guilty of punishable offences, and 3 admitted privately at the request of the parents and Charitable Aid Board. With respect to religious denomination, 81 are described as belonging to the Church of England, 66 to the Roman Catholic, 32 to the Presbyterian, 6 to the Methodist, 1 to the Baptist, and 4 as “Protestant.” Of the 1,106 inmates dependent for maintenance, 667 are Protestant and 439 Roman Catholic; and, of the remaining 448 inmates, 316 are Protestant and 132 Roman Catholic. Out of 190 cases admitted, it appears, from the facts stated in Table U, that 67 are probably due to misfortune, and 97 to the character of the parents (of both parents in 25 cases, of the fathers in 46, of the mothers in 26), and that in 26 cases there is not sufficient ground for judgment in this respect.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS’ CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1888.

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.	
Fathers described as—							
Dead .. .. .	15	6	12	1	7	2	43
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c. .. .	2	..	..	..	2	2	6
Of good character (or poor) .. .	14	6	12	16	5	..	53
Not known or not stated .. .	2	..	4	3	7	1	17
Of bad character .. .. .	14	4	1	4	19	..	42
Deserters .. .. .	3	11	7	2	3	3	29
Totals .. .. .	50	27	36	26	43	8	190

The expenditure for the year on account of Government schools was £18,805 2s. 8d., against which is to be set £7,154 2s. 9d., recovered from Charitable Aid Boards and from parents. It is not easy to ascertain the exact average cost for one child. The expenditure for 1888 includes an unusually large proportion of accounts of the previous year, and part of the expenses is on account of outfit furnished to children sent out to board for the first time. The average number of children resident in the Government schools or boarded out from them was 812 (285 resident and 527 boarded out). The apparent cost for each of these children (ascertained by dividing the total cost by 812) is £23. The rate of payment for boarded-out children has until lately been 7s. a week. In new cases the rate is now 6s., and steps are being taken to make this rate general. Table W shows the cost of each of the Government schools.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1888.

School.	Cost of School.	Cost of Boarding out.	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland .. .. .	337 17 11	752 8 0	280 7 1	809 18 10
Kohimarama .. .. .	1,353 11 3	1,504 1 6	846 16 0	2,010 16 9
Burnham .. .. .	3,180 3 10	4,502 12 1	2,916 4 10	4,766 11 1
Caversham .. .. .	2,809 14 5	4,106 1 1	3,110 14 10	3,805 0 8
Totals .. .. .	7,681 7 5	10,865 2 8	7,154 2 9	11,392 7 4
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	258 12 7
Total .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	11,650 19 11

Table X shows the payments made by the Department for the maintenance of children in "private" schools. The "local" school at the Thames is maintained wholly by the local authorities.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1888.

School.	Payments.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure by Government.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland) .. ..	622 19 0	47 12 2	575 6 10
St. Joseph's, Wellington .. ..	123 2 0	30 19 2	92 2 10
St. Mary's, Nelson .. ..	1,640 1 1	260 14 9	1,379 6 4
Totals .. ..	2,386 2 1	339 6 1	2,046 16 0

## No. 2.

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

"INMATES," 31ST DECEMBER, 1888.

Inmates.	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.				All Schools.				
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Pon-sonby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Protestant.	Catholic.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.					
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	G.	B.	G.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Protestant.	Catholic.
In the schools } 1106 {	52	10	80	24	76	41	5	6	42	24	152	93	365	240	605	232	373
Boarded out	61	34	118	93	97	97	..	..	..	1	..	..	276	225	501	435	66
With friends ..	26	2	20	12	23	10	..	..	3	4	8	10	77	41	118	71	47
At service ..	17	17	79	51	61	42	7	2	4	..	11	8	175	124	299	222	77
In hospital ..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	3	..
In lunatic asylum ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	1	1
In Blind Asylum, Victoria ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
In Magdalen Asylum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1
At Costley Institute on probation ..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	5	3	2
In gaol ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
Absent without leave	4	..	3	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	18	14	4
Totals {	164	64	301	180	271	191	13	8	49	29	172	112	921	633	1,554	983	571
	228		481		462		21		49	29	284		1,554			1,554	

PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1888.

Committed	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Pon-sonby.	Wellington.	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.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
As destitute .. ..	..	2	14	5	8	16	5	..	..	8	15	11	42	42	84
As vagrant .. ..	1	..	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	10	6	16
As living in disreputable places	2	1	2	8	..	3	..	..	3	..	1	2	5	17	22
As uncontrollable .. ..	2	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	1	9
As guilty of punishable offences	9	..	26	2	13	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	51	5	56
On transfer from other schools	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
By arrangement .. ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Totals .. {	17	3	55	20	22	23	5	..	3	8	22	14	121	71	192
	20		75		45		5		3	8	36		192		

DISCHARGES IN 1888.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Local School.		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.			
Warrant of discharge ..	21	5	35	5	30	27	..	..	6	3	7	3	93	49	142
Death ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	4
Warrant of transfer to other schools ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Attaining age of 21..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
Marriage ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Adoption ..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4
Totals ..	26	6	35	9	33	31	..	..	6	3	7	5	101	60	161
	32		44		64		..		6	3	12		161		

NUMBERS OF 1887 AND 1888 COMPARED.

Inmates.				1887.	1888.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools ..	..	..	..	595	605	+ 10
Boarded out ..	..	..	..	563	501	- 62
With friends ..	..	..	..	85	118	+ 33
At service ..	..	..	..	253	299	+ 46
In hospital ..	..	..	..	3	3	..
In lunatic asylum ..	..	..	..	3	2	- 1
In blind asylum, Victoria ..	..	..	..	..	1	+ 1
In Magdalen Asylum ..	..	..	..	..	1	+ 1
At Costley Institute, on probation ..	..	..	..	..	5	+ 5
In refuge ..	..	..	..	1	..	- 1
In gaol ..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Absent without leave ..	..	..	..	19	18	- 1
				1,523	1,554	+ 31

No. 3.

Dr. PURCHAS'S REPORT ON KOHIMARAMA.

SIR,—

Auckland, 30th March, 1889.

I have to report that I this day visited and inspected the Kohimarama Industrial School. I found all the premises in the usual good order with the exception of the urinals, to which I have called attention in a previous report. The floor had been washed to-day, but was again wet from an overflow of urine.

As it was Saturday afternoon, some of the boys were absent with the master in a boat, and others were away fishing. There were 41 present, and 11 were reported to be in the two boats, making a total of 52. All the boys I saw were well except J. B——, who was suffering from numerous sores on his legs, for which I gave him medicine. There are two or three little boys who are too young to be kept at the school: they were recently admitted, and should be boarded out as soon as possible. There has been very little sickness among the children under my charge during the last year, and no death. I think there is every reason to be satisfied with the boarding-out system, and if suitable homes could be found I believe that a large proportion of those who are classed as criminal children would be reclaimed.

I am, &c.,

A. G. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S. Eng.,  
Medical Officer.

The Secretary, Education Department.

## No. 4.

## Dr. PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1889.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the Industrial School at Burnham for the year ending 30th April, 1889:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1. In the school ... ..	73	25	98
2. At service under license ... ..	88	50	138
3. Boarded out under license ... ..	108	98	206
4. With friends under license ... ..	24	13	37
5. Missing or absconded ... ..	10	0	10
6. In prison (four-months sentence) ... ..	1	0	1
Total ... ..	304	186	490

With the exception of a small number who have suffered from a few trifling ailments and accidents, the health of the inmates has been very good. The school is kept clean and orderly, all sanitary requirements being strictly attended to.

The children are attending regularly and are making good progress in their studies under the careful tuition of the schoolmaster. In addition, the boys are made useful on the farm, and the girls are being taught needlework and trained in domestic duties. The brass band continues to give pleasure to the inmates. Considering the frequent changes in the membership, caused by some of the boys being sent away and fresh ones taught, the band is kept in an efficient state.

The orchard and vegetable gardens are now complete, and watered by the water-race.

The boarding-out system, of which I have spoken favourably in recent reports, continues to give satisfaction.

The Master and Matron give unremitting attention to their duties, and show the greatest kindness to the inmates. The other members of the staff also do their duty, and work amicably together.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. H. PRINS,  
Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

## No. 5.

## Dr. BURNS'S REPORT ON CAVERSHAM.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 18th April, 1889.

I have this year the pleasure of again reporting that the sanitary condition of the school has been all that could be desired; amongst our 121 inmates (80 boys, 41 girls), no epidemic, illness, nor indeed any case of disease of a serious nature having occurred. The same can be said of those boarded-out children who are living in and around Dunedin, and whom it is my duty to visit in case of sickness.

I must, however, call attention to a state of matters which, unless rectified, time will only aggravate. It is highly creditable to our Magistrates that they are evincing a strong disinclination to commit young offenders of both sexes to the common gaols, from a very proper fear of opening the gate to their entrance on a career of professional crime. But, as many of our young people are presumably honest and pure-minded, coming to us not from the haunts of crime but the abodes of poverty and sickness, our duty is equally clear to prevent their young minds being contaminated by association with older people who have already matriculated in crime. The two classes ought to be completely separated. There is ample room within the spacious grounds of the institution for the building of a reformatory, in the working of which the same staff would be mainly available. I know that Mr. Titchener has been wonderfully successful in reclaiming many apparently desperate cases, and it would be a pity if the good work were stopped, when, by a slight expenditure, the evil I refer to could be eliminated.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

ROBERT BURNS, F.R.C.S. Edin.

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