

Four children were sent out from Howe Street Home to foster-parents, and one was discharged. A boy and a girl at St. Mary's, Nelson, and a boy and a girl at Lyttelton Orphanage, died during the year. The other 39 who left were placed with their relatives or friends, or were sent to service.

Lines 1 and 19, Table No. 1, show an increase of 51 for the year in the number of resident committed children in the three private schools at the close of 1883, and a decrease of 73 in the number of those resident in the three Government institutions, the decrease on the whole being 22. The following table gives the particulars concerning each school:—

TABLE No. 3.—NUMBER OF RESIDENT COMMITTED CHILDREN.

Schools.	Resident, December 31, 1882.	Resident, December 31, 1883.	Increase for Year.	Decrease for Year.
Government Schools—				
Auckland	138	137		1
Burnham	281	233		48
Caversham	278	254		24
Private Schools—				
Thames	8	10	2	
St. Mary's, Ponsonby	38	45	7	
St. Mary's, Nelson	79	121	42	
Totals	822	800	51	73

As already shown, there was an actual increase for the year of 263 in the number of committed children belonging to the schools at the end of 1883, the decrease in the number of resident children notwithstanding this circumstance being due to the large number placed out at service or with friends, and more particularly to the successful operation of the scheme for boarding out the younger children with foster-parents.

The following is a summary of the payments made by the Government on account of all the industrial schools and orphanages during the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1884:—

TABLE No. 4.—EXPENDITURE BY GOVERNMENT ON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND ORPHANAGES.

Schools.	Gross Expenditure.				Recoveries from Parents, &c.	Net Expenditure.
	Salaries.	General Maintenance.	Foster- children.	Total.		
Auckland (Howe Street and Kohimarama)	£ s. d. 637 1 7	£ s. d. 2,014 12 11	£ s. d. 136 12 0	£ s. d. 2,788 6 6	£ s. d. 317 12 5	£ s. d. 2,470 14 1
Burnham	896 7 1	4 198 14 1	960 18 11	6,056 0 1	542 1 9	5,513 18 4
Caversham	1 265 11 4	3,152 7 10	1,228 0 1	5,645 19 3	315 18 8	5,330 0 7
St. Mary's, Ponsonby				849 1 8	33 2 0	815 19 8
St. Stephen's, Parnell				172 1 8		172 1 8
Thames Orphanage				451 10 8	44 19 5	406 11 3
St. Joseph's, Wellington				375 9 0		375 9 0
St. Mary's, Nelson				2,294 13 0	45 4 0	2,249 9 0
Motueka Orphanage	..			571 14 7		571 14 7
Lyttelton Orphanage		.		2,450 6 2	171 2 8	2 279 3 6
Visiting Officer and Collector			.	131 8 0		131 8 0
Total	..			21,786 10 7	1,470 0 11	20,316 9 8

The addition of £402 15s. 11d. expended on buildings at the Auckland, Burnham, and Caversham Schools raises the total amount to £20,719 5s. 7d. The expenditure on Lyttelton Orphanage includes the sum of £478 9s. 7d. paid on account of permanent work on the buildings, thus reducing the current expenditure to £1,770 19s. 5d.

The monthly returns made by the managers of the several institutions show the average number of resident children, and from these the average number for the year is ascertained. The following table has been compiled with a view to show the average number of resident children in each institution for the financial year ending March 31, 1884, and the average yearly, weekly, and daily cost to Government of each child:—