

DISCHARGES IN 1891.

Removed by	Government Schools.						Local School.		Private Schools.				All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Burnham.		Caversham.		Thames.		Ponsonby.	Wellington.	Nelson.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	G.	B.	G.			
Warrant of discharge ..	15	2	25	6	25	9	1	..	9	2	21	13	87	41	128
Death	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	4	8
Warrant of transfer to Costley Institute ..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	6
Attaining age of 21 ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3
Marriage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
Totals ..	18	6	25	10	25	10	1	..	9	2	24	16	93	53	146
	24		35		35		1				40		146		

NUMBERS OF 1890 AND 1891 COMPARED.

Inmates.				1890.	1891.	Increase or Decrease.
In the schools	..	..	..	544	527	- 17
Boarded out	..	..	..	427	422	- 5
With friends	..	..	..	82	119	+ 37
At service	..	..	..	372	394	+ 22
In hospital	..	..	..	3	2	- 1
In lunatic asylum ..	..	..	..	2	2	..
In Magdalen Asylum ..	..	..	..	2	2	..
In Blind Asylum, Auckland ..	..	..	..	1	2	+ 1
At Costley Institute ..	..	..	..	2	1	- 1
In gaol	..	..	..	2	..	- 2
In refuge	..	..	..	..	1	+ 1
Absent without leave ..	..	..	..	17	20	+ 3
Totals	..	..	..	1,454	1,492	+ 38

No. 3.

DR. PURCHAS'S REPORT ON THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

SIR,—

Auckland, 7th April, 1892.

In compliance with your request I now forward my annual report on the health of the children of the industrial schools under my medical charge.

At the time of my last report there were a few cases of typhoid fever at the Parnell Industrial School; these all did well, and there has been no serious illness since that time. The boarded-out children have also been remarkably free from sickness during the year. At Kohimarama there has been very little demand for medical aid. One case of accidental injury was sent to the hospital without any reference to me, but was reported to me by the master shortly afterwards. As I did not see the boy, I am unable to express any opinion as to the necessity of the step that was taken.

The diminished number of committals is a subject for rejoicing, as indicating an improvement in the condition of the people.

The so-called "Truant School" in this city may fairly be credited with a part of the improvement, for it is doing a good work amongst those who would otherwise be likely to become inmates of the industrial schools. At the same time, it should be remembered that to the boarding-out system is due the cheering fact that of the large number who have at various times been committed so few now remain as inmates of the schools.

In connection with the Girls' School at Parnell, I think I ought to refer to the fact, that, in the absence of any female reformatory, all girls committed at Auckland are of necessity sent to the same schools, and thus there is danger that those who have been decently brought up may suffer morally, and possibly even physically, from the companionship of girls who have unhappily been living in houses of ill-fame. It is greatly to be desired that provision should be made for the separate treatment of poor girls, who, often through no fault of their own, have suffered the greatest misfortune which could befall them.

I am, &c.,

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No. 4.

DR. PRINS'S REPORT ON BURNHAM SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1892.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the Industrial School at Burnham:—

The school has been kept clean and orderly throughout the year. With the exception of trifling ailments the inmates have been in excellent health. The boarding-out system continues to