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THE Burnham and Caversham Industrial Schools are wholly maintained by Government. The cost for each child at Burnham for the year (including salaries of officers and teachers) was £13 9s. 4½d., or deducting sums received from relatives of the children £11 14s. 0½d. To this should be added £1 5s. 3d. for each child, for the value, £235 19s. 8d., of produce raised on the farm and consumed. During the year £1,325 was spent on buildings, and £224 was spent on the farm in excess of the returns from sale of produce and the value of produce raised and consumed; and these two items represent about £8 5s. for each child. It would not be quite fair to charge this to annual maintenance, seeing that it has been expended on permanent extensions and improvements, and on stock. The cost at Caversham was £12 11s. 6d., or, deducting sums received from relatives, £11 9s. 2d., to either of which the expense that may be added for buildings is £2 5s. 10d.

The Kohimarama Naval Training School established under "The Naval Training Schools Act, 1874," has also been maintained by the Colonial Government. The cost for the year was about £35 5s. for each boy, about £1 of this amount being for expenses not properly chargeable to annual maintenance. Contributions from parents to the extent of £2 0s. 6d. reduce the cost to £33 4s. 6d. At the end of March in the present year the school was broken up, it being considered that in the present circumstances of the colony no adequate return was obtained for the comparatively large outlay on an institution of this character. Most of the boys were sent to suitable places of service or to their relatives, and the remainder—twelve in number—were committed by the Resident Magistrate to the industrial school which now occupies the Kohimarama premises.

The Auckland Industrial Home was until March of this year maintained by a benevolent society, and Government gave £1 for every pound voluntarily contributed to the society, and paid £10 a year for every child committed under "The Neglected and Criminal Children Act, 1867," or admitted at the instance of the Relieving Officer, besides which the Auckland Board of Education received a capitation allowance of £3 16s. 6d. under "The Education Act, 1877," for every inmate attending the day-school of the home. This arrangement ceased on the 31st March, and the school is now maintained in the same way as those at Caversham and Burnham. The boys—except a few very young ones—have been removed to the premises formerly occupied by the Naval Training School, and the girls remain at the Home in Howe Street. It is proposed to sell the Howe Street property, and to provide new accommodation for both boys and girls on a reserve made for the purpose of a site for a lunatic asylum near Mount Eden.

The St. Stephen's Orphanage at Auckland is maintained by a Church of England charity, and the St. Mary's Industrial School and Orphanage (also at Auckland) by the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church. The payments made by Government to both these schools are £1 for every pound of voluntary contributions, and £10 for each child sent in by the Relieving Officer, and, in the case of St. Mary's, for each committed child.

The Thames Orphanage is practically maintained by the Borough and County Councils; and the Lyttelton Orphanage by the Charitable Aid Board: the accounts in both cases being paid in the first instance by the Colonial Secretary's Department, and then charged against the subsidy payable to the local bodies. The amount so paid by Government for each child at the Thames Orphanage was £21 4s. 3d., and the Education Board received £3 16s. 6d. for each child in average attendance at the day-school. The payments paid by Government on account of the Lyttelton Orphanage amount to £16 15s. for each child, the remainder of the cost, £2 5s. 7d., being met by contributions of relatives.

For each child sent to St. Joseph's, Wellington, by order of the City Council, the cost is 1s. a day, which is borne in equal proportions by the Government and the City Council. The payment for children maintained by the Government at St. Mary's, Nelson, is 1s. a day; and at Motueka Orphanage (which is a school carried on by a private person) the charge is 7s. a week in some cases and 8s. a week in others.

The schools at Burnham and Caversham have been for the last two years under the direct management of the Education Department, and the Auckland Industrial School at Howe Street and Kohimarama has been placed on the same footing during the current quarter. The other industrial schools