

Of the inmates whose names were removed from the roll during the year six had reached the age of 21, and were *ipso facto* discharged. One young woman, having married (with the consent of the manager, her guardian) ceased to be under the control of the school. Three were transferred to the Costley Training Institution at the request of the Trustees. There were three deaths during the year: a boy between 7 and 8 years old, died at Nelson, of tubercular meningitis; a boy of 5 years, boarded out from Burnham, died in hospital of tumour on the brain; and a boy nearly 15 years old, a half-caste Maori, an inmate of Burnham, who had absconded from his place of service, was accidentally shot on the Port Hills, near Christchurch. By warrant of His Excellency the Governor, 172 other inmates were discharged.

The new inmates are distinguished, with respect to religious denomination, as follows: Church of England, 76; Roman Catholic, 54; Presbyterian, 26; Methodist, 18; Salvation Army, 1. There were 60 girls among the 175 new inmates: 36 destitute, 6 vagrant, 11 living in disreputable places, 6 guilty of punishable offences, and 1 admitted by arrangement. Of the boys, 50 were destitute, 8 vagrant, 7 living in disreputable places, 2 uncontrollable, 45 guilty of punishable offences, and 3 admitted by arrangement.

So far as the information summarised in Table U can be relied on, it appears that in 35 cases father and mother alike were of unsatisfactory character, in 47 cases the father alone, in 29 cases the mother alone, in 54 cases neither; and in the 10 cases remaining the data are wanting.

TABLE U.—ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1895.

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	3	1	15	1	9	..	29
Sick, lunatic, disabled, &c.	1	..	..	..	2	1	4
Of good character (or poor)	9	2	23	1	7	2	44
Not known or not stated	2	1	3	2	7	1	16
Of bad character	19	2	10	1	24	2	58
Deserters	1	4	10	..	4	5	24
Totals	35	10	61	5	53	11	175

The cost of maintaining the industrial schools and the amount recovered (from Charitable Aid Boards, from parents, from sale of farm produce, &c.) are shown in Tables W and X. These do not differ from the similar tables for 1894 in any degree that seems to call for notice.

TABLE W.—COST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1895.

School.	Gross Cost of School.	Cost of boarding out. (Included in preceding Column.)	Recoveries.	Net Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	1,282 1 7	648 5 2	337 13 9	944 7 10
Burnham	6,002 5 6	2,631 10 8	2,282 8 2	3,719 17 4
Caversham	6,359 14 8	3,257 12 10	4,223 14 1	2,131 0 7
Totals	13,644 1 9	6,537 8 8	6,848 16 0	6,795 5 9
Salary and expenses of Visiting Officer				373 15 9
Total				7,169 1 6