

of the Minister. A register of punishments is to be kept, and a copy is to be sent to the Education Department monthly.

The regulations relating to inmates who are licensed to reside away from the schools are founded on the practice of the past nineteen years. For the first time, however, it is recognised that a foster-parent may administer corporal chastisement to boarded-out children. Provision is made for limiting the amount of work which a foster-parent may cause a boarded-out child to do.

Of the 160 inmates who during the year 1902 ceased to be under the control of the schools, 98 were discharged by warrant, 32 attained twenty-one years of age, 10 were transferred to the Costley Training Institution, 3 were married, and 17 died. The number of deaths (17) was very high. The medical certificates show that of the 5 inmates who were in residence at the time of death, 2 died of pneumonia, 1 of diabetes, 1 of paralysis, and 1 of diarrhœa complicated with hernia. Six boarded-out children died—of measles 4, spina bifida 1, and abscess psoas 1 respectively. One child died in a lunatic asylum from epilepsy; 1, who was at service, died of cerebral tumour; and there were 4 deaths in hospital—1 from phthisis, 1 from tubercular meningitis, 1 from cardiac disease, and 1 from the effects of an accident in the bootmaker's shop at the Burnham School.

The number of admissions during the year (244) shows an increase of 47 over the number for 1901. Of these 43 were sent from Dunedin, 46 from Wellington, 52 from Auckland, and 18 from Christchurch. Of the remaining 85 children, no one town or country district sent more than 12 to the schools.

From information taken from the Magistrates' orders it is found that the religious denominations in which the children who were admitted are to be brought up are: Church of England, 115; Roman Catholic, 85; Presbyterian, 29; Methodist, 11; Baptist, 1; Church of Christ, 1; Protestant, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 1.

TABLE T.—ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1902.

Fathers, described as	Mothers, described as	Precedent Condition of Children admitted in 1902.						Total.
		Destitute.	Vagrant.	Associating with Disreputable Persons.	Uncontrollable.	Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences.	By Arrangement.	
Dead	Dead	7	..	..	..	..	..	7
"	Good	10	..	..	..	6	..	16
"	Unknown ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
"	Bad	6	..	7	..	1	..	14
Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	Dead .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
"	Good .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Good	Dead	3	1	..	2	3	..	9
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3
"	Good	13	8	..	3	24	..	48
"	Bad	2	4	1	1	6	..	14
"	Deserter ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unknown	Dead	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Good	8	1	..	..	2	1	12
"	Unknown ..	..	1	2	..	1	..	4
"	Bad	8	1	5	..	1	1	16
"	Deserter ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bad	Dead	10	1	..	..	..	..	11
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Good	6	..	..	..	7	..	13
"	Bad	2	12	28	..	7	..	49
"	Deserter ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Deserter	Dead	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Good	11	..	..	..	1	..	12
"	Unknown ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Bad	2	..	1	..	..	..	3
Totals	Totals	98	29	44	8	63	2	244

At the end of 1902 there was in the Post-Office Savings-Bank on account of the earnings of inmates of Government industrial schools a sum of £11,581 9s. 4d., and on account of inmates of private industrial schools £2,321 16s. 1d. For inmates of Government schools a sum of £1,218 0s. 2d. was withdrawn during the year, and for inmates of private schools £129 19s. 5d.