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# EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

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## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

THE management of the Industrial Schools has been now for ten years in the hands of the Education Department. In 1880 the number of children committed to the schools was 241, and in 1885 (the year in which the Hospital and Charitable Aid Act was passed) the number committed was 340, the average number of committals for the six years included between the two dates being 298·5. During this period the number of children depending on the schools for their maintenance increased from 572 to 1,116. During the last four years the maximum of committals has been less than the minimum for the preceding six years, the numbers being (in order of date) 238, 228, 190, and 169. The effect of such a continuous reduction in the number of committals is beginning to appear in the form of a reduction in the number of children depending on the schools for maintenance. From 1,116 in 1885 this number rose to 1,129 in 1886, and to 1,158 in 1887, and, having reached this maximum, has declined in the two succeeding years to 1,106 and 1,054. The whole number of "inmates," including those who are out at service or licensed on probation to their friends, increased from 807 in 1880 to 1,566 in 1885, and has since declined to 1,525.

The year 1889 began with 1,554 inmates on the school-rolls, 1,106 of them being dependent for maintenance (605 in the schools and 501 boarded out). During the year 169 were admitted to the schools, and 198 were discharged, the roll-number being thus reduced to 1,525, of whom 1,054 are dependent for maintenance (600 in the schools and 454 boarded out). The number "discharged" (198) included—17 (12 boys and 5 girls) transferred to the Costley Institute; 6 who attained the age of twenty-one years; 1 who was married during the year; 1 who was adopted; and 6 children who died. The number of deaths has been greater than in either of the two next preceding years, but below the average of the preceding five years, the numbers for six years (including the year 1889) being as follows: 10, 8, 9, 4, 4, 6: total 41. These 41 cases are distributed among the schools as follows: Nelson, 17; Caversham, 12; Burnham, 6; Auckland, 3; Wellington, 2; Ponsonby, 1. The six cases of the year were as follows: At Nelson, two boys of twelve years died of meningitis; a girl of ten died of hæmatemesis, having been ill from the time of her admission; and an idiot boy of eight died of atrophy. At Christchurch Hospital, a girl of eleven, from Burnham, died of meningitis. At Caversham, a boy of fifteen died suddenly from heart disease. The numbers for 1888 and 1889 are compared and classified in Table T.

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1888 AND 1889.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.			
	Dec., 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1889.	Dec., 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1889.	Dec., 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1889.
Government Schools—												
Auckland, Kohimarama ..	61	..	13	48	52	1	..	53	51	..	14	37
" Parnell ..	34	..	14	20	10	..	1	9	20	8	..	28
Burnham ..	211	..	9	202	104	..	8	96	166	20	..	186
Caversham ..	194	..	11	183	117	5	..	122	151	20	..	171
Local School—												
Thames ..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	11	10	..	4	6
Private Schools—												
St. Mary's, Ponsonby ..	..	..	..	..	42	2	..	44	7	..	1	6
St. Joseph's, Wellington ..	1	..	..	1	24	..	..	24	4	..	3	1
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	245	..	4	241	39	..	3	36
Totals ..	501	..	47	454	605	8	13	600	448	48	25	471

Of the 169 children admitted, 6 were received by arrangement with their parents, 67 were committed as "destitute," 11 as "vagrant," 31 as living in disreputable places, 7 as "uncontrollable," and 47 as guilty of punishable offences. According to the police reports there were among them 67 who were not attending school, many of them too young to attend; of the rest, 78 were attending public schools, 21 were attending Roman Catholic schools, 2 were attending high schools, and 1 a private school. Sixty-three are said to belong to the Church of England, 58 are described as Catholic, 39 Presbyterian, 3 "Protestant," 3 Methodist, 1 Baptist, 1 Congregationalist, and 1 as belonging to the Salvation Army. Of the 1,054 children living in the schools or boarded out, 617 are Protestant and 437 Catholic; and of the 471 inmates under control (at service, with friends, &c.), 349 are Protestant and 122 Catholic. So far as the police reports afford means of estimating the character of the parents of the children committed during the year, it appears, as shown in Table U, that 52 were the children of parents who probably are not to blame for their condition, and that 31 others ought, perhaps, to be placed in the same category; while 86 owe their position to the faults of one or both parents (the woman being in fault in 37 cases, the man in 22, while in 27 other cases both were to blame).

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1889.

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 ..	3	8	12	1	9	..	33
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Of good character (or poor) ..	17	1	11	20	8	5	62
Not known or not stated ..	..	1	5	4	9	1	20
Of bad character ..	2	3	1	11	10	5	32
Deserters ..	2	..	3	..	12	..	17
Totals ..	24	13	32	36	53	11	169

The Costley Institute, at Auckland, which during the year received by transfer, under the Governor's warrant, 17 children from the Auckland industrial schools, has submitted its accounts for 1889, and these, together with a report from the Trustees, are printed, and will be submitted to Parliament (E.—3A).

The expenditure, as might be expected, is declining, and the net cost to the Government is being more than proportionately diminished. The total cost in 1888 was £13,697 15s. 11d.; for 1889 the cost is £11,630 19s. 4d., showing a reduction of more than £2,000. The net cost is reduced by a further difference of £750. The cost of the Government schools for the year is shown in Table W.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1889.

School.	Cost of School.	Cost of boarding out.	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland .. ..	454 17 7	538 4 6	219 15 2	773 6 11
Kohimarama .. ..	1,510 2 7	1,056 18 10	719 14 1	1,847 7 4
Burnham .. ..	3,047 2 0	3,838 10 10	2,405 16 9	4,479 16 1
Caversham .. ..	3,266 13 0	3,623 8 11	4,559 10 3	2,330 11 8
Totals .. ..	8,278 15 2	9,057 3 1	7,904 16 3	9,431 2 0
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	259 8 4
Total .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	9,690 10 4

The expenditure of the Government in connection with the “private” industrial schools is shown in Table X. The “local” school at the Thames makes no claim on the department.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1889.

School.	Payments.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure by Government.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland) .. ..	542 8 0	24 13 0	517 15 0
St. Joseph's, Wellington .. ..	129 5 0	40 16 4	88 8 8
St. Mary's, Nelson .. ..	1,555 8 3	221 2 11	1,334 5 4
Totals .. ..	2,227 1 3	286 12 3	1,940 9 0

## No. 2.

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

“INMATES,” 31ST DECEMBER, 1889.

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.					
In the schools } 1054 {	53	9	70	26	86	36	5	6	44	24	153	88	367	233	600	228	372
Boarded out	48	20	111	91	93	90	..	..	..	1	..	..	252	202	454	389	65
With friends ..	15	6	24	19	28	12	..	..	2	1	9	6	76	46	122	84	38
At service ..	17	22	87	51	62	57	4	2	4	..	12	8	182	144	326	248	78
In lunatic asylum ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	1	1
In Blind Asylum, Victoria..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
In Magdalen Asylum ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1
In Refuge..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
In gaol ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
Absent without leave	4	..	3	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1	16	12	4
Totals {	138	57	295	189	279	197	9	8	50	26	175	102	896	629	1,525	966	559
	195		484		476		17		50	26	277		1,525			1,525	

PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1889.

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.			
As destitute .. ..	1	..	5	14	23	12	..	..	4	..	5	3	34	33	67
As vagrant .. ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	8	3	11
As living in disreputable places	3	1	8	9	..	2	..	..	2	1	1	4	12	19	31
As uncontrollable .. ..	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	7
As guilty of punishable offences	5	2	24	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	43	4	47
On transfer from other schools	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
By arrangement .. ..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Totals {	14	3	39	26	43	14	..	..	6	1	17	9	113	59	172
	17		65		57		..		6	1	26		172		

DISCHARGES IN 1889.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Pon-souby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.			B.	G.			
Warrant of discharge ..	27	4	44	11	32	7	4	..	5	4	11	18	118	49	167
Death .. ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	2	6
Warrant of transfer to other schools ..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute ..	12	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	5	17
Attaining age of 21 ..	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	6
Marriage .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Adoption .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Totals ..	40	10	45	17	35	8	4	..	5	4	14	19	138	63	201
	50		62		43		4		5	4	33		201		201

NUMBERS OF 1888 AND 1889 COMPARED.

Inmates.				1888.	1889.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools .. ..	..	..	..	605	600	- 5
Boarded out .. ..	..	..	..	501	454	- 47
With friends .. ..	..	..	..	118	122	+ 4
At service .. ..	..	..	..	299	326	+ 27
In hospital .. ..	..	..	..	3	..	- 3
In lunatic asylum ..	..	..	..	2	2	..
In Magdalen Asylum ..	..	..	..	1	2	+ 1
In Blind Asylum ..	..	..	..	1	1	..
At Costley Institute ..	..	..	..	5	..	- 5
In gaol .. ..	..	..	..	1	1	..
In refuge .. ..	..	..	..	18	16	+ 1
Absent without leave ..	..	..	..	..	16	- 2
Totals .. ..	..	..	..	1,554	1,525	- 29

WAGES OF INMATES OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

School.		Withdrawn and paid to or for Inmates in 1889.	In Post-Office Savings-Banks, 31st December, 1889.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kohimarama .. ..	..	69 19 4	869 17 3
Auckland .. ..	..	59 1 0	440 8 1
Burnham .. ..	..	525 9 5	2,265 2 9
Caversham .. ..	..	330 7 8	2,084 14 1

WM. JAS. HABENS,  
Secretary for Education.

No. 3.

Dr. PURCHAS'S REPORT on the AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

SIR,—  
Auckland, 25th April, 1890.  
In reference to the children under my medical charge in the Auckland District during the year ending the 31st March, I have to report that their health, generally speaking, has been very good, and that there has been no death. At Kohimarama there has been no serious illness, and at Parnell the only case of importance has been one of long-continued disease of the eyes. Among the boarded-out children there have been some cases of acute disease, including one severe case of pneumonia, and another of scrophulous ulceration of the cornea, all of which have quite recovered.  
The Kohimarama School has had the advantage of a steam-launch for some months, which has proved of great service.  
If the Government would provide a telephone either from the battery or from the Purewa Cemetery it would be of much value in case of emergency.  
I have, &c.,  
A. G. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S., Eng.,  
Medical Officer.  
The Secretary, Education Department, Wellington.

## DR. PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1890.

I have the honour to forward the following report on the Industrial School at Burnham :—

The institution has been kept generally in a very clean and orderly condition.

The children have enjoyed good health, with the exception of a few ailments and accidents. The band during their visit to Dunedin for the band-contest contracted "influenza," and introduced it into the school. This laid up a number of the inmates and some of the staff,—happily without any serious results or inconvenience to the working of the institution.

The children are doing well and making good progress in their lessons under the attention of their teachers.

The band continues to improve and give pleasure to the inmates. Their playing at the Dunedin contest was received with kindness and approbation.

The institution is beginning to reap the advantages of the orchard and vegetable-garden.

The Manager and Matron are particularly painstaking, and seem to work in accord with the other members of the staff to make the management of the institution effective and creditable.

I have, &c.,

H. H. PRINS,

Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

## DR. BURNS'S REPORT ON CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Dunedin, April, 1890.

I have the honour to report that the sanitary condition of the Look-out Point School for the past year has been all that could be desired.

The average number of inmates for the year has been 118, and, with the exception of the minor ailments common amongst young people, the general health has been good. A month ago the school was visited by the influenza, and fully one-half of our number was attacked. High fever with vomiting for three or four days was the main feature; but all made rapid recoveries.

One death occurred in the school, of rather a peculiar kind. A youth, aged 17, T. S., was licensed out to service as long ago as 1886. His last master brought the lad back to us on the afternoon of the 19th September, and he died during the night. An inquest was, of course, held, and the verdict "Died from disease of the heart" returned.

It is a matter of congratulation that there has been no serious illness amongst the children boarded out.

I have, &c.,

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

Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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