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# EDUCATION: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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## No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

THE inmates discharged from industrial schools during the year numbered 189, and the new inmates 203, so that the increase in the number on the books is 14—from 1,545 to 1,559. In Government schools the number declined during the year from 1,094 to 1,087; in private schools it rose from 451 to 472. Out of 1,559 “inmates” there were 528 who, though subject to the control of the schools, were independent of them so far as maintenance is concerned, 94 being with their friends on probation for discharge, and 434 at service. The number of inmates dependent on the schools was therefore 1,031. The number dependent at the end of 1895 was 1,023.

The dependent inmates at the end of 1896 are accounted for as follows: Residing in the schools, 556 (191 in Government schools, 365 in private schools); boarded out, 428 (including 11 from private schools); with their friends, 94 (including 24 from private schools); in hospital, 5 (including 2 from private schools); in lunatic asylum, 3 (from private schools); in blind asylum, 1 (from Government school); in refuges or similar institutions, 30 (including 2 from private school); absent without leave, 8 (from Government schools).

It is worthy of particular notice that, although the inmates of the Government schools number 1,087, only 191 (less than 18 per cent.) were actually detained in the schools. Many of the inmates have never once been on the school premises. Innocent children, nominally “sent to Burnham” by Magistrates’ warrant, are really sent temporarily to a boarding-house until a suitable foster-home is found for them, and their outfit prepared; and girls committed because they have begun to lead a flagrantly immoral life, or are in great danger of doing so, are at once sent to a suitable institution.

In the Government schools the policy is to board out all children of suitable age and character. The authorities of the private schools do not adopt the boarding-out system.

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1895 AND 1896.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec., 1895.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1896.	Dec., 1895.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1896.	Dec., 1895.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1896.	Dec., 1895.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1896.
Government Schools—																
Auckland ..	39	..	9	30	10	..	..	10	43	..	2	41	92	..	11	81
Burnham ..	164	12	..	176	107	..	2	105	269	..	26	243	540	..	16	524
Caversham ..	202	9	..	211	86	..	10	76	174	21	..	195	462	20	..	482
Private Schools—																
St. Mary’s, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	46	..	..	46	14	6	..	20	60	6	..	66
St. Joseph’s, Wellington ..	4	..	..	4	64	2	..	66	8	2	..	10	76	4	..	80
St. Mary’s, Nelson ..	7	..	..	7	247	6	..	253	61	5	..	66	315	11	..	326
Totals ..	416	21	9	428	560	8	12	556	569	34	28	575	1,545	41	27	1,559

The inmates discharged by warrant in 1896 were 164 in number. The rest of the 189 are accounted for as follows: 5 married with the consent of their guardians, 8 attained the age of 21, 8 were transferred to the Costley Institute, and 4 died. At Ponsonby an infant boy, 14 months old, died of diarrhoea and convulsions; and three inmates of Caversham died—one, a little boy of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , in hospital, of tubercular disease of the knee-joint; one, a girl of 12, boarded out, of whooping-cough and tubercular meningitis; and one, a girl not quite 10, boarded out, of embolism of the heart.

Of the 203 new inmates, 35 boys and 32 girls were admitted as destitute; 12 boys and 5 girls as vagrant; 14 boys and 36 girls as living in disreputable places; one boy as uncontrollable; 55 boys and 11 girls as guilty of punishable offences; and, by arrangement, one boy and one girl.

The information summarised in Table U is not always very explicit, but so far as it goes it seems to indicate that in 35 cases both father and mother were of unsatisfactory character, in 34 cases the father only, in 44 cases the mother only, in 15 other cases the mother at least, and in 68 cases neither, while for the remaining cases data are wanting.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1896.

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	..	16	1	19	1	47
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c. .. ..	6	..	5	..	..	4	15
Of good character (or poor) .. ..	5	..	26	3	14	6	54
Not known or not stated .. .. .	1	..	1	1	14	1	18
Of bad character .. .. .	8	6	5	..	27	..	46
Deserters .. .. .	5	3	7	..	5	3	23
Totals .. .. .	35	9	60	5	79	15	203

The following is a list of the several Magistrates' Courts by which the 203 inmates were sent to the schools, with the numbers sent from each Court: Auckland, 33; Paeroa, 2; Napier, 5; New Plymouth, 3; Stratford, 2; Wanganui, 3; Patea, 5; Palmerston North, 1; Greytown, 1; Masterton, 1; Woodville, 3; Wellington, 52; Blenheim, 2; Nelson, 4; Westport, 1; Reefton, 3; Greymouth, 10; Kumara, 6; Rangiora, 2; Christchurch, 13; Lyttelton, 1; Timaru, 1; Oamaru, 2; Dunedin, 32; Port Chalmers, 1; Lawrence, 2; Waikaia, 2; Tapanui, 1; Clyde, 1; Invercargill, 6; Campbelltown, 1; Chatham Islands, 1: total, 203.

With respect to religious denominations the new inmates are divided as follows: Church of England, 80; Roman Catholic, 72; Presbyterian, 38; Methodist, 6; Salvation Army, 3; Protestant, 2; Baptist, 1; Church of Christ, 1.

The balances in the Post-Office Savings-Bank at the end of the year amounted to £9,631 3s. 5d., on account of wages of inmates belonging to Government schools, and £518 10s. 1d. on account of inmates in private schools. The amount withdrawn for inmates of Government schools during the year was £1,007 18s. 9d.

The cost of the Government schools and the amount recovered (from Charitable Aid Boards, from parents, from sale of farm produce, &c.) are shown in Table W.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1896.

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 .. .. .	1,144	4	7	512	8	0	263	17	6	880	7	1
Burnham .. .. .	6,864	12	6	2,535	19	10	2,316	15	5	4,547	17	1
Caversham .. .. .	6,327	5	5	3,155	16	9	4,534	2	3	1,793	3	2
Totals .. .. .	14,336	2	6	6,204	4	7	7,114	15	2	7,221	7	4
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	391	1	0
Contingencies .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	17	9
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,625	6	1

The corresponding table, X, does not include the sums paid by Charitable Aid Boards directly to the managers of the private schools.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1896.

School.				Payments.			Recoveries.			Net Expenditure by Government.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	..	..	..	554	13	0	41	10	0	513	3	0
St. Joseph's, Wellington	..	..	..	402	11	9	39	1	7	363	10	2
St. Mary's, Nelson	..	..	..	2,189	2	9	357	8	11	1,831	13	10
Totals	..	..	..	3,146	7	6	438	0	6	2,708	7	0

## No. 2.

### ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

"INMATES," 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

Inmates.	Government Schools.						Private Schools.						All Schools.					
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Ponsonby.		Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Protestant.	Catholic.	Jewish.	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.							
In the schools ..	..	10	80	25	41	35	10	36	66	186	67	317	239	556	184	372	..	
Boarded out ..	..	14	16	96	80	108	103	..	..	4	3	4	221	207	428	391	36	
With friends ..	..	4	1	36	11	10	8	4	2	2	14	2	68	26	94	65	29	
At service ..	..	8	25	106	69	85	76	..	13	7	33	12	232	202	434	328	106	
In hospital ..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	2	5	3	2	
In lunatic asylum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	1	3	..	3	
In Blind Asylum, Auckland ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	
In refuge or cognate institution ..	..	..	2	..	15	..	11	..	..	..	..	2	..	30	30	24	6	
Absent without leave ..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	8	..	
Totals {	27	54	324	200	249	233	14	52	80	238	88	852	707	1,559	1,004	554	1	
	81		524		482		66			326		1,559			1,559			

### PRECEDENT CONDITION OF CHILDREN ADMITTED IN 1896.

Admitted				Government Schools.						Private Schools.				All Schools.				
				Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Ponsonby.		Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
				B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.		G.	B.				G.
As destitute	..	..	..	..	..	13	9	17	14	..	..	2	5	7	35	32	67	
As vagrant	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	7	2	12	5	17	17	
As living in disreputable places	..	2	2	..	..	3	2	1	11	3	10	8	5	3	14	36	50	
As uncontrollable	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	
As guilty of punishable offences	..	..	..	..	..	33	8	7	3	..	..	..	15	..	55	11	66	
By arrangement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	
Totals ..				{	2	2	55	22	26	29	3	10	10	32	12	118	85	203
					4		77		55		13		44		203			

### DISCHARGES IN 1896.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Private Schools.					All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Ponsonby.		Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.		B.	G.			
Warrant of discharge .. ..	5	6	62	20	15	12	1	5	5	24	9	107	57	164
Death .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institution .. ..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	8
Attaining age of 21 .. ..	..	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	1	1	1	2	6	8
Marriage .. ..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5
Totals .. ..	13	7	62	24	17	18	2	5	6	25	10	119	70	189
	20		86		35		7			35		189		

NUMBERS OF 1895 AND 1896 COMPARED.

Inmates.					1895.	1896.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools	..	..	..	..	560	556	— 4
Boarded out	..	..	..	..	416	428	+ 12
With friends	..	..	..	..	103	94	— 9
At service	..	..	..	..	419	434	+ 15
In hospital	..	..	..	..	8	5	— 3
In lunatic asylum	..	..	..	..	5	3	— 2
In gaol	..	..	..	..	1	..	— 1
In Blind Asylum, Auckland	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
At Costley Institute	..	..	..	..	3	..	— 3
In refuge or cognate institution	..	..	..	..	14	30	+ 16
Absent without leave	..	..	..	..	15	8	— 7
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,545	1,559	+ 14

No. 3.

DR. PURCHAS'S REPORT on the AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

SIR,—

My annual report of the health of the children of the Auckland Industrial School continues to be favourable. We have had no epidemic sickness, and nothing very serious with the exception of one case. One of the elder girls who had earned a good character at service was attacked by a malignant form of cancer, which, after some months of suffering, and in spite of all that could be done for her, caused her death. As I have already fully reported her case to you I need not refer to it at length. The girl whose case I reported on last year, who had so long been a cripple from hip-disease, is now in excellent health and able to walk well without artificial support. There is another case in the school of a cripple from injury to the hip, for whom I hope to be able in due time to report an equally favourable result. The boarded-out children as well as those in the school are, I believe, all well cared for, and most of them likely to prove useful members of our young nation.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR G. PURCHAS,

The Secretary for Education. Medical Officer, Auckland Industrial School.

No. 4.

Dr. BURNS'S REPORT on the CAVERSHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report favourably regarding the sanitary condition of the Look-out Point Industrial School.

The average numbers have been seventy-seven. There has been no serious illness, and the general health excellent.

It is exceptional to have any deaths amongst the boarded-out children who are under my care in the Dunedin district. This year two have to be recorded. Ellen D———, aged twelve years and four months, was early recognised as suffering from tubercular meningitis. Availing myself of the privilege you accord me, I called in a consulting physician a week before her death. It is my duty to say that her foster-mother could not have shown more sympathetic attention to a child of her own. Ada E. M———, boarded out in Waikouaiti, died suddenly, and the cause of death was found to be embolism of the heart.

I need not say that, considering the dilapidated condition of the buildings, it reflects great credit on the management that I can speak so well of the general healthiness of the school.

I have, &c.,

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

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington. Medical Officer.

No. 5.

EXAMINATION REPORT ON BURNHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Examined 7th September, 1896.  
*Pass Subjects.*

Standard Class.		Presented.	Examined in Standards.	Excepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Average Age.
							Yrs. mos.
Above Standard VI.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Standard VI.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" V.	...	2	2	...	2	2	12 9
" IV.	...	15	15	1	2	12	13 2
" III.	...	20	19	3	4	12	13 8
" II.	...	14	14	1	1	12	12 10
" I.	...	5	5	...	...	5	12 7
Preparatory	...	4	4	...	...	...	4 0
Totals	...	60	59	5	7	43	...

*Class Subjects.*—Grammar, 55 marks; history, 40 marks; geography (Standard II. only), 55 marks; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., 40 marks; mental arithmetic, 40 marks.

*Additional Subjects.*—Repetition and recitation, very fair; drill and exercises, very good; singing, fair (lower division only); needlework, taught outside the school; comprehension of reading lessons, very good.

*General Remarks.*—In the aspect of the work presented at examination there is much to commend; while the bearing, appearance, and behaviour of the children present evidence strongly in favour of the treatment and general training received by the inmates of the institution.

The lower section of the school, including Standards I. and II., and the preparatory class, makes on the whole a good appearance in the subjects prescribed. Spelling, drawing, and arithmetic are done very well indeed; writing is somewhat uneven in quality; and reading is rather hesitating—a defect accounted for in many cases by the circumstances of the pupils before entering the school. The oral answering is for the most part bright and intelligent.

Standards III. IV. and V., which form the higher division, acquit themselves creditably in nearly all the “pass” work, dictation and arithmetic being subjects in which most uncertainty is apparent. Reading, writing, composition, and geography have, on the whole, been treated very successfully, and freehand drawing is excellent, some of the pupils in Standards III. and IV., presenting copies fully equal to the requirements of a good Sixth Standard. Subjects of the “Class” and “Additional” groups have generally received satisfactory attention; and, in this division, also, good oral answering forms a pleasing feature in the routine of examination.

THOMAS RITCHIE, Inspector.

## No. 6.

EXAMINATION REPORT ON CAVERSHAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Examined, 14th December, 1896.

### Pass Subjects.

Standard Class.			Name of Teacher.			Presented.	Present.	Passed.
Above Standard VI.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Standard VI.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" V.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" IV.	...	...	Mr. Burn	...	...	13	13	10
" III.	...	...	"	...	...	19	19	12
" II.	...	...	Miss Christie	...	...	12	12	11
" I.	...	...	"	...	...	3	3	2
Preparatory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	...	...	...	...	...	47	47	35

*Note.*—The passes awarded in Standards I. and II. by the Head-master were fully justified by the results of my examination.

*Class Subjects.*—Grammar, very good; history, very good; geography (of Standard II.), excellent; elementary science, object-lessons, &c., very good; mental arithmetic, weak.

*Additional Subjects.*—Repetition and recitation, good; drill and exercises, excellent; singing, good; comprehension of the language of reading-lessons, very good.

Order, attention, and manners, excellent.

C. R. RICHARDSON,  
Assistant Inspector.

*Note.*—Owing to the death of Dr. Prins, there is no medical officer's report on the Burnham School for 1896.—  
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