

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1905, and 31st March, 1904.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1905.	31st March, 1904.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1905.	31st March, 1904.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1905.	31st March, 1904.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	...	...	...	...	7	9	...	2	7	9	...	2
Auckland	11	10	1	...	54	44	10	...	65	54	11	...
Coromandel and Thames...	...	1	...	1	15	20	...	5	15	21	...	6
Waikato	3	1	2	...	5	8	...	3	8	9	...	1
Bay of Plenty	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Cook	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	...
Hawke's Bay	5	7	...	2	2	1	1	...	7	8	...	1
Taranaki	14	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	14	12	2	...
Patea and Wanganui	6	7	...	1	9	8	1	...	15	15	...	...
Palmerston North	5	2	3	...	6	7	...	1	11	9	2	...
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	115	117	...	2	137	147	...	10
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	18	26	...	8	...	...	...	...				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...
Wairau	1	1	...	...	4	4	...	...				
Picton	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	3	3	...	...
Nelson	12	8	4	...	19	17	2	...	31	25	6	...
Buller...	...	...	...	...	8	10	...	2	8	10	...	2
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	9	8	1	...	9	8	1	...
Grey	15	...	15	...	31	34	...	3	46	34	12	...
Westland	12	10	2	...	4	5	...	1	16	15	1	...
Ashburton and North Canterbury	54	73	...	19	67	64	3	...	121	137	...	16
South Canterbury	42	37	5	...	1	3	...	2	43	40	3	...
North Otago	...	...	...	...	14	13	1	...	14	13	1	...
Otago United	...	...	...	...	173	218	...	45	173	218	...	45
Otago Benevolent Institution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Southland	1	1	...	...	3	3	...	...	4	4	...	...
Totals	209	205	35	31	549	596	19	66	758	801	40	83

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).
(This table refers to outdoor relief and to heads of families only.)

	North of Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Thames and Coromandel Charitable Aid Board.	Cook Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trustees.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board.	South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	North Otago Benevolent Society.
Lack of employment—	..	..	2	..	98	67	9	32	1	..	9	..	1
(1.) Able-bodied	..	..	1	..	..	..	33	41	4	16	10	6	1
(2.) Inefficient	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sickness	4	6	1	1	19	20	58	12	4	3	119	13	19
Accident	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	7	..	4	..	..
Insanity of bread-winner	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	..	..
Imprisonment of bread-winner	..	1	2	..	2	1	5	1	1	1	10	..	1
Desertion of bread-winner	2	3	1	3	..	1	21	2	1	..	31	6	4
No male support—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(1.) Widows	1	47	2	2	41	10	25	3	3	7	100	40	27
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	36	1	1
Intemperance	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	2
Shiftlessness	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Physical defects	..	..	..	..	3	8	2	3	1	3	24	2	..
Old age	5	35	3	3	14	55	7	8	4	7	88	6	8
Causes undetermined	..	2	5	1	5	11	9	2	1	..	28	..	3
Total number of cases	12	96	20	10	185	176	173	105	27	37	493	74	67