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 The sum withdrawn during the year amounted to £2,157 18s. 8d.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.

No. 2.

STATISTICS.

Memorandum for the Hon. the Minister of Education.

In December, 1907, the number on the books of all the industrial schools was 2,151, or 76 more than at the close of the year 1906. On the books of the Government industrial schools there were 1,632, an increase of 73 over the corresponding number for 1906; on the books of the private (Roman Catholic) industrial schools there were 519, or 3 more than at the end of the previous year. Of the total number (2,151) belonging to all schools, 1,441 children were dependent on public funds for maintenance. The remainder (710) may be classified as follows: Licensed to reside with friends, 171; at service, &c., 421; boarded out without payment, 8; in hospitla, 3; at the Costley Training Institution, Auckland, under license, 8; in other institutions, 13; in gaol, 6; absent without leave, or whereabouts unknown, 80—namely, 12 from service, 67 from the schools, and 1 from friends.

The following table shows the status of all the inmates at the close of the year:—

Inmates, 31st December, 1907.

Inmates.	Government Schools.										Private Schools.					All Schools.					
	Auckland.		Boy's Training Farm, Weraroa.	Receiving Home, Wellington.		Te Oranga Home.	Receiving	Christehuren.	Burnham	Coverebon	Caversham.		Auckland.	St. Joseph's, Wellington.	St. Mary's, Nelson.	St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.	ui di	·	77	Protestant.	Catholic.
	В	. G.	В.	В.	G.	G.	В.	G.	В.	В.	G.	В.	G.	G.	B. G.	G.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Prot	Cath
In the schools Boarded out With friends At service Training-ship In hospitals, convalescent homes,	2	29 30 4 21	148 15 47 57	151 12 16 		55 2 18 	5 92 9 33 1		107 5 24 47 	99 5 8	28 72 13 50	2	51 1 26 	23 8 18 	115 48 1 16 5 44 19	8 5 6	434 406 118 219 1 6	287 289 53 201	721 695 171 420 1 9	353 616 115 275 1 6	368 79 56 145
&c. In mental hospi-	ļ.,			1		1	1		2	2	1	١			.		6	2	8	6	2
tals At Costley Training Institution	19		••			••			••	••		 					19	•••	19	17	2
Under control of refuges or cog- nate institutions	٠.	2	••	•••	6	7	2	1	••		1	١		••	. .		2	17	19	12	7
Under control of orphanage, cottage home, &c.	1	• •	••	••	••	• •	•••		••						1		1	1	2	1	1
In gaol Absent without leave, or where-	 -:		20		•••	3	8	••	6 34	i	1	2	1		15		6 75	5	6 80	5 57	1 23
abouts unknown	-	86	287	-	12 9	86	-	132	226	-	167	/ -	-	49	193 69	61	1,298	858	2,151	1,464	687
Totals	1	58		314			219			2	282		47		262						