

The admissions for the year (294) show a decrease of 40 on the number for the previous year. From the four chief centres of population 195 of these children were admitted, and 10 each from Palmerston North and Thames. In no case were more than 8 children sent from any of the other smaller towns. The records show that, of the total number received, 38 per cent. were known to be illegitimate.

When children are before the Courts the Magistrates, after hearing evidence, direct in what religious denomination they are to be brought up. The orders made in 1909 show the denominations to be as follows: Church of England, 158; Roman Catholic, 66; Presbyterian, 36; Methodist, 29; Baptist, 2; Salvation Army, 2; Jew, 1.

The number of inmates over whom the control of the schools terminated during the year was 177. Of this number, 114 were then of good character, 10 fair, 3 bad, 4 were of weak mind, 15 were discharged under the age of fifteen years (8 of whom were legally adopted). There were 18 deaths (10 under and 8 over fifteen years). In 13 cases information as to character cannot be given, the whereabouts of the inmates who were absent without leave being unknown at the time of termination of the period of control.

The number of deaths (18) shows an increase of 7 on the number for the previous year. Two children boarded out from Government industrial schools, aged 6 years and 4 months and 1 year and 7 months, died, 1 of diphtheria and asthenia, and 1 of shock from scalds. Two inmates resident at Government industrial schools, aged 9 years and 2 months and 14 years and 7 months, died, 1 of anæmia, and 1 of cardiac failure and bronchitis. Seven inmates resident at private industrial schools, aged respectively 3 years and 7 months, 17 years and 8 months, 10 months, 3 months, 13 years and 3 months, 5 months, and 2 months, died, 1 of acute pneumonia, 1 of tubercular meningitis, 1 of diarrhœa and exhaustion, 2 of marasmus and exhaustion, 1 of acute rheumatism and myocarditis, 1 of gastro-enteritis and exhaustion. One boy, aged 16 years and 2 months, on his way to a situation was drowned in shipwreck; three young persons at service, aged 17 years and 1 month, 19 years and 8 months, and 15 years and 8 months, died, 1 of tubercular meningitis and asthenia, 1 from a fall from a horse, and 1 of pelvic abscess and pyæmia. One boy, aged 18 years and 5 months, died in hospital of phthisis. One boy, aged 16 years and 1 month, died in a mental hospital of epilepsy and exhaustion, and 1 young man, aged 20 years and 4 months, absent without leave, was drowned at sea.

TABLE H7.—DISCHARGES, 1909.

Cause of Discharge.	Government Schools.											Private Schools.							All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Boys' Training Farm, Wairaroa.	Receiving Home, Wellington.		Te Orange Home.	Receiving Home, Christ church.		Burnham.	Caversham.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		St. Joseph's, Wellington.	St. Mary's, Nelson.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.	Boys.	Girls	Total.	
	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	G.				
Warrant of discharge	8	6	4	7	3	1	4	3	16	..	6	7	8	..	21	11	..	67	38	105	
Death	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	2	7	..	..	12	6	18	
Reached age of 21 years	..	2	5	1	1	9	3	3	14	1	6	1	2	2	..	..	..	25	25	50	
Marriage	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	
Totals	8	9	9	9	6	10	8	8	32	2	14	9	10	4	28	11	..	105	72	177	
	17			15			16			16		19			39						

TABLE H8.—INMATES: NUMBERS OF 1908 AND 1909 COMPARED.

Inmates.	At End of Year		Increase or Decrease.
	1908.	1909.	
In the schools	792	771	- 21
Boarded out	731	770	+ 39
With friends	191	257	+ 66
At service	421	464	+ 43
Training-ship	1	3	+ 2
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	7	9	+ 2
In mental hospitals	11	7	- 4
School for the deaf	2	4	+ 2
Jubilee Institute for the blind	..	1	+ 1
At Special School for Fee-ble-minded Boys	1	2	+ 1
At Costley Training Institution	15	..	- 15
Under control of refuges or cognate institutions	13	17	+ 4
Under control of orphanage, cottage home, &c.	8	6	- 2
In gaol	6	2	- 4
Absent without leave, or whereabouts unknown	64	67	+ 3
Totals	2,263	2,330	+ 117