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The number on the books of the Government industrial schools at the close of the year 1900 was 1,163, or 55 more than in December, 1899; on the books of the private industrial schools there were 540, or 20 less than at the end of the previous year. The total number of "inmates" on the books of all the schools was therefore 1,703, an increase of 35 over the corresponding number for 1899. The number actually in residence was 598—namely, 231 at Government schools (including 7 at receiving-homes) and 367 at the private industrial schools (including 1 at a receiving-home). There were boarded out 402 from Government schools, and 7 from private schools, or 409 in all. There were 18 girls in various corrective institutions, 8 boys and girls in orphan homes, 2 boys at the Institution for the Blind, Auckland, and 1 at the School for Deaf-mutes, Sum-The total number of inmates dependent on the schools for maintenance was therefore 1,036, being 3 more than the number at the end of 1899. The remaining 667 were not dependent on the schools for maintenance, but were still subject to control and supervision. They may be classified as follows: Licensed to reside with friends, 138; at service, 472; in hospital, 2; in lunatic asylum, 3; in the Costley Training Institution, Auckland, on probation, 2; in other institutions without payment, 15; in gaol, 3; absent without leave, 32 (namely, 16 from service and 16 from the schools).

The inmates on the books of the four Government industrial schools in existence at the end of 1900 were distributed as follows: Auckland, 94; Burnham, 562; Caversham, 494; Te Oranga, 13: total, 1,163. Of those belonging to private industrial schools, there were on the books of St. Mary's, Auckland, 127; St. Joseph's, Wellington, 82; St. Mary's, Nelson, 307; St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin, 24: total, 540.

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