

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1888.

Children of	Mothers described as						Total.
	Dead.	Sick, Lunatic, Disabled, &c.	Of Good Character (or Poor).	Not known or not stated.	Of Bad Character.	Deserters.	
Fathers described as—							
Dead	15	6	12	1	7	2	43
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	2	..	..	..	2	2	6
Of good character (or poor)	14	6	12	16	5	..	53
Not known or not stated	2	..	4	3	7	1	17
Of bad character	14	4	1	4	19	..	42
Deserters	3	11	7	2	3	3	29
Totals	50	27	36	26	43	8	190

The expenditure for the year on account of Government schools was £18,805 2s. 8d., against which is to be set £7,154 2s. 9d., recovered from Charitable Aid Boards and from parents. It is not easy to ascertain the exact average cost for one child. The expenditure for 1888 includes an unusually large proportion of accounts of the previous year, and part of the expenses is on account of outfit furnished to children sent out to board for the first time. The average number of children resident in the Government schools or boarded-out from them was 812 (285 resident and 527 boarded-out). The apparent cost for each of these children (ascertained by dividing the total cost by 812) is £23. The rate of payment for boarded-out children has until lately been 7s. a week. In new cases the rate is now 6s., and steps are being taken to make this rate general. Table W shows the cost of each of the Government schools.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

School.	Cost of School.	Cost of Boarding-out.	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	337 17 11	752 8 0	280 7 1	809 18 10
Kohimarama	1,853 11 3	1,504 1 6	846 16 0	2,010 16 9
Burnham	3,180 3 10	4,502 12 1	2,916 4 10	4,766 11 1
Caversham	2,809 14 5	4,106 1 1	3,110 14 10	3,805 0 8
Totals	7,681 7 5	10,865 2 8	7,154 2 9	11,392 7 4
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer				258 12 7
Total				11,650 19 11

Table X shows the payments made by the Department for the maintenance of children in "private" schools. The "local" school at the Thames is maintained wholly by the local authorities.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

School.	Payments.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure by Government.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. Mary's, Ponsonby (Auckland)	622 19 0	47 12 2	575 6 10
St. Joseph's, Wellington	123 2 0	30 19 2	92 2 10
St. Mary's, Nelson	1,640 1 1	260 14 9	1,379 6 4
Totals	2,386 2 1	339 6 1	2,046 16 0

Further information with respect to the industrial schools will be found in another paper (E.—3).

The Costley Institute received five boys from Kohimarama school during the year, and at the end of the year had four other boys on probation from the same school, and one girl from the Girl's School at Parnell. The accounts of the Institute have been duly received by the Department, and will be submitted to Parliament (E.—3A).

UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Consequent upon the examinations held at the end of 1888, the University of New Zealand has conferred the degree of M.A. on eleven Bachelors of Arts; of LL.B. on two Graduates in Arts; of B.Sc. on two Graduates in Arts; of B.A.