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EXTRACT FROM THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

THE number of inmates on the books of the industrial schools increased from 1,559 to 1,588 during the year: 150 have been discharged, and 179 admitted. The increase in Government schools was 12; in private schools, 17. Of the whole number of 1,588 inmates, 589 though under the control of the institutions were not dependent on them for maintenance, 119 being licensed to reside with their friends, 439 placed at service, 3 in hospital, 3 in lunatic asylums, 1 in blind asylum, 2 on probation at the Costley Training Institution, 2 in prison, and 20 absent without leave (8 from places of service and 12 from the schools). Those who were dependent on the schools for maintenance number 999, divided as follows:—581 resident inmates of the schools, 396 boarded out, and 22 girls whose maintenance was paid for in several appropriate institutions. Of the resident inmates 199 were in Government and 382 in private schools; and of the children boarded out 385 were from Government schools and 11 from private schools.

Great care is taken to avoid an undue commingling of different classes of children in the Government schools, so that, although there are 1,099 nominal inmates of these schools, the number actually resident is only 199—only 18 per cent.; the rest are accounted for as follows:—385 are boarded out, 85 are living with their friends, 371 are in service, 41 in institutions better suited to their condition, and 18 absent without leave.

TABLE T.—INMATES, 1896 AND 1897.

	Boarded out.				In Residence.				At Service, &c.				Totals.			
	Dec., 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1897.	Dec., 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1897.	Dec., 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1897.	D., 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.	Dec., 1897.
Government Schools—																
Auckland	30	..	..	30	10	1	..	11	41	..	4	37	81	..	3	78
Burnham	176	..	11	165	105	..	5	100	243	21	..	264	524	5	..	529
Caversham	211	..	21	190	76	12	..	88	195	19	..	214	482	10	..	492
Private Schools—																
St. Mary's, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	46	16	..	62	20	..	3	17	66	13	..	79
St. Joseph's, Wellington ..	4	..	..	4	66	..	4	62	10	2	..	12	80	..	2	78
St. Mary's, Nelson ..	7	..	..	7	253	5	..	258	66	1	..	67	326	6	..	332
Totals	428	..	32	396	556	34	9	581	575	43	7	611	1,559	34	5	1,588

Of the 150 discharged during the year, 125 were discharged by warrant, 16 attained the age of 21 years, 6 died, 2 were transferred to the Costley Training Institution, and one was married with the consent of the Manager, who