

total number of "inmates" actually in residence. The number boarded out on payment was 573, 5 being from private schools and the rest from Government schools. There were 9 girls maintained in various corrective institutions, 1 boy and 1 girl in convalescent homes, 3 boys at the School for Deaf-mutes, Sumner, and 11 boys at the Costley Training Institution, Auckland. The total number of inmates dependent on public funds for maintenance was therefore 1,246, or 74 more than the number at the end of 1904. The remaining 707, although still subject to control and supervision of the schools, were not dependent on them for maintenance. They may be classified as follows: Licensed to reside with friends, 189; at service, 437; boarded out without payment, 6; in hospital, 5; in mental hospitals, 4; under the control of the Costley Training Institution, Auckland, 5; in other institutions, 10; in gaol, 3; absent without leave, 48—namely, 23 from service, 23 from the schools, and 2 from friends.

There were seven Government industrial schools in existence in 1905, and the numbers of inmates on their books at the end of the year were as follows: Auckland (Mount Albert), 134; Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa (new school), 111; Receiving Home, Wellington, 235; Receiving Home, Christchurch, 245; Burnham, 232; Te Oranga Home, 59; Caversham, 404: total, 1,420. Those belonging to private industrial schools were distributed as follows: St. Mary's, Auckland, 141; St. Joseph's, Wellington, 58; St. Mary's, Nelson, 282; St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin, 52: total, 533.

TABLE J1.—INMATES, 1904 AND 1905.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec. 1904.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1905.	Dec. 1904.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1905.	Dec. 1904.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1905.	Dec. 1904.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec. 1905.
Government Schools—																
Auckland (Mount Albert)	64	..	1	63	28	..	4	24	43	4	..	47	135	..	1	134
Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa	..	..	..	..	..	111	..	111	..	..	..	..	..	111	..	111
Receiving Home, Wellington	166	26	..	192	1	5	..	6	28	9	..	37	195	40	..	235
Te Oranga Home, Christchurch	..	..	..	..	40	1	..	41	23	..	5	18	63	..	4	59
Receiving Home, Christchurch	131	6	..	137	8	4	..	12	97	..	1	96	236	9	..	245
Burnham	1	2	..	3	99	..	2	97	131	1	..	132	231	1	..	232
Caversham	178	1	..	179	123	..	97	26	226	..	27	199	527	..	123	404
Private Schools—																
St. Mary's, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	78	9	..	87	57	..	3	54	135	6	..	141
St. Joseph's, Wellington..	..	..	..	..	28	2	..	30	41	..	13	28	69	..	11	58
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	3	..	2	1	167	10	..	177	110	..	6	104	280	2	..	282
St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin	5	..	1	4	31	6	..	37	11	..	..	11	47	5	..	52
Totals	548	35	4	579	603	148	103	648	767	14	55	726	1,918	174	139	1,953

The number of inmates who during 1905 ceased to be under the control of industrial schools was 244. Of these 174 were discharged by warrant, 58 reached twenty-one years of age, 2 were married, and 10 died. Of this total 173 were of good character, 11 fair, and 7 bad; 5 were weak-minded, 20 were missing, 18 were discharged under fifteen years of age (4 of whom were adopted), and 9 under and 1 over that age died.

The number of deaths (10) shows an increase of 2 on the number for the previous year. The medical certificates show that of the six inmates who were boarded out at the time of death, 1 died of syphilis, 1 of bronchitis, 1 of congenital debility, 1 of hereditary syphilis, 1 of stomatitis and enteritis, and 1 of convulsions. One resident inmate died, the cause of death being marasmus. Two inmates died in the hospital, one of pneumonia and the other of asthenia, pneumonia, and intestinal influenza. One young man who was absent without leave was accidentally killed.

The number of admissions during the year (279) shows an increase of 88 on the number for 1904. Of these 41 were sent from Auckland, 58 from Wellington, 54 from Christchurch, and 42 from Dunedin. Of the remaining 84 children, no one town sent more than 7 to the schools. Of the children admitted (279) 30·12 per cent. were of illegitimate parentage.