

The total expenditure on the schools for the year under review was made up as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of teachers (including allowances and cost of removals)	732	4	5
Repairs, &c.	22	11	10
Scholarships	70	0	0
Inspection	16	16	0
Other expenses	59	14	9
Total	£901	7	0

In the table below is given the names of the teachers together with certain details of expenditure. The average roll number and average attendance for each school is also shown.

School.	Names of Teachers.	Salaries at End of 1912.	Allowance for Conveyance of Goods.	Attendance.	
				Mean of Average Attendance for Four Quarters of 1912.	Mean of Weekly Roll Number for Four Quarters of 1912.
		£ s. d.	£		
Te One	Wentzel, E.	H.M. 200 0 0	25	39	47
	Seymour, Miss A.	Pt. 5 55 0 0	..	..	..
	Lanauze, Miss G.	Pt. 4 55 0 0	..	..	..
Te Roto	Seymour, Miss E.	F. 108 0 0	15	21	25
Owenga	Hutchinson, J.	M. 99 0 0	15	12	13
Matarakau	Russell, Mrs. E. A.	F. 94 10 0	..	7	7
Total	..	611 10 0	55	79	92

SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

AFFLICTED AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

(E.—4, 1912.)

Children under State Guardianship.

During the year 1912 the number of children brought under the operation of the Industrial Schools Act was 405, the number discharged from control 238, and the number under control at the close of the year was 2,784—viz., 1,701 boys and 1,083 girls. There were 625 in residence at the eight Government institutions (of whom 142 and 65 were at the reformatories for boys and for girls respectively), and at the four private (Roman Catholic) schools there were 257 in residence.

Of the 951 children boarded out with foster-parents all but one belonged to Government industrial schools. The increase in the cost of living has made it necessary to reconsider the rates of payment to foster-parents, and it has been decided that from the beginning of the current year they are to be as follows: For children under one year old, 10s. a week; between twelve and eighteen months, 9s.; and then on to fourteen years, 8s.

Of the total number belonging 918 were in situations, with friends on probation, boarded without payment, or otherwise not a charge on the public funds; the remaining 1,866 being either boarded out, in residence at industrial schools, or paid for by the Government at other institutions. The parental contributions under orders of Court or agreement amounted to £7,828 15s. 8d., being at the rate of £4 3s. 11d. per head of the children maintained.

The net expenditure on account of industrial schools, exclusive of new buildings and works and purchase of property, increased during the year from £32,635 to £35,306, an increase which is very largely accounted for by the fact that 105¹/₂ more children were maintained.

Tables I1 and I2 of E.—4 give details of the expenditure on industrial schools during the year.

	1911.	1912.
Payments by Charitable Aid Boards for maintenance of children who came into Government schools owing to indigence (included in the total sum recovered)	£10,681 5s. 4d.	£9,506 9s. 8d.
Number of children at the end of the year belonging to Government schools who were so paid for	713	766
Number maintained at the expense of Charitable Aid Boards at private industrial schools.	106	117