

The total amount in the Post-Office Savings-Bank to the credit of the earning accounts of young people now under the control of industrial schools, or who formerly belonged to them was, at 31st December, 1909 ... £25,005 13 9
 Amount held on account of Government schools ... 19,354 2 10
 Amount held on account of private schools... 5,651 10 11

Sum withdrawn during the year,—

Government schools	...	...	...	...	3,486 10 1
Private schools	...	...	...	...	689 11 5

These moneys are dealt with according to law. In practice each earner receives the amount with interest some time after the termination of the period of State control, when he produces evidence of good character, and ability to apply it wisely. In cases of relapse into evil ways forfeiture of the money may result.

INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

This system provides for the supervision of children who are nursed or maintained apart from their parents or guardians for fee or reward. Comprehensive information as to its administration is given in the report of the Secretary for Education (which appears in E.—4, "Special Schools for Infant-life Protection"). During the year 1,181 children were dealt with, 563 of whom were under one year old. The total number of deaths was 25, equal to 2.12 per cent.

The expenditure on account of this work during the year amounted to £981, made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of visiting nurses and local representatives	588	12	6
Travelling-expenses of district agents, visiting nurses, and local representatives	222	8	6
Payments to foster-parents for board of infants...	95	17	11
Legal expenses	10	19	6
Office expenses (including rent), advertising, and sundries	82	18	4
Less recoveries	18	19	8

No. 2.—SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, SUMNER.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR.

SIR,—

School for the Deaf, Sumner, 26th April, 1910.

I have the honour to lay before you my report for the year 1909.

The number of pupils who have been under instruction during the year is shown in the following tabulated statement:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Pupils of the previous year who returned to school	46	36	82
Admitted at or near the commencement of the year	5	7	12
Admitted later	2	2	4
Total number on the roll	53	45	98
Left before the end of the school year	1	1	2
Left at the end of the school year...	3	4	7
Pupils expected to return in 1910	49	40	89

Of the 98 pupils, 25 came from the Auckland District, 3 from Taranaki, 3 from Hawke's Bay, 23 from Wellington, 1 from Nelson, 1 from Marlborough, 2 from Westland, 20 from Canterbury, and 20 from Otago.

Three boys were boarded out during the year, and one boy and two girls, who resided with friends in the neighbourhood, attended as day-pupils. It has been found that the progress of these children has been to a marked degree accelerated in consequence of their greater opportunities