

The aggregate number of non-committed inmates placed out to service, but still under the care of the school authorities at the close of the year, was 36 (27 boys and 9 girls). They were from the following schools: Howe Street Home, 8 (5 boys and 3 girls); Thames Orphanage, 1 girl; and Lyttelton Orphanage, 27 (22 boys and 5 girls): In addition to these, 1 boy and 6 girls belonging to Lyttelton Orphanage were placed out with friends.

It has not been possible to obtain from all the schools reliable information as to the ages of the children. The following is a summary of the ages of children in schools from which complete returns have been procured :—

TABLE W.—AGES OF CHILDREN IN SOME INDUSTRIAL AND ORPHAN SCHOOLS, 31ST DECEMBER, 1880.

AGES.	Committed Children.						Children not Committed.								
	Burnham.			Caversham.			St. Stephen's, Parnell.			Motueka.			Lyttelton.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Under 1 year ...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 year and under 2 ...	...	...	...	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
2 years and under 3 ...	...	1	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1
3 years and under 4 ...	2	4	6	4	5	9	2	1	3	...	...	...	2	...	2
4 years and under 5 ...	4	7	11	13	4	17	2	...	2	1	1	2	1	2	3
5 years and under 7 ...	7	5	12	20	14	34	9	7	16	2	2	4	2	10	12
7 years and under 13 ...	80	31	111	101	60	161	24	12	36	9	10	19	39	21	60
13 years and under 15 ...	20	7	27	12	19	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	17
Above 15 years ...	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	2	3
total ...	114	56	170	154	108	262	38	22	60	12	15	27	53	45	98

In addition to lodging, board, clothing, and domestic training, day-school teaching is provided for the children of suitable age resident in all these institutions. Attached to the Howe Street Home is an ordinary public school, maintained by the Education Board of the district, and on account of which the usual capitation grants are paid. The same plan is adopted at the Thames Orphanage and the Dunedin Benevolent Orphanage. The Thames Orphanage is situated at Kauaeranga Valley, about five miles distant from Grahamstown, and the day-school, which is taught by the master of the institution, is attended not only by the inmates but also by the children of the settlers in the neighbourhood, who would otherwise be without the means of education. As the Education Department has only recently been intrusted with the general supervision of the orphanages, there has not yet been sufficient time to obtain the same full and reliable information respecting the day-school instruction in them as in the case of the public schools. As far as can be ascertained, the following are the numbers receiving such instruction at the close of 1880: St. Mary's, Auckland, 50; St. Stephen's, Parnell, 50; St. Joseph's Providence, Wellington, 51; St. Mary's, Nelson, 45; Motueka Orphanage, 25; Lyttelton Orphanage, 86; Burnham, 160; Caversham, 226: total, 693. To these may be added the following numbers, which, for the reasons already stated, are included in the ordinary public school returns: Howe Street Home, 87; Thames Orphanage, 31; and Dunedin Benevolent Orphanage, 30: total, 148.

A separate parliamentary paper contains more detailed information respecting the industrial schools and orphanages.*

The following table contains a summary of the receipts and expenditure of the several institutions, compiled from the accounts for the school year 1880, except in the case of Howe Street Home, Parnell Orphanage, Burnham, and Caversham, whose accounts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1881, have had to be taken. The classification of the expenditure is not to be regarded as absolutely correct in the case of St. Mary's, Auckland, St. Joseph's, Wellington, St. Mary's, Nelson, and Motueka Orphanage, as the cost of management cannot be separated from other expenditure connected with these institutions :—

* Appendix to Journals of House of Representatives, 1881, E.—6a.