

The admissions for the year (290) show a decrease of 4 on the number for the previous year. From the four chief centres of population 186 of these children were admitted, and 13 each from Wanganui and Timaru. 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, 29 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 1910 show the denomination to be as follows: Church of England, 164; Roman Catholic, 77; Presbyterian, 36; Methodist, 10; Lutheran, 3.

The number of inmates over whom the control of the schools terminated during the year was 216. Of this number, 155 were then of good character, 4 fair, 5 bad, 3 were of weak mind, 20 were discharged under the age of fifteen years (7 of whom were legally adopted). In 27 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.

There were only 2 deaths: 1 child, aged 1 year and 9 months, died in the Auckland Hospital of acute hydrocephalus and heart-failure; and 1 girl at service, aged 19 years and 8 months, committed suicide by phosphorus poisoning. There were no deaths among children belonging to private industrial schools.

TABLE 18.—DISCHARGES, 1910.

Cause of Termination of Control.	Government Schools.										Private Schools.							All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Boys' Training Farm, Wera-roa.	Receiving Home, Wellington.	The Orange Home.	Receiving Home, Christchurch.	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.	G.				B.	G.	G.		
Warrant of discharge	4	3	77	6	3	2	9	3	21	1	4	1	6	2	14	4	..	133	27	160
Death ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	3	1	..	..	..	2	2
Reached age of 21 years	..	..	3	..	3	7	2	6	13	2	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	21	25	46
Marriage ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	8
Totals	4	4	80	6	6	11	11	11	35	3	13	1	7	5	15	4	..	155	61	216
	8			12			22			16		8			19					

TABLE 19.—INMATES: NUMBERS OF 1909 AND 1910 COMPARED.

Inmates.	At End of Year		Increase or Decrease.
	1909.	1910.	
In the schools ..	771	805	+ 34
Boarded out ..	770	794	+ 24
With friends ..	257	260	+ 3
At service ..	464	473	+ 9
Training-ship ..	3	3	..
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. ..	9	8	- 1
In mental hospitals ..	7	8	+ 1
At School for the Deaf ..	4	2	- 2
At Jubilee Institute for the Blind ..	1	..	- 1
At Special School for Feeble-minded Boys ..	2	4	+ 2
Under control of refuges or cognate institutions ..	17	24	+ 7
Under control of orphanage, cottage home, &c. ..	6	1	- 5
In gaol ..	2	6	+ 4
Absent without leave, or whereabouts unknown ..	67	66	- 1
Totals ..	2,380	2,454	+ 74

## REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS TO THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS.

### AUCKLAND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Auckland, 4th April, 1911.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the health of the children in this school has been excellent. Beyond one or two minor ailments, there has been no serious sickness. Unfortunately, there are at present three epileptics in the institution, and that necessarily entails more work upon the staff.

I have, &c.,

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