

The number of inmates who during 1904 ceased to be under the control of industrial schools was 182. Of these 129 were discharged by warrant, 40 reached twenty-one years of age, 5 were married, and 8 died. Of this total 132 were of good character, 6 fair, and 10 bad; 4 were weak-minded, 11 were missing, 12 were discharged under fifteen years of age (3 of whom were adopted), 6 under that age died, and 1 was sent to a school under a misapprehension.

The number of deaths (8) shows a decrease of 5 on the number for the previous year. The medical certificates show that of the three inmates who were in residence at the time of death, 1 died of meningitis, 1 of heart disease and tubercular pneumonia, and 1 of rheumatic fever and pneumonia. One boarded-out child died, the cause of death being syphilis. Two inmates died in the hospital, one from erysipelas and the other from cardiac failure. One infant died in a nursing-home of atrophy, and one girl died with friends of tuberculosis of lungs and asthma.

The number of admissions during the year (191) shows a decrease of 40 from the number for 1903. Of these 31 were sent from Dunedin, 44 from Wellington, 28 from Auckland, and 37 from Christchurch. Of the remaining 51 children, no one town sent more than 6 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, 80; Roman Catholic, 58; Presbyterian, 38; Methodist, 14; and Baptist, 1.

TABLE J2. — ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1904.

Fathers, described as	Mothers, described as	Precedent Condition of Children admitted in 1904.						Total.
		Destitute.	Vagrant.	Associating with Disreputable Persons.	Uncontrollable.	Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences.	By Arrangement.	
Dead	Dead	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Good	8	2	..	3	2	..	15
"	Unknown	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Bad	2	..	8	..	1	..	11
"	Deserter	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Good	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Good	Dead	4	4	..	4	2	..	14
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
"	Good	10	4	..	1	19	2	36
"	Unknown .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
"	Bad	1	..	9	..	1	..	11
"	Deserter .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Unknown	Dead	1	1	..	..	2	..	4
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
"	Good	15	..	2	2	1	..	20
"	Unknown	4	..	..	..	2	..	6
"	Bad	6	1	..	..	..	1	8
"	Deserter	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bad	Dead .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
"	Good	1	1	..	..	5	..	7
"	Bad	3	3	14	..	4	..	24
"	Deserter	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Deserter	Dead .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Good	6	..	..	..	4	..	10
"	Bad .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Totals	77	22	34	10	45	3	191

At the end of 1904 there was in the Post Office Savings-Bank on account of the earnings of inmates of Government industrial schools a sum of £14,055 14s. 11d., and on account of inmates of private industrial schools £3,312 19s. 6d. For inmates of Government schools a sum of £1,755 6s. 8d. was withdrawn during the year, and for inmates of private schools £70 13s.

In Table J3 is shown the cost of the Government schools, in which is included the expenditure for the maintenance of inmates boarded out and the salaries of the resident staffs and medical officers; it also shows the cost of supervision of all inmates who are licensed to reside away from the schools; and, further, the amounts of the recoveries from Charitable Aid Boards, from persons against whom orders for maintenance have been made, and from the sale of farm-produce, &c.