

TABLE T.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1890.

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 .. .. .	6	1	10	..	17	..	34
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c. .. .. .	..	..	9	..	1	1	11
Of good character (or poor) .. .. .	16	1	4	15	5	..	41
Not known or not stated .. .. .	..	..	1	6	1	2	10
Of bad character .. .. .	15	5	2	3	12	..	37
Deserters .. .. .	10	..	8	2	3	2	25
Totals .. .. .	47	7	34	26	39	5	158

The inmates actually residing in the schools at the end of the year numbered 544, and of these there were 260 in Government schools, 8 in the "local" school at the Thames, and 276 in "private" schools. From the Government schools 426 were boarded out, and from a "private" school one. The rest of the young people—of whom 423 belonged to Government schools, 10 to the "local" school, and 50 to "private" schools—are accounted for as follows: At service, 372; licensed (on probation) to friends, 82; absent without leave, 17; at Costley Institute (on probation), 2; at a blind asylum, 1; in hospital, 3; in lunatic asylums, 2; in Magdalene Asylum, 2; in prison, 2. Table U shows the changes in the number of inmates of the respective schools, distinguishing residents, boarded-out children, and absentees.

TABLE U.—INMATES, 1889 AND 1890.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec., 1889.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1890.	Dec., 1889.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1890.	Dec., 1889.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1890.	Dec., 1889.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1890.
Government Schools—																
Auckland, Kohimarama..	48	..	3	45	53	..	10	43	37	..	3	34	138	..	16	122
"    Parnell ..	20	..	3	17.	9	4	..	13	28	..	6	22	57	..	5	52
Burnham ..	202	..	12	190	96	14	..	110	186	..	5	181	484	..	3	481
Caversham ..	183	..	9	174	122	..	28	94	171	15	..	186	476	..	22	454
Local School—																
Thames ..	..	..	..	..	11	..	3	8	6	4	..	10	17	1	..	18
Private Schools—																
St. Mary's, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	44	6	..	..	6	50	..	..	50
St. Joseph's, Wellington	1	..	..	1	24	2	..	26	1	..	..	1	26	2	..	28
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	241	..	35	206	36	7	..	43	277	..	28	249
Totals ..	454	..	27	427	600	20	76	544	471	26	14	483	1,525	3	74	1,454

The decline in the number of children has been attended by a diminution in the cost of the Government schools to the extent of about £2,000; and the amount recovered (from Charitable Aid Boards and parents) has exceeded by about £900 the corresponding amount for the preceding year. The services of the Visiting Officer have been dispensed with; and arrangements have just been made with the Police Department for a regular collection, week by week, of sums payable by parents for the maintenance of their children. Table W shows the cost of the Government schools for 1890.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1890.

School.				Cost of School.			Cost of boarding out.			Recoveries.			Net Cost.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	..	..	..	502	11	9	359	19	6	215	1	5	647	9	10
Kohimarama	..	..	..	1,467	0	1	866	3	6	561	17	1	1,771	6	6
Burnham	..	..	..	2,930	14	4	3,458	12	2	3,654	1	11	2,735	4	7
Caversham	..	..	..	2,654	1	3	3,169	19	1	4,368	5	9	1,455	14	7
Totals .. ..				7,554	7	5	7,854	14	3	8,799	6	2	6,609	15	6
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer .. .. .				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	209	13	7
Total				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,819	9	1