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# EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

There is again a decline in the number of committals to the Industrial Schools. The annual average of committals from 1880 to 1885 was 298·5, and the maximum number for one year—340—was reached in 1885, the year in which the Hospital and Charitable Aid Act was passed. The several numbers for the several years since that date are 238, 224, 190, 169, and (for last year) 158. During the year the number of children belonging to the schools has declined from 1,525 to 1,454, and the number of children maintained by the schools (as distinguished from inmates at service, or licensed to reside with their friends, or otherwise absent from the schools) from 1,054 to 971.

The children admitted—as has been said—were 158. Of this number, 76 were destitute, 6 vagrant, 26 found in disreputable places, 9 uncontrollable, 38 guilty of punishable offences, and 3 admitted by private arrangement. The number of inmates discharged was 229: 212 by warrant, 7 on attaining the age of twenty-one years, 2 by marriage, 2 by transfer to the Costley Institute, and 6 by death. Of the inmates of Burnham, two boarded-out children died—one of whooping-cough and teething at the age of twelve months, and one of consumption at the age of six; and a boy of sixteen, who had absconded from service, was killed by a kick from a horse. A boy of eight, boarded out from Caversham, died of inflammation of the kidneys, preceded by “la grippe”; and a boy of fifteen, belonging to the same school, who was in a place of service, was thrown from a horse and killed. At St. Mary’s, Nelson, a boy of seven died of meningitis. With respect to the religious profession of their parents, the children admitted during the year are classified as follows: Church of England, 68; Roman Catholic, 41; Presbyterian, 31; Methodist, 9; Congregational, 2; Baptist, 1; “Protestant,” 3; not ascertained, 3. The circumstances and character of the parents of the children admitted are shown in Table T, from which it appears that there are 47 cases in which no suspicion of blame rests upon the parents, and 22 other cases in which the information supplied affords no adequate means of forming an opinion in this respect; while in 17 cases the conduct of both parents may be held to account for the state in which the children are found, and there are 45 cases in which the character of the father alone, and 27 in which the character of the mother alone, is liable to censure.

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

The Government expenditure on “private” schools—shown in Table X—exceeds by £37 the corresponding expenditure for 1889. The “local” school at the Thames is maintained by the local authorities.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1890.

School.				Payments.			Recoveries.			Net Expenditure by Government.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	..	..	..	542	11	0	35	7	0	507	4	0
St. Joseph's, Wellington	..	..	..	124	8	0	7	16	4	116	11	8
St. Mary's, Nelson	..	..	..	1,574	18	1	220	18	2	1,353	19	11
Totals	..	..	..	2,241	17	1	264	1	6	1,977	15	7

The Trustees of the Costley Institute, which has the guardianship of a considerable number of young persons that were formerly inmates of the Auckland Industrial School, have sent in their annual report and accounts, and these have been printed, and will be laid before Parliament (E.—3A).

## No. 2.

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

“INMATES,” 31ST DECEMBER, 1890.

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	43	13	88	22	55	39	5	3	44	26	130	76	321	223	544	225	319
Boarded out	45	17	102	88	96	78	..	..	..	1	..	..	243	184	427	368	59
With friends	5	1	12	18	19	7	..	..	..	1	9	10	45	37	82	50	32
At service	20	19	79	61	80	77	4	6	6	..	11	9	194	178	372	280	92
In hospital	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	1	2
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 gaol	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..
At Costley Institute on probation	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..
Absent without leave	5	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	17	..	17	11	6
Totals	122	52	290	191	253	201	9	9	50	28	154	95	828	626	1,454	942	512
	174		481		454		18		50	28	249		1,454			1,454	

## PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1890.

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	3	2	14	10	20	16	3	1	..	..	7	..	47	29	76
As vagrant	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	2	6
As living in disreputable places	..	4	7	8	..	3	..	..	3	..	1	..	8	18	26
As uncontrollable	2	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	4	9
As guilty of punishable offences	5	1	19	1	4	1	..	..	1	1	4	1	32	6	38
By arrangement	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Totals	10	7	46	19	27	21	3	1	7	2	13	2	99	59	158
	17		65		48		4		7	2	15		158		

DISCHARGES IN 1890.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Ponsonby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	G.	B.	G.			
Warrant of discharge ..	23	11	50	11	51	14	3	..	7	..	33	9	160	52	212
Death .. ..	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	6
Warrant of transfer to other schools .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute .. ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Attaining age of 21..	2	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	7
Marriage .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Totals ..	26	13	51	17	53	17	3	..	7	..	34	9	167	63	230
	39		68		70		3		7	..	43		230		230

NUMBERS OF 1889 AND 1890 COMPARED.

Inmates.				1889.	1890.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools .. ..	..	..	..	600	544	- 56
Boarded out .. ..	..	..	..	454	427	- 27
With friends .. ..	..	..	..	122	82	- 40
At service .. ..	..	..	..	326	372	+ 46
In hospital .. ..	..	..	..	..	3	+ 3
In lunatic asylum ..	..	..	..	2	2	..
In Magdalen Asylum ..	..	..	..	2	2	..
In Blind Asylum ..	..	..	..	1	1	..
At Costley Institute ..	..	..	..	..	2	+ 2
In gaol .. ..	..	..	..	1	2	+ 1
In refuge .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	- 1
Absent without leave ..	..	..	..	16	17	+ 1
Totals .. ..	..	..	..	1,525	1,454	- 71

No. 3.

DR. PURCHAS'S REPORT ON THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Report of Medical Officer of Auckland Industrial Schools for Year ending 31st March, 1891.

In the first quarter of the year under review, in April and May, shortly after a considerable fall of rain that followed some weeks of dry weather, two or three cases of typhoid fever occurred at the Kohimarama School. The first case having gone on too long before I was sent for was exceptionally severe, and the boy narrowly escape with his life. The others, coming under observation at an early stage, were soon restored to health. Just about the same time the school was visited by an epidemic of influenza, a large proportion of the boys being affected by it. The attacks in many cases were severe, but the disease speedily yielded to treatment, and the boys soon regained their health. During the next two quarters there was no illness at the school until the end of December and beginning of January, when the two cases of typhoid took place, and, without my knowledge, were sent to the Auckland Hospital. An investigation specially made by me, by direction of the Government, leads me to believe that the occurrence of typhoid was due to the disposal of nightsoil in an improper manner. In accordance with instructions received this will soon be corrected.

At the Girls' Industrial School, in Parnell, there has not been any epidemic during the year; but one girl recently admitted and the matron's assistant have been laid up with a mild form of typhoid, from which both have quite recovered. With the exception of these cases there has been very little sickness during the year. The boarded-out children have also been remarkably healthy; very few cases of serious illness have occurred, and there has been no death of any child under my care.

Before closing this report I should like to make a suggestion, that in the case of boys boarded out, because of the death or neglect of their parents, they should not be brought into the Kohimarama School for a day, but be sent from their foster-homes to any situation provided for them. It is impossible that the companionship of some of the boys from time to time committed to that school for crime should be other than injurious to such children as those to which I refer. A few hours may suffice to corrupt them, and thus the good they have gained by living in decent families may be destroyed. One cannot look at the faces of some of the criminal lads without being satisfied of the truth of what I have written. I feel very strongly on this point, and respectfully commend it to the favourable consideration of the Government.

Auckland, 9th May, 1891. A. G. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S. Eng., Medical Officer.

## No. 4.

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

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1891.

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

The buildings have been kept in good order and clean. The inmates have generally enjoyed good health. While their education is being well conducted, the department might take into consideration the question of, and provision for, their religious instruction. The band continues to give pleasure to the inmates, and gain the goodwill of the people whenever they play. The fruit and vegetable gardens are beginning to afford a sufficient supply for the requirements of the institution. The cool chamber just completed under the water-tanks will enable the officials to preserve the meat and other provisions, especially in the summer months. The system of boarding out the children with foster-parents continues to give satisfaction. The master and matron are unceasing in their efforts to make the institution comfortable and complete in every way, with the assistance of other officers.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

H. H. PRINS, Medical Officer.

## No. 5.

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

SIR,—

Industrial School, Dunedin, 25th April, 1891.

I have the honour to transmit to you my report on the health of the inmates of the industrial school for the year ending March, 1891.

Since even the practice of receiving very young children into the institution was terminated, I have been able to record a sound sanitary condition of the school, and a correspondingly improved healthy condition of the inmates. The past year furnishes no exception. There has been no very serious case of illness, and no death. With the opportunities afforded me of visiting the sick amongst the young people boarded out in different parts of the town and suburbs, I am satisfied that every reasonable attention is paid to them by their foster-parents.

I have, &amp;c.,

ROBERT BURNS, F.R.C.S. Ed., Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

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