

are justifiable, it appears that in 80 cases there is no reason to impute any blame to the parents, that in 17 cases both parents, in 38 cases the father alone, and in 45 cases the mother alone, were of unsatisfactory character, and that in 23 cases the data do not afford any ground of judgment.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1894.

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	10	7	26	.	12		55
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	2		1	1	4		8
Of good character (or poor)	19	8	7	9	18		61
Not known or not stated	4		5	4	10	1	24
Of bad character	12	3	4	6	10		35
Deserters	3		10		6	1	20
Totals	50	18	53	20	60	2	203

Ten deaths occurred during the year, as follows In hospital, a Caversham boy of 10, of laryngitis and congenital disease, at service, a Caversham boy of 14, of enteritis, at service, a Caversham boy of 16, accidentally drowned, at service, a Burnham boy of 18, of peritonitis, attributed to eating unripe fruit, at St. Joseph's, Wellington, a little girl of 6, in consequence of a fall, at Auckland, an infant boy a month old, who had been greatly neglected, and was suffering from whooping-cough when he was admitted, an imbecile youth of 20, an inmate at Nelson, of phthisis, a Nelson boy of 8, of influenza and failure of the heart's action, an infant boy of 13 months, at Nelson, ill when admitted, of bronchitis and marasmus, and another Nelson inmate, an infant girl of 5 months, of cerebral congestion.

The net cost of the maintenance of the Government schools in 1894 was £7,160 4s. 4d., the gross cost being £14,602 14s 9d., and the recoveries £7,442 10s. 5d. As the average number belonging was 1,159, the gross cost was £12 12s. a head, and the net cost £6 3s. 6d. But this calculation is of little value. There were on an average 641 inmates maintained, and if the salaries (£1,962 12s. 11d.) are regarded as a fair equivalent for work involved in the supervision of 518 inmates (on an average) at service, with friends, &c., the gross cost per head for the 641 is £19 14s. 4d.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1894.

School.	Gross Cost of School.	Cost of boarding out. (Included in preceding Column.)	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	1,517 7 2	775 15 1	476 19 6	1,040 7 8
Burnham	6,353 6 3	2 816 16 2	2,992 4 1	3,361 2 2
Caversham	6,329 6 5	3 101 9 7	3 973 6 10	2,355 19 7
Totals	14 199 19 10	6,694 0 10	7 442 10 5	6,757 9 5
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer				402 14 11
Total				7,160 4 4

The Government expenditure on the private industrial schools is shown in Table X. The net expenditure exceeds that of the previous year by £465.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1894.

School.	Payments.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure by Government.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	532 10 0	33 19 3	498 10 9
St. Joseph's, Wellington	370 10 6	30 12 6	339 18 0
St. Mary's, Nelson	2 355 14 0	356 0 0	1 999 14 0
Totals	3,258 14 6	420 11 9	2,838 2 9