

The admissions for the year (389) show an increase of 99 on the number for the previous year. From the four chief centres of population 239 of these children were admitted, 17 from Nelson, and 9 each from Riverton, Greymouth, 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, 28.8 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 1911 show the denomination to be as follows: Church of England, 216; Roman Catholic, 90; Presbyterian, 54; Methodist, 24; Baptist, 3; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Church of Christ, 1.

The number of inmates over whom the control of the schools terminated during the year was 226. Of this number, 143 were then of good character, 7 fair, 9 bad, 6 were of weak mind, 5 were married, 24 were discharged under the age of fifteen years (11 of whom were legally adopted). In 21 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 11 deaths, particulars of which appear in the following table:—

Age at Death.		Status at Death.	Certified Cause of Death.	School to which belonging.
Years.	Months.			
..	7	At Karitane Home	Acute general tuberculosis and exhaustion ..	Caversham.
4	1½	At board ..	Diabetes mellitus; coma	"
..	3½	In hospital ..	Meningitis	St. Mary's, Auckland.
..	2½	In residence ..	Gastro-enteritis and exhaustion ..	St. Vincent de Paul's.
3	2½	At board ..	Croup; congestion of the lungs; convulsions..	Wellington Receiving Home.
16	10	With friends ..	Psoas abscess; pyæmia	St. Mary's, Auckland.
4	1	In residence ..	Bronchitis; syncope	" Nelson.
10	3	In hospital ..	Tuberculous meningitis; heart-failure ..	Christchurch Receiving Home.
5	5	" ..	Acute pancreatitis.. ..	"
..	1	At board ..	Marasmus	Caversham.
3	5½	" ..	Acute appendicitis and peritonitis ..	"

TABLE 18.—DISCHARGES, 1911.

Cause of Termination of Control.	Government Schools.												Private Schools.							All Schools.		
	Auckland.		Boys' Training Farm, Wera-roa.	Receiving Home, Wellington.		Boys' Industrial School, Stoke.	Te Oranga Home.		Receiving Home, Christchurch.		Burnham.	Caversham.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		St. Joseph's, Upper Hut.	St. Mary's, Nelson.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.			
	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	G.	Boys.	Girls	Total	
Warrant of discharge	1	3	26	7	10	19	4	14	4	41	3	1	6	5	..	..	4	1	117	32	149
Death ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	5	6	11
Reached age of 21 years	..	6	2	..	1	..	13	..	3	26	..	3	..	1	3	..	..	1	28	31	59
Period of control beyond age of 21 years terminated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Marriage ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	5
Written off the books	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals	1	11	29	8	11	19	19	15	8	67	4	7	7	8	3	1	4	4	151	75	226	
	12			19				23			11		15			5						

TABLE 19.—INMATES: NUMBERS OF 1910 AND 1911 COMPARED.

Inmates.	At End of Year		Increase or Decrease.
	1910.	1911.	
In the schools ..	805	868	+ 63
Boarded out ..	794	856	+ 62
With friends ..	260	250	- 10
At service ..	473	480	+ 7
Under guardianship other than that of Manager ..	..	36	+ 36
Training-ship ..	3	1	- 2
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. ..	8	7	- 1
In mental hospitals ..	8	7	- 1
At School for the Deaf ..	2	1	- 1
At Special School for Feeble-minded Boys ..	4	9	+ 5
Under control of refuges or cognate institutions ..	24	24	..
Under control of orphanage, cottage home, &c. ..	1	6	+ 5
In gaol ..	6	11	+ 5
Absent without leave, or whereabouts unknown ..	66	61	- 5
Totals ..	2,454	2,617	+ 163