

The numbers on the books of all the schools at the close of the year compared with the numbers at the close of 1906 were as follows :—

TABLE M1.—INMATES, 1906 AND 1907.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec., 1906.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1907.	Dec., 1906.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1907.	Dec., 1906.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1907.	Dec., 1906.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1907.
Government Schools—																
Auckland (Mount Albert)	67	7	..	74	28	1	..	29	45	10	..	55	140	18	..	158
Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa	18	..	3	15	126	22	..	148	105	19	..	124	249	38	..	287
Receiving Home, Wellington	231	16	..	247	2	9	..	11	45	11	..	56	278	36	..	314
Te Oranga Home, Christchurch	..	..	..	..	49	6	..	55	24	7	..	31	73	13	..	86
Receiving Home, Christchurch	185	..	11	174	9	5	..	14	92	..	1	91	286	..	7	279
Burnham	4	1	..	5	106	1	..	107	139	..	25	114	249	..	23	226
Caversham	178	..	7	171	23	5	..	28	83	..	..	83	284	..	2	282
Private Schools—																
St. Mary's, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	96	10	..	106	45	..	4	41	141	6	..	147
St. Joseph's, Wellington..	..	..	..	..	25	..	2	23	27	..	1	26	52	..	3	49
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	1	..	..	1	155	3	..	158	111	..	8	103	267	..	5	262
St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin	6	2	..	8	41	1	..	42	9	2	..	11	56	5	..	61
Totals	690	26	21	695	660	63	2	721	725	49	39	735	2,075	116	40	2,151

The total number belonging to all schools whose maintenance was a charge against the public funds was 1,441, or 71 more than the number at the end of 1906. Of this total, 392 were resident at Government schools, and 329 at private schools. The number boarded out with foster-parents for payment was 687, 8 being from private schools. There were maintained in various corrective institutions 7 girls; in orphanages, 1 girl; at the Costley Training Institution, Auckland, 11 boys; in hospitals, 3 boys and 3 girls; and 2 girls and 6 boys in mental hospitals. There were also 710 who, although still on the books of the schools, were not dependent on them for maintenance.

The total net cost in connection with both Government and private schools was £32,552 7s. 9d., being £2,946 5s. 11d. less than for the previous year. Table M2 shows the cost of the Government schools, in which is included the expenditure for the maintenance of children boarded out with foster-parents; it also includes the cost of supervision of all the boys and girls who are permitted to reside away from the schools to which they belong. In this table account is taken of the amounts paid by Charitable Aid Boards for children sent to the schools as indigent, payments from persons against whom there are orders for maintenance, and the receipts from the sale of farm-produce, &c.

TABLE M2.—EXPENDITURE ON GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1907.

Government Schools.	Cost of School, including Buildings and other Works.			Boarding out. (Included in first column.)			Salaries. (Included in first column.)			Recoveries.			Net Cost.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	2,625	16	0	1,259	2	7	414	8	9	946	16	4	1,678	19	8
Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa	12,436	16	1	361	5	6	1,858	17	5	2,229	14	7	10,207	1	6
Receiving Home, Wellington..	6,879	0	3	4,211	13	0	417	7	1	3,537	10	2	3,341	10	1
Te Oranga Home	2,467	7	7	..	..	..	726	16	0	166	15	6	2,300	12	1
Receiving Home, Christchurch	5,754	12	6	3,388	10	11	494	17	4	2,941	3	2	2,813	9	4
Burnham	6,421	10	9	97	10	0	2,214	15	11	675	6	7	5,746	4	2
Caversham	5,374	10	4	3,089	12	4	724	6	3	3,547	8	8	1,827	1	8
Totals	41,959	13	6	12,407	14	4	6,851	8	9	14,044	15	0	27,914	18	6
Salaries, travelling allowances, and expenses of departmental officers (inspectors, visiting officers, &c.)													1,961	9	0
Refund of inmates' earnings ..													72	12	4
Commission expenses, inquiry held at Burnham (balance of) ..													21	4	9
Allowance to A. Thompson, late visiting officer ..													100	0	0
Contingencies													181	2	1
Total net cost													30,251	6	8