

The admissions for the year (405) show an increase of 16 on the number for the previous year. From the four chief centres of population 224 of these children were admitted, and 25 from Napier, 23 from Dannevirke, 13 from Wanganui, 11 from Hamilton. In no case were more than 9 children sent from any of the other smaller towns. The records show that, of the total number received, 23·3 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 1912 show the denominations to be as follows: Church of England, 219; Roman Catholic, 97; Presbyterian, 53; Methodist, 24; Salvation Army, 6; Seventh Day Adventist, 3; Congregational, 1; Jewish, 1; Church of Christ, 1.

The number of inmates over whom the control of the schools terminated during the year was 238. Of this number, 166 were then of good character, 11 fair, 1 bad, 1 was married, 29 were discharged under the age of fifteen years (8 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 9 deaths, particulars of which appear in the following table:—

TABLE 18.—DEATHS, 1913.

Age at Death.		Status at Death.	Certified Cause of Death.	School to which belonging.
Years.	Months.			
..	3	In hospital ..	Congenital mitral stenosis; heart failure ..	Christchurch Receiving Home.
..	7	At board ..	Acute gastro-enteritis ..	Wellington Receiving Home.
14	9	Absent without leave ..	Committed suicide by hanging at Napier Gaol ..	Boys' Training Farm, Wera-roa.
..	11	At board ..	Measles; broncho-pneumonia ..	Christchurch Receiving Home.
14	11	In hospital ..	Peritonitis and heart-failure ..	Burnham Industrial School.
20	7	In mental hospital ..	Epilepsy ..	St. Mary's, Auckland.
4	10	At board ..	Acute gastro-enteritis; septomeningitis ..	Christchurch Receiving Home.
..	7	" ..	Pneumonia ..	Wellington Receiving Home.
12	10	" ..	Drowned while bathing in Hutt River ..	"

TABLE 19.—DISCHARGES, 1912.

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 Hutt.	St. Mary's, Nelson.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.	Boys.	Girls.	Total
	B.	G.	B.	B.	.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	G.			
Warrant of discharge	5	7	39	5	6	17	2	2	4	38	3	10	4	3	2	2	5	5	115	44	159
Death ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	1	9
Reached age of 21 years	..	2	5	..	1	..	15	1	5	20	1	7	..	1	7	..	3	1	27	42	69
Marriage ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Totals	5	10	45	8	7	17	17	6	9	59	4	17	4	5	9	2	8	6	150	88	238
	15		15		15		21		9		10										

TABLE 110.—INMATES: NUMBERS OF 1911 AND 1912 COMPARED.

Inmates.	At End of Year		Increase or Decrease.
	1911.	1912.	
In the schools ..	868	882	+ 14
Boarded out ..	856	951	+ 95
With friends ..	250	274	+ 24
At service ..	480	487	+ 7
Under guardianship other than that of Manager ..	36	39	+ 3
Training-ship ..	1	1	..
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. ..	7	13	+ 6
In mental hospitals ..	7	7	..
At School for the Deaf ..	1	1	..
At Special School for the Feeble-minded, Otekaike ..	9	16	+ 7
Under control of refuges or cognate institutions ..	24	30	+ 6
Under control of orphanage, cottage home, &c. ..	6	3	- 3
In gaol ..	11	12	+ 1
Absent without leave, or whereabouts unknown ..	61	68	+ 7
Totals ..	2,617	2,784	+ 167