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IN December, 1902, the total number on the books of all the industrial schools was 1,847, or 84 more than at the close of the year 1901. On the books of the Government industrial schools there were 1,286, an increase of 61 over the corresponding number for 1901; on the books of the private industrial schools there were 561, or 23 more than at the end of the previous year. The number in residence at Government schools was 283, and at private industrial schools 327, so that 610 was the total number of "inmates" actually in residence. The number boarded out was 441, one being from a private school and the rest from Government schools. There were 24 girls maintained in various corrective institutions, 11 boys and girls in orphan homes, 1 boy at the Blind Institute, Auckland, and 2 at the School for Deaf-mutes, Sumner. The total number of inmates dependent on the schools for maintenance was therefore 1,082, or 2 less than the number at the end of 1901. The remaining 758, although still subject to control and supervision, were not dependent on the schools for maintenance. They may be classified as follows: Licensed to reside with friends, 176; at service, 518; in hospital, 3; in lunatic asylum, 4; in the Costley Training Institution, Auckland, on probation, 1; in other institutions without payment, 12; in gaol, 5; absent without leave, 39—namely, 23 from service and 16 from the schools.

There were six Government industrial schools in existence in 1902, and the numbers of inmates on their books at the end of the year were as follows: Auckland, 106; Receiving Home, Wellington, 100; Receiving Home, Christchurch, 228; Burnham, 271; Te Oranga Home, 50; Caversham, 531: total, 1,286. Those belonging to private industrial schools were distributed as follows: St. Mary's, Auckland, 134; St. Joseph's, Wellington, 79; St. Mary's, Nelson, 314; St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin, 34: total, 561.