

TABLE I 7.—ADMISSIONS IN 1920, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER.

Fathers described as	Mothers described as	Reasons for Committal of Children.									Total.
		Destitute.	Begging.	Vagrant.	Associating with Disreputable Persons.	Not under Proper Control. (Complaint by Police.)	Uncontrollable. (Complaint by Parent.)	Admitted by Private Arrangement.	Transferred from Gaol.	Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences.	
Dead	Dead	7	..	3	..	16	..	15	..	..	41
"	Good	..	..	1	..	6	..	6	1	7	21
"	Questionable ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	5
"	Bad	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
"	Unknown	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	4
"	Physically unfit ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Good	Dead	7	..	..	2	4	..	1	1	4	19
"	Good	8	..	3	..	19	2	11	5	34	82
"	Questionable ..	2	..	..	..	10	..	1	1	6	20
"	Bad	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
"	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Mentally weak ..	4	..	1	..	16	..	..	..	..	21
"	Deserter	4	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	16
"	Unknown	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
"	Physically unfit ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Questionable ..	Dead	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	6
"	Good	5	..	..	..	15	5	1	..	1	27
"	Questionable ..	18	..	..	3	15	..	..	..	7	43
"	Bad	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	2	10
"	Mentally weak ..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	9
"	Deserter	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
"	Physically unfit ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
Bad	Dead	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Good	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4
"	Questionable ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
"	Bad	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
"	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Mentally weak ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
"	Physically unfit ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Addicted to drink ..	Good	7	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	6	21
"	Questionable ..	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	3	12
"	Bad	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	9
"	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	6
"	Mentally weak ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
"	Deserter	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
Mentally weak ..	Good	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
"	Questionable ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
"	Addicted to drink ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
"	Mentally weak ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
Deserter	Good	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
"	Questionable ..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	7
"	Deserter	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
"	Unknown	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unknown	Dead	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	4
"	Good	9	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	14
"	Questionable ..	7	..	2	..	5	..	1	..	1	16
"	Bad	1	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	6
"	Addicted to drink ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Mentally weak ..	11	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	13
"	Unknown	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	10
"	Physically unfit ..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
Physically unfit ..	Dead	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals		172	..	17	10	199	8	37	14	78	535

The numbers of children admitted were—From Wellington, 104; Auckland, 79; Christchurch, 61; Dunedin, 31; Greymouth, 26; Napier, 25; Invercargill, 18; Palmerston North, 15; Wanganui, 14; Kaikohe, 11; Petone, 10; Kaitiaia, 9; Paeroa, 9; Westport, 9; Hastings, 8; Stratford, 6; Masterton, 5; Opotiki, 5; Timaru, 5; Dargaville, 4; Feilding, 4; Greytown, 4; Hokitika, 4; Nelson, 4; New Plymouth, 4; Otahuhu, 4; Otorohanga, 4; Wairoa, 4; Maungaturoto, 3; Waiuku, 3; Alexandra, 2; Dannevirke, 2; Lyttelton, 2; Milton, 2; Motueka, 2; Pahiatua, 2; Rawene, 2; Rotorua, 2; Russell, 2; Te Awamutu, 2; Timaru, 2; Blenheim, 1; Carterton, 1; Cromwell, 1; Gisborne, 1; Hamilton, 1; Matamata, 1; Matata, 1; Morrinsville, 1; Oamaru, 1; Raetihi, 1; Rangiora, 1; Taihape, 1; Takahiwai, 1; Taumarunui, 1; Taupo, 1; Tauranga, 1; Te Aroha, 1; Thames, 1; Waipawa, 1; Waima, 1; Whangarei, 1.

The records show that, of the total number of children admitted, 27·53 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 1920 show the denominations