

## ILLEGITIMACY.

For its obvious relation to the intentions of the Infants Act the following table is given :—

Provincial Districts.	Illegitimate Births registered during 1914.	Number of Illegitimate Children aged Twelve Months or less brought under the Act during 1914.
Auckland .. .. .	443	55
Taranaki .. .. .	41	7
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	54	6
Wellington .. .. .	323	72
Marlborough .. .. .	9	..
Nelson .. .. .	41	4
Westland .. .. .	10	2
Canterbury .. .. .	201	66
Otago .. .. .	180	64
Totals for 1914 .. .. .	1,302	276
Totals for 1913 .. .. .	1,180	194

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## No. 5.—SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, SUMNER.

## EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR.

Sumner, 15th April, 1915.

I HAVE the honour to lay before you my report for the year 1914.

The number of pupils under instruction during the year is shown in the following tabulated statement :—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Pupils of 1913 who returned to school .. .. .	57	45	102
Admitted at or near the beginning of the year .. .. .	3	6	9
Admitted later .. .. .	2	1	3
Total number at the school .. .. .	62	52	114
Removed in February for medical treatment .. .. .	1	0	1
Left at the end of the year .. .. .	7	5	12
Pupils expected to return to Sumner in 1915 .. .. .	54	47	101
Pupil being trained at Ruakura Experimental Farm (completed course of training in December) .. .. .	1	0	1

Inclusive of the lad at Ruakura the pupils on the roll numbered 115. Of these 35 came from the Auckland District, 4 from Taranaki, 9 from Hawke's Bay and Gisborne, 23 from Wellington, 2 from Nelson, 1 from Marlborough, 2 from Westland, 23 from Canterbury, and 16 from Otago.

Seven boys and four girls attended as day pupils, and one boy was boarded out. There were in residence at the school fifty-three boys and forty-eight girls.

The ages of the twelve new pupils at the time of their admission were respectively 5 years 1 month, 5 years 11 months, 6 years 2 months, 7 years 3 months, 7 years 9 months, 8 years 2 months, 10 years 3 months, 11 years 3 months, 11 years 5 months, 12 years 2 months, 12 years 8 months, 13 years 1 month. In two only of the cases of advanced age was there any justification for the delay in their admission. It is a matter for great regret that the admission of the three cases, aged respectively 11 years 3 months, 12 years 2 months, and 13 years 1 month, was so long delayed, as it is obvious that