

783. Those at the Auckland Industrial Home and at the Thames are included in the returns of "public school" attendance; the rest (684) are children taught at the public expense in addition to the pupils of the public schools.

Beside the actual inmates of industrial and training schools and orphanages, there were, at the end of the year, 314 young persons (210 boys and 104 girls) out in service or with their friends, but still subject to the authority of the institutions. The numbers in connection with the several institutions respectively were as follows: Auckland Industrial Home, 26 boys and 13 girls; Kohimarama, 25 boys; Thames, 2 boys; Motueka, 4 boys and 7 girls; Lyttelton, 17 and 3; Burnham, 20 and 15; Caversham, 116 and 66.

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MEMORANDUM BY MR. HABENS.

THE brief statements made by the police authorities, when children are committed to the industrial schools, show that in by far the greater number of cases the parents are to blame. Of the 294 admissions entered in Table S, 12 are cases of readmission from service. Of the 282 cases of commitment, there are 55 not due to the parents' faults, and 51 others in which the returns do not indicate any cause of blame. But in 63 cases both parents are of unsatisfactory character, in 90 one or other of them, and in 23 either one or both. In the following table these 282 children are grouped so as to show the circumstances or character of the parents as reported to the department.

COMMITTED CHILDREN CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER.

Children of	Mothers described as						Total.
	Dead.	Sick, Lunatic, Disabled, &c.	Of Good Character.	Not Known or Not Stated.	Of Bad Character.	Deserters.	
Fathers described as—							
Dead	12	11	1	1	10	15	50
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	1	...	2	...	...	4	7
Of good character (or poor)	12	4	12	17	8	...	53
Not known (or not described)	10	2	4	17	7	2	42
Of bad character	17	6	4	14	22	1	64
Deserters	6	5	15	...	34	6	66
Totals	58	28	38	49	81	28	282

The accounts given of the parents of the children not committed by Magistrates are more satisfactory. One of the 47 children was readmitted from service. The remaining 46 cases may be described as follows: In 30 cases the destitution appears to be due to misfortune; there are 3 in which both parents are certainly to blame, and 7 in which only one of them is at fault; in 3 cases one of the parents is unfortunate, and the character of the other is not stated; and as to the remaining 3 there is no sufficient information. The 46 cases are classified in the following table.

PARENTAGE OF NON-COMMITTED CHILDREN.

Children of	Mothers described as						Total.
	Dead.	Sick, Lunatic, Disabled, &c.	Of Good Character.	Not Known or Not Stated.	Of Bad Character.	Deserters.	
Fathers described as—							
Dead	11	7	11	2	...	...	31
Of good character (or poor)	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Not known (or not described)	...	1	...	3	1	2	7
Deserters	...	4	...	...	...	3	7
Totals	11	13	11	5	1	5	46

The ages of the children in the several institutions at the end of the year are shown in the following table. The large proportion of very young children at Caversham is remarkable.

AGES OF THE CHILDREN MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT IN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS, ETC.

Institution.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 3.	3 and under 4.	4 and under 5.	5 and under 7.	7 and under 10.	10 and under 13.	13 and under 15.	Above 15 Years.	Total.
Howe Street, Auckland	...	1	3	5	9	16	36	22	5	1	98
St. Mary's, Auckland	...	...	...	3	2	6	8	14	2	...	35
St. Stephen's, Parnell	...	...	1	...	1	4	7	5	...	...	18
Thames Orphanage	1	...	...	...	...	2	6	7	3	...	19
Kohimarama	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	18	...	53
St. Joseph's, Wellington	...	...	...	1	2	...	8	8	1	...	20
St. Mary's, Nelson	...	...	1	4	1	12	13	27	11	3	72
Motueka Orphanage	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	4	3	...	21
Lyttelton Orphanage	...	...	...	2	3	10	29	28	19	2	93
Burnham	1	1	...	4	10	30	51	77	39	4	217
Caversham	5	4	4	14	5	35	79	68	34	1	249
Totals	7	6	9	33	33	119	247	295	135	11	895