

The numbers of children admitted were—From Auckland, 84 ; from Wellington, 95 ; from Nelson, 21 ; from Christchurch, 45 ; from Dunedin, 29 ; from Invercargill, 19 ; and from Wanganui, Napier, and Hawera 13 each ; while in no case were more than 9 sent from any of the other smaller towns. The records show that, of the total number of children received, 23 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 1914 show the denominations to be as follows : Church of England, 196 ; Roman Catholic, 111 ; Presbyterian, 66 ; Methodist, 19 ; Salvation Army, 2 ; Congregational, 2 ; Baptist, 4 ; Mormon, 1 ; Plymouth Brethren, 1. In 3 cases no orders were made.

The number of inmates over whom the control of the schools terminated during the year was 295. Of this number, 192 were then of good character, 6 fair, 7 bad, 8 were married, 37 were discharged under the age of fifteen years (14 of whom were legally adopted). In 36 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 inmates missing at the end of the year was 50—46 boys and 4 girls.

There were 9 deaths, particulars of which appear in the following table :—

TABLE I 7.—DEATHS, 1914.

Age at Death.		Status at Death.	Certified Cause of Death.				School to which belonging.
Years.	Months.						
..	4	At board	..	Marasmus ; enteritis	..	..	Christchurch Receiving Home.
..	5	"	..	Convulsions ; marasmus	..	..	Wellington Receiving Home.
1	2	"	..	Atelectasis	..	..	Christchurch Receiving Home.
4	10	At hospital	..	Broncho-pneumonia	..	..	St. Joseph's, Upper Hutt.
13	2	"	..	Pulmonary tuberculosis	..	..	Caversham.
13	2	With friends	..	Abscess on kidney	..	..	Weraroa.
14	10	At hospital	..	Appendicitis	..	..	Te Oranga Home.
16	10	With friends	..	Tuberculosis	..	..	Christchurch Receiving Home.
17	7	Mental hospital	..	Congenital idiocy	..	..

TABLE I 8.—DISCHARGES, 1914.

Cause of Termination of Control.	Government Schools.												Private Schools.						All Schools.			
	Auckland.		Boys' Train- ing-farm, Weraroa.	Receiving Home, Wellin- ton.			Boys' Train- ing-farm, Nelson.	Te Oranga Home.	Receiving Home, Christ- church.		Burnham.	Caver- sham.		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.	G.			B.	G.		B.	G.	B.	B.		G.	B.				
Warrant of dis- charge	5	6	44	20	15	25	1	18	5	59	4	5	..	3	1	..	10	2	175	48	223	
Death ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	6	9
Reached age of 21 years	..	4	..	..	1	2	11	1	3	12	5	8	..	3	4	..	1	..	20	35	55
Marriage	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8
Totals ..	5	11	45	20	17	27	17	21	11	71	9	16	..	6	6	..	11	2	198	97	295	

Under the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act, 1909, power is given for the detention beyond the age of twenty-one years of any inmate who, upon application being made to a Magistrate by the Manager of the school at the direction of the Minister of Education, is found to be morally degenerate or otherwise not (in the public interest) a fit person to be free from control. In the three years since this Act came into operation there have been nine orders issued extending the period of control, eight of the inmates concerned being girls. The Act provides for extension for four years, and gives power to the Court on similar procedure to renew the order from time to time for a period of four years. It is expected that the number of those over whom authority beyond twenty-one years will be needed will always be small in proportion to the whole number of inmates ; but the value of such an enactment in respect of the remainder who have to be detained is obvious, both in their own interest and in that of the community at large.