

Table M3 shows the payments made by the Government on account of children belonging to private industrial schools. The recoveries include payments made by parents under orders for maintenance; but as contributions from Charitable Aid Boards are made directly to the managers of these schools, they are not taken into account in this statement.

TABLE M3.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE (ROMAN CATHOLIC) SCHOOLS, 1907.

Name of School.	Gross Cost.	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Auckland	1,311 7 6	314 7 11	996 19 7
St. Joseph's, Wellington	199 15 0	21 13 5	178 1 7
St. Mary's, Nelson	1,037 3 10	358 19 1	678 4 9
St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin	123 8 4	24 11 0	98 17 4
Totals	2,671 14 8	719 11 5	1,952 3 3

Other payments made by the Government are shown in the following table :—

TABLE M4.—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE ON SPECIAL CASES AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS, 1907.

	Government Schools.						Roman Catholic Schools.	Total.
	Auckland.	Wellington Receiving Home.	Te Oranga Home.	Christchurch Receiving Home.	Caversham.	Total.	St. Mary's, Nelson.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland—								
Costley Training Institution	242 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	242 0 0	.. .. .	242 0 0
Wellington—								
Salvation Army Home .. .. .	.. .. .	3 16 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3 16 0	.. .. .	3 16 0
Christchurch—								
Mount Magdala .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	72 16 9	.. .. .	.. .. .	72 16 9	0 17 5	73 14 2
Children's Convalescent Cottage Home .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3 0 0	.. .. .	3 0 0	.. .. .	3 0 0
Samaritan Home .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	16 8 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	16 8 0	.. .. .	16 8 0
Dunedin—								
Otago Benevolent Institution .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2 18 3	2 18 3	.. .. .	2 18 3
Salvation Army Maternity Home .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	8 5 5	8 5 5	.. .. .	8 5 5
Total	242 0 0	3 16 0	89 4 9	3 0 0	11 3 8	349 4 5	0 17 5	350 1 10
Less miscellaneous recoveries .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1 4 0
Net total .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	348 17 10

The amount collected from parents towards the maintenance of their children was £4,329 10s. 9d., an increase of £852 2s. 3d. This total represents contributions at the rate of £3 0s. 1d. per head of the number of children (1,441) maintained at the public cost.

The total amount in the Post-Office Savings-Bank to the credit of the earnings accounts of young people now under the control of industrial schools, or who formerly belonged to them, was £22,084 9s. 10d. at the 31st December, 1907. Of this amount, £17,514 18s. 10d. was held on account of Government schools, and £4,569 11s. for private schools. The sum withdrawn during the year amounted to £2,157 18s. 8d. for Government schools, and £399 8s. 9d. for private schools.

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

The school reopened with 71 pupils on the roll—36 boys and 35 girls. During the year 4 boys and 1 girl were admitted and 1 girl left the school, thus the number belonging at the close of the year 1907 was 75—40 boys and 35 girls.

The increase in the population of the Dominion, the enactment making the education of deaf children compulsory, and the fact that it is now the practice to admit pupils at an earlier age than formerly, must all have the effect of adding to the number of children to be provided for, and the question of making additions to the residential accommodation at Sumner is now under consideration.