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REPORT OF THE VICTORIAN SECRETARY AND INSPECTOR OF NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS, AS PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO ACT.

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REPORT.

The SECRETARY and INSPECTOR, Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools, to the Hon. the
CHIEF SECRETARY.

Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools,
Melbourne, 30th June, 1897.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the annual reports of this department, together with the usual returns, statement of accounts, &c., for the year ended 31st December, 1896 in accordance with the requirements of the Acts Nos. 1121 and 1079.

The transactions of the year are shown on the following table, which has been recast with a view to greater simplicity, and to enable the somewhat complicated admission and discharge schedule of former years to be dispensed with:—

STATEMENT of ADMISSIONS and DISCHARGES, &c., for the Year 1896.

	Neglected Children.	Reformatory Children.	Total.
<i>Admissions, &c.</i>			
Number under supervision on 1st January, 1896	3,487	442	3,929
New committals	551	80	631
Transfers from gaol	...	8	8
" " Neglected Children's Department	...	76	76
" " reformatories	1	...	1
	4,039	606	4,645
<i>Discharges, &c.</i>			
From institutions, foster homes, service, &c., as follows :—			
By order of the Governor in Council	91	10	101
Effluxion of time	278	111	389
Death	47	3	50
Transfers to asylums	8	...	8
" reformatories	76	...	76
" Neglected Children's Department	...	1	1
Absconders during 1896 not returned	38	33	71
Number under supervision on 31st December, 1896	3,501	448	3,949*
	4,039	606	4,645

* The location of the 3,949 children is shown hereunder:—

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2,089	Neglected children were being maintained in	foster homes.
135	"	"
181	Reformatory	"
646	Neglected children were maintaining themselves at	institutions.
196	Reformatory	reformatory schools.
583	Neglected children were with	relatives, &c., without cost.
71	Reformatory	"
48	Children whose present whereabouts are	unknown.

† A few of these are free from legal control, but being incapacitated from earning their own living are still maintained by the State.