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EDUCATION :  
STATE CARE OF CHILDREN, SPECIAL SCHOOLS,  
AND INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

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No. 1.—EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

STATE CARE OF DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT CHILDREN AND INFANT-LIFE  
PROTECTION.

The Special Schools Branch of the Education Department provides (1) for the maintenance, training, and general upbringing of neglected and homeless and orphan children committed by Courts to the care of the State, for the training of delinquent children and juvenile offenders, for the supervision of all young persons (male and female) placed on temporary probation by the Courts; (2) for the supervision of all infants under the age of six years maintained apart from their parents or adopted with premium, for the general supervision of children for whose upkeep pensions are paid, under the widows' pensions scheme, and for the investigation of applications for the adoption of children; and (3) for the education and maintenance of all afflicted children—deaf, blind, feeble-minded, and for children with defective speech.

The total number of children in the care of the State in 1921 was 5,157, classed under the following headings :—

Boarded out, industrial schools, receiving-homes, &c.	..	..	..	3,830
Juvenile probation	..	..	..	272
Infant-life protection	..	..	..	706
Deaf children	..	..	..	148
Feeble-minded children	..	..	..	201
Total	..	..	..	5,157

The number of children committed to the care of the State during the year was 528; classified according to reason for committal as follows: Destitution, 156; vagrancy, 44; associating with disreputable persons, 14; not under proper control, 162; uncontrollable (complaint by parents), 13; transferred from gaol, 17; accused or guilty of punishable offences, 89; and, in addition, 33 were admitted by private arrangement.

Classified according to age at the time of admission the numbers are as follows: Under six months, 45; over six months and under one year, 23; from one to five years, 102; from five to ten years, 120; from ten to fourteen years, 139; and over fourteen years, 99.

*Numbers under Control.*

At the end of the year there were 3,830 children under control (excluding those mentioned under separate headings below), and of these 136 were in residence at Government receiving-homes, probation homes, training-farms, and training institutions, and 167 in private industrial schools; 2,035 children were boarded out in foster-homes, 754 were in situations, and 477 residing under license with relatives and friends. The remainder were in various homes or institutions. Of the boarded-out children 120 are over the age of fourteen years and are still attending primary schools, 30 are receiving higher education (10 technical and 20 secondary), and a number are apprentices partly maintained by the State.

The children over school age in employment number 643 males and 350 females (included in the total of 3,830). Of the males, 496 are farm workers (18 skilled in dairy-work and cheesemaking and 478 competent to milk and carry out general farm-work), 36 are apprentices, and 111 others are employed in various trades. Of the girls there are 315 domestic workers, 14 apprentices, 21 factory employees, and 14 engaged in various employments such as shop-assistants, nurses, dress-makers, typists, kindergarten trainees, &c.

*Juvenile Probation System.*

The functions of Juvenile Probation Officers are to assist the Courts in ascertaining the full facts regarding parents, conditions of homes, and environment of all children brought under the notice of the police, to supervise and befriend any juveniles placed on probation by the various Magistrates, and to undertake, on the application of the parents, the supervision of any children who are inclined to become uncontrollable. In addition, all male inmates of industrial schools or training-farms placed in situations, or with relatives or friends, are supervised by the Juvenile Probation Officers. There were 1,121 cases dealt with by the Courts in the principal centres of population throughout the year, and of these only 412 were actually admitted to receiving-homes or training institutions, 249 were placed on probation and supervised in their own homes, and the remainder were dealt with generally in a summary manner not calling for supervision by Probation Officers.

*Infant-life Protection and Adoption of Children.*

At the end of the year there were 706 children under the age of six years maintained in 562 foster-homes. Of these 460 homes each had one child, 73 had two children each, and 20 homes had three each. The payments for the maintenance of each child ranged from 7s. 6d. to £2 2s. a week, but the average rate of payment was approximately 14s. a week.

*Adoptions.*

During the year 420 children were adopted, and in 39 of these cases premiums were received by the Department's agents and paid out at the rate of 15s. a week for each child concerned. Of the total number of children adopted, 73 were under the age of six months, 53 under twelve months, and 182 under the age of six years.

## CARE AND TRAINING OF AFFLICTED CHILDREN.

*School for the Deaf, Summer.*

The pupils under instruction during the year numbered 148, and of these 36 were day pupils and 112 boarders.

In 1920 special day classes for partially deaf children and for stammerers were established in Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin, which have been continued with highly successful results, about 100 children being in attendance at the classes. Provision has also been made in these centres for night classes for the instruction of the adult deaf, 70 persons afflicted in this manner attending the classes in 1921.

During the winter vacation lectures on the principles and teachings of speech were delivered by the Director of the school to teachers and students in several of the centres of population.

*Special Schools for the Feeble-minded.*

There are two such special schools—one at Richmond for girls, and one at Otekaike, near Oamaru, for boys. The number of girls in residence at Richmond during the year was 56, and the number of boys at Otekaike 145.

**EXPENDITURE.**

The total net expenditure by the Department for the year 1921–22 on the above services was as follows:—

	£
School for the deaf .. .. .	6,034
Education of the blind .. .. .	101
Schools for the feeble-minded .. .	11,190
Industrial schools, receiving-homes, probation system, boarding-out system, &c. .. .. .	108,622
Total .. .. .	<u>£125,947</u>

## No. -2.—REPORT OF THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, INDUSTRIAL AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS BRANCH (INCLUDING AFFLICTED CHILDREN AND INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION).

SIR, Education Department, 22nd July, 1922.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the work of the Industrial and Special Schools Branch for last year:—

The Branch carries out the following phases of social-welfare work:—

- (1.) Maintenance, supervision, and training of all destitute, dependent, and delinquent children committed to the care of the State.
- (2.) Supervision of children and juvenile offenders placed on probation by the Courts.
- (3.) Supervision of all infants under six years of age maintained for payment apart from their parents or guardians.
- (4.) Supervision of children in cases where widows' pensions are paid by the State.
- (5.) Education and training of afflicted children over the age of six years. The definition "afflicted" includes deaf, blind, or improvable feeble-minded children, and children partially deaf or suffering from defective speech, and stammerers.

The following figures show the number of children dealt with under the foregoing headings Nos. (1), (2), (3), and (5):—

Industrial schools, receiving-homes, and probation homes .. .. .	3,830
Juvenile probation .. .. .	272
Infant-life protection .. .. .	706
Afflicted children—	
Deaf .. .. .	148
Feeble-minded .. .. .	201
	<u>5,157</u>

**BOARDING-OUT SYSTEM.**

The majority of the children committed to the care of the State are not detained in institutions, but are boarded out in foster-homes situated mainly in suburban areas and in districts in close proximity to the smaller centres of population. At the end of the year there were 2,035 children boarded out—1,974 from Government receiving-homes and 61 from private industrial schools (Roman Catholic). Arranged according to the ages of the children the numbers at 30th June, 1922, are as follows: Under five years, 426; from five to ten years, 763; from ten to twelve years, 352; from twelve to thirteen years, 194; from thirteen to fourteen years, 194; and over fourteen years, 125. These numbers include nearly 400 epidemic orphans of all ages, who are placed mainly with relatives. It is pleasing to note that the authorities of private industrial schools (especially St. Mary's, Auckland) have adopted the boarding-out system to a limited extent for the purpose of providing for the children belonging to these schools.

The rate paid to the foster-parents for the maintenance of each child is 15s. a week, but for infants under twelve months 17s. 6d. a week is paid. Each child is provided with a very complete initial outfit, the foster-parents being required to maintain the clothing at this standard. Medical attendance, medicines, and dentistry are provided by the Department, as also are school-books and school stationery. Upon Boarding-out Officers and Managers of Receiving-homes rests the responsibility of selecting proper homes and of supervising the inmates in these homes. No hard-and-fast rules can be laid down as to the type of home to be selected, or the number of times a home should be visited, or the methods of supervision. Much depends upon the personality, ability, and intuition of the officer concerned. Frequent visiting is advocated in the interests of the children, and as a

general rule this is carried out ; but the Department arranges a further safeguard by obtaining confidential reports every quarter from the headmasters or class-teachers of the schools which the children attend. Wherever possible arrangements are also made for local honorary Lady Visitors to visit the foster-homes monthly, or oftener if necessary, and generally to keep a friendly eye on the children concerned.

For certain types of dependent children there is no question that the boarding-out system is superior to all other systems of dealing with them. The fact that under the boarding-out system children have the opportunity of growing up as ordinary members of the community under decent conditions is in itself sufficient to commend the system apart from any other consideration in its favour.

Associated with boarding out, it is essential that there should be cottage homes where a preliminary training in correct habits and discipline may be carried out. This is provided for in the receiving-homes for children and older girls, and in probation homes for boys. As these homes are of limited capacity, the period for which any one child is kept in residence is necessarily limited, but further provision is made at the Boys' Training-farm, Weraroa, and at the Caversham Industrial School for the accommodation for periods up to twelve months (or longer if necessary) of boys and girls respectively who after a trial at board fail to do well.

JUVENILE PROBATION SYSTEM.

The results obtained during the past five years have proved beyond doubt the efficacy of probation under proper supervision as a means of reforming the large number of boys and youths who, on account of the lack of proper home conditions, would, but for the intervention of the Department, drift into a career of crime and general lawlessness. Difficulty has been experienced, however, in obtaining the services of capable Probation Officers. To be successful as a Probation Officer a man must have exceptional qualifications: he must possess initiative, be sympathetic though firm, and must at all times be prepared to devote the whole of his time to his work. For the man who carries out his duty properly there can be no fixed hours—he must be prepared to respond at all times to any call for assistance or advice. Probably the most important part of a Probation Officer's work lies in home-visiting, and in many cases he is called upon to insist on reforms on the part of the parents and in the home conditions as a necessary aid in the reformation of the boy.

The numbers dealt with by the Juvenile Probation Officers in the main centres during last year are shown in the following table:—

Children dealt with by the Courts in the various Districts in the Year 1921.

	Not under Proper Control (Complaint by Police).	Wilful Damage.	In Possession of Firearms.	Theft.	Destitute.	Breach of By-laws.	Assault.	Begging.	False Pretences.	Breaking and Entering.	Absconding.	Alleged Inde- cent Assault.	Smoking.	Mischief.	Disreputable Associations.	Throwing Stones.	Uncontrollable.
North Auckland ..	5	5	..	15	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2
Auckland ..	44	20	1	92	44	22	9	3	..	..	8	..	..	12	7	11	4
South Auckland ..	..	9	..	25	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wanganui ..	1	6	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	6	..	..	25	4	..	1	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Palmerston North ..	1	..	..	15	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wellington ..	5	3	1	113	32	11	2	16	4	1	1	1	3	13	6	7	2
Nelson ..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Coast ..	..	6	..	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Canterbury ..	43	4	1	65	3	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..
South Canterbury ..	..	..	..	25	18	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..
Otago ..	29	3	2	65	18	2	5	..	2	..	1	..	..	14	1	2	1
Southland ..	3	3	2	19	14	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	140	59	7	485	140	47	21	36	9	1	12	1	3	43	18	26	11

	Converting to own Use.	Obscene Language.	Letting off Fireworks.	Receiving.	Breach of Arms Act.	Carnal Knowledge.	Breach of Pro- bation.	Forgery.	Cruelty to Animals.	Arson.	Indecency.	False Declara- tion.	Trespass.	Disorderly Conduct.	Mental Case.	Preventive.	Totals.
North Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Auckland ..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	..	1	13	2	1	1	303
South Auckland ..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	46
Wanganui ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Hawke's Bay ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56
Palmerston North ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Wellington ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	226
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
West Coast ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
North Canterbury ..	..	..	4	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	139
South Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Otago ..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	152
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Totals ..	14	2	6	4	3	3	3	3	1	4	1	1	13	2	1	1	1,121

The numbers dealt with by the Juvenile Probation Officers in the main centres during the last year totalled 1,121, and were dealt with as shown in the following table:—

District.	Committed.	Committed and on Probation.	Temporary Probation.	Convicted and discharged.	Admonished and discharged.	Returned to Institution.	Convicted and fined.	Sent to Reformatory.	Dismissed.	Temporary Probation, and to spend a Time in a Probation Home.	Withdrawn.	Sent to a Salvation Army Home.	Convicted and birched.	Convicted and ordered to come up for Sentence.	Adjudged <i>sine die</i> .	Committed to Supreme Court.	Remanded to appear.	Sent to a Mental Hospital.	Total.
North Auckland ..	15	..	15	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Auckland ..	106	..	52	..	91	13	6	5	8	12	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	1	303
South Auckland ..	8	..	18	1	2	4	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	46
Wanganui ..	8	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	23
Hawke's Bay ..	37	..	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	56
Palmerston North ..	3	..	11	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Wellington ..	71	..	34	..	96	6	4	1	1	6	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	226
Nelson ..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
West Coast ..	3	..	1	..	10	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
North Canterbury ..	46	..	61	3	10	2	2	..	5	2	..	1	1	4	2	..	..	..	139
South Canterbury ..	22	..	12	..	9	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	1	..	51
Otago ..	49	1	19	..	48	4	..	1	11	1	6	..	4	6	..	2	..	..	152
Southland ..	18	..	14	2	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Totals ..	390	1	249	8	288	35	25	8	29	22	11	2	20	22	5	4	1	1	1,121

#### ASSISTED SERVICE, HIGHER SERVICE, AND EMPLOYMENT OF STATE CHILDREN OVER SCHOOL AGE.

An important part of the work carried out by Managers of institutions, Boarding-out Officers, and Juvenile Probation Officers is the placing of State children in suitable avenues of employment. On the care and discrimination exercised by these officers in this work depends the future of the children, and also the question whether, when they reach the adult stage, these young charges will become assets or liabilities to the State. The Department is fully alive to the importance of this particular phase of the work, and, as a matter of fact, reviews the action taken in each individual case. As a general rule these young people are encouraged to take up rural occupations, as experience has shown that for the majority of lads who are taken from the crowded city areas life in the country offers the best chance of permanent reformation. There are a considerable number, of course, who are eminently suitable for trades and similar occupations, and for these the Department finds suitable openings. In the case of the latter considerable difficulty is experienced in boarding them in suitable homes; probably this difficulty could be got over to a certain extent by utilizing part of the accommodation at each receiving-home and probation home for the purpose of housing these young people in the early stages of apprenticeship at least.

At the end of 1921 there were twenty-seven children at service receiving assistance (assisted service in most cases refers to apprenticeship). There were 30 children receiving higher education—20 secondary and 10 technical. In addition there were 120 children over the age of fourteen years still attending the public schools and being maintained by the Department.

#### *Nature of Employment at 31st December, 1921, of Boys having left School.*

At the end of the year there were 496 farm workers—18 skilled in dairy-work and cheesemaking and 478 others competent to carry out general farm-work. There were 36 boys apprenticed as follows: 5 bootmakers, 4 coachbuilders, 3 carpenters, 3 bakers, 3 printers and bookbinders, 3 painters, 2 engineers, 2 cabinetmakers, 2 saddlers, 2 french-polishers, 1 joiner, 1 electrical engineer, 1 basketmaker, 1 boatbuilder, 1 confectioner, 1 barber, and 1 jockey. Boys otherwise employed (not apprenticed) totalled 111, as follows: 24 labourers, 17 factory hands, 10 clerks, 9 shop-assistants, 6 bootmakers, 4 blacksmiths, 4 orchardists, 3 seamen, 3 Post Office employees, 3 motor mechanics, 3 butchers, 3 painters, 2 joiners, 2 cabinetmakers, 2 carpenters, 2 miners, 2 bakers, 2 gardeners, 1 basketmaker, 1 foundry-worker, 1 tinsmith, 1 tile-worker, 1 ironmonger, 1 driver, 1 cycle-worker, 1 fireman, 1 railway employee, and 1 domestic help. Total number of boys employed was therefore 643 (496 farm workers, 36 apprentices and 111 others).

#### *Nature of Employment at 31st December, 1921, of Girls having left School.*

There were 315 domestics; 14 apprentices (9 dressmakers, 3 bookbinders, 1 tailoress, and 1 milliner); 21 factory employees and 14 in other employment as follows: 3 shop-assistants, 2 laundresses, 2 tailoresses, 2 clerks, 2 waitresses, 1 nurse, 1 dressmaker, and 1 telephone exchange employee. This gives a total of 350 girls employed (315 domestics, 14 apprentices, 21 factory employees, and 14 others).

#### ADMISSIONS DURING 1921.

During the year 528 children were committed to the care of the Department (519 to Government schools and 9 to private industrial schools), as compared with 535 for the previous year. The following table shows the new admissions according to age:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Under six months ..	22	23	45
Over six months and under one year ..	12	11	23
One year to five years ..	56	46	102
Five years to ten years ..	75	45	120
Ten years to fourteen years ..	92	47	139
Over fourteen years ..	68	31	99
Totals ..	325	203	528

Table 14 attached to this report shows the new admissions classified according to the causes of admission. Of the total number (528), 156 were destitute, 175 not under proper control, and 89 had been charged with punishable offences. Of the children admitted under these three headings all excepting 58 were placed out in foster-homes before the end of the year.

Table 17 gives particulars of the character or state of the parents at the time of the admission of the children. From this table I have selected the following figures showing (1) the number of children of drunken parents, and (2) the number of children of feeble-minded parents.

*Admission of Children during 1921 on account of the Drinking Habits of one or both Parents.*

Drunken mother	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Drunken father	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
Both parents drunkards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
								88

*Admission of Children during 1921 on account of Mental Deficiency of one or both Parents.*

Mentally deficient mother	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Mentally deficient father	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Both parents defective mentally	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								40

The following figures show the number of committals to industrial schools for the past twelve years: Year 1910, 290; 1911, 389; 1912, 405; 1913, 328; 1914, 405; average for five years before the war, 363. Year 1915, 453; 1916, 436; 1917, 358; 1918, 381; 1919, 864; 1920, 535; 1921, 528; average for seven years after commencement of war, 508 (excluding epidemic orphans the average is 440).

SCHOOLS FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

*Numbers at 31st December, 1921.*

—					Richmond.	Otekaike.	Total.
In residence	..	..	..	..	39	125	164
On vacation	..	..	..	..	12	14	26
With friends	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
At service	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
In hospital	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
Missing	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
In probation homes	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Totals	..	..	..	..	56	145	201

*Particulars of Expenditure for the Year 1921-22.*

—					Stoke.	Otekaike.	Richmond.	Total.
					£	£	£	£
Salaries	..	..	..	..	3,365	4,184	1,420	8,969
Advertising	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	10
Maintenance of buildings	..	..	..	..	110	152	213	475
Maintenance of institutions	..	..	..	..	636	3,640	1,487	5,763
Additional buildings	..	..	..	..	Cr. 368	460	..	92
					3,743	8,446	3,120	15,309
Travelling-expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	835
Recoveries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,955
Net cost to Department	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£11,189

I have, &c.,

J. BECK,

Officer in Charge, Special Schools Branch.

The Director of Education, Wellington.

## No. 3.—SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, SUMNER.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (ABRIDGED).

I HAVE the honour to lay before you my report for the year 1921. The number of pupils under instruction during the year is shown in the following tabulated statement :—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Pupils of 1920 who returned to the school .. ..	52	44	96
Admitted during 1921 .. ..	30	22	52
Total under instruction .. ..	82	66	148
Absent .. ..	1	3	4
Total on roll .. ..	83	69	152
Left during the year 1921 .. ..	35	15	50
Expected to return in 1922 .. ..	48	54	102

Of the 148 pupils under instruction, 38 attended as day pupils and 110 as boarders at the school. The pupils may be classified as under :—

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Deaf children .. ..	57	55	112
Lip reading pupils (adults) .. ..	2	7	9
Children with defective articulation .. ..	13	4	17
Stammerers .. ..	10	..	10
Totals .. ..	82	66	148

Special day classes, similar to the special class which was instituted in Wellington in 1920, were opened early in the year at Auckland and at Dunedin, and were staffed by teachers from this school. They are attended by partially deaf children that are unable to profit by the instruction given at the public schools, and also by children who stammer or who have other defects of speech. Most of the latter attend as part-time pupils. The number of pupils admitted to these classes up to the end of the year was as follows : Wellington, 55 pupils ; Auckland, 40 pupils ; Dunedin, 60 pupils ; In connection with each of these special classes there is an evening class for the adult deaf, who are given instruction in lip-reading. The number of such that have attended up to the present is as follows : Wellington, 19 ; Auckland, 27 ; Dunedin, 25. As these classes for deafened adults are becoming better known they are increasing in size at a rate which tends to become embarrassing, there being a limit to the number that can be taken by a single teacher in each centre. The lip-readers attending these classes are very enthusiastic, and in each of the three towns mentioned have formed themselves into a club, meeting two or three times a week for practice, which is the main thing in lip-reading.

It would be of advantage if a special day class similar to those already established in Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin were instituted in Christchurch. In the schools in and around the latter city are many children whose speech requires correction, and who could attend a special class if centrally situated, but who cannot spare the time to come to Sumner. (The same applies to the adult deaf of the district). Meanwhile the general education of many of these defective speakers is being seriously retarded for the want of a little skilled treatment. Defective speech is often, of course, a natural accompaniment and result of feeble mentality, but frequently it is not, and in the latter event it is readily correctable by any teacher who understands the mechanism of speech. The necessity of all young teachers receiving as part of their training a thorough knowledge of the mechanism of speech, and also some practical experience in the work of speech-correction, is evident. I am afraid that far too little of this special knowledge is possessed by most teachers, though it is pleasing to find in some quarters a growing appreciation of its importance.

Of the 112 deaf children under instruction, 24 came from the Auckland District, 5 from Taranaki, 7 from Hawke's Bay (inclusive of Gisborne), 17 from Wellington, 5 from Nelson and Marlborough, 26 from Canterbury, 27 from Otago, and 1 from Australia.

As I have repeatedly pointed out, no time should be lost by parents or by teachers in cases of acquired deafness. Lip-reading is much more readily learned before deafness becomes total than afterwards. There is a mistaken notion prevalent that its acquirement is prejudicial to the hearing, but this is entirely erroneous, even though it be held in some cases by medical men who ought to know better. As a matter of fact, through relieving ear-strain, it is more likely to be beneficial than otherwise. In almost all cases of acquired deafness, unless lip-reading is resorted to, a highly morbid and gloomy state of mind is set up, which has a most detrimental effect on future progress, and which can only be prevented by restoring the deaf person to social intercourse by means of lip-reading. Hence the promptly reporting of all cases of deafness, either complete or partial, should be regarded as a matter of urgency by all responsible persons, more especially by teachers.

There are certain facts about deafness that should be known to all teachers and parents. One of these is that if a child becomes deaf at an early age it will become quite dumb in a few months time, unless it be properly taught. This applies to children up to the age of eight years. After that age, where hearing is completely lost, the speech does not, as a rule, entirely disappear, but has a tendency to become weak and inaudible, and the child exhibits a growing disinclination to speak at all, which in course of time renders it almost dumb. If such children are given the benefit of special instruction without any loss of time their speech will remain natural always. Another fact that should be more generally known is that by the Education Act of 1914, parents, teachers, and others are bound under a penalty to send notification of cases of deafness among children to the Minister of Education. Parents should get the advice of a specialist at the very first symptom of auditory trouble in their children. No time should be lost in the matter, as prevention is better than cure. There are forms of deafness which, if taken in time, can be remedied by skilled treat-

ment, but it is most dangerous for the ear to be interfered with by any person other than a properly qualified aural surgeon. If such a man can do nothing for a deaf child it is mere waste of time and money going elsewhere for advice, more especially to impostors who claim to be able to cure permanently the worst cases of deafness.

The general health of the children was good during the year. School was interrupted for a time by an outbreak of measles and chicken-pox, but there were no serious cases of illness.

Farming and gardening operations were again carried on successfully, the total value of the produce raised during the year being over £530.

The Director of Education, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
J. E. STEVENS,  
Director, School of the Deaf.

EXPENDITURE ON THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, 1921-22.

	£
Salaries .. .. .	5,294
Advertising, &c. .. .	18
Maintenance of pupils and sundry expenses .. .	2,407
Travelling-expenses .. .	288
Maintenance of buildings, furnishing, &c. .. .	369
New buildings .. .	39
	8,415
Less Parental contributions and amount received from Hospital and Charitable Aid Board .. .	2,288
Income from investments .. .	53
Sale of farm products .. .	40
	2,381
Net expenditure .. .	£6,034

The net expenditure for the year 1920-21 was £6,050.

No. 4.—STATISTICS: INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AND PROBATION SYSTEM, AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

TABLE II.—EXPENDITURE ON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND PROBATION SYSTEM, 1921-22.

Institution.	General Maintenance.	Repairs to Buildings, Furnishings, &c.	New Buildings.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Receiving-home—				
Auckland .. .. .	676 14 5	84 18 6	..	
Hamilton .. .. .	1,511 3 4	38 16 10	1 6 3	
Wanganui .. .. .	418 6 8	0 13 6	4 19 6	
Napier .. .. .	1,304 11 8	26 1 10	7 19 0	
Boys' Training-farm, Weraeroa .. .. .	5,137 0 9	686 17 8	..	
Receiving-home, Wellington .. .. .	2,468 19 2	20 17 9	..	
Children's Home, Miramar .. .. .	292 9 0	3 1 7	435 17 9	
Receiving-home, Nelson .. .. .	840 3 4	83 7 2	..	
Receiving-home, Christchurch .. .. .	2,689 0 4	47 9 4	207 12 7	
Te Oranga Home .. .. .	7 1 8	106 8 11	0 15 0	
Burnham Industrial School .. .. .	Cr. 336 11 1	..	..	
Caversham Industrial School .. .. .	2,843 7 3	233 9 4	319 12 8	
Boarding-out officers .. .. .	47 12 3	100 3 5	1 5 0	
Probation Homes—				
Auckland .. .. .	817 4 4	174 13 8	26 16 8	
Wellington .. .. .	372 2 6	17 17 11	93 1 5	
Christchurch .. .. .	1,461 9 0	24 12 10	26 13 10	
Dunedin .. .. .	345 15 6	21 10 2	8 2 4	
Inmates not resident at an institution .. .. .	6,591 18 6	..	..	
Totals .. .. .	27,498 8 7	1,671 0 5	1,134 2 0	30,303 11 0
Salaries .. .. .	..	..	..	31,012 0 10
Boarding out—				
Payments to foster-parents .. .. .	..	..	71,670 1 5	
Payments to Postal Department for payment of orders .. .. .	..	..	884 6 6	
Refund of maintenance payments .. .. .	..	..	..	72,554 7 11
Refund of inmates' earnings .. .. .	..	..	..	152 9 5
Repairs to Central Offices .. .. .	..	..	..	58 18 11
Travelling-expenses, rents, &c. .. .. .	..	..	..	11 4 0
Less recoveries—				
From parents and others .. .. .	..	..	26,485 14 2	143,610 6 9
„ Sales of farm-produce .. .. .	..	..	4,278 6 0	
„ Inmates' earnings for clothing, &c. .. .. .	..	..	5,792 10 10	
„ Deficient outfits, &c. .. .. .	..	..	776 16 5	
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	161 6 9	
Total net cost .. .. .	..	..	..	£106,115 12 7



TABLE I 1A.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE (ROMAN CATHOLIC) SCHOOLS, 1921-22.

	Gross Expenditure.					
	£					
St. Mary's, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,034
St. Joseph's, Upper Hutt .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	754
St. Mary's, Nelson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	465
St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	249
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	<u>£2,502</u>

TABLE I 1B.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF INMATES SENT TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS, 1921-22.

	£					
Door of Hope, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	6
St. Mary's, Otahuhu .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	9
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	<u>£15</u>

TABLE I 2.—SALARIES AND COST OF MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS (INCLUDING RECEIVING-HOMES, PROBATION-HOMES, ETC., AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS FOR 1920-21, AND 1921-22.

	Salaries.		Maintenance of Schools and Agencies.	
	1920-21.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1921-22.
	£	£	£	£
Care of State children .. .. .	28,416	31,012	28,713	29,169
School for the Deaf .. .. .	6,396	5,294	2,283	3,082
Schools for the Feeble-minded .. .. .	11,548	8,969	8,148	7,083
Totals .. .. .	46,360	45,275	39,144	39,334

TABLE I 2A.—GROSS RECOVERIES FROM PARENTS AND OTHERS.

	1920-21.	1921-22.
	£	£
Industrial schools .. .. .	19,548	22,620
Special schools .. .. .	3,848	3,298
Charitable Aid Boards (industrial and special schools) .. .. .	21,256	6,076
	<u>£44,652</u>	<u>£31,994</u>

TABLE I 2B.—CASH SALES OF FARM-PRODUCE, 1921-22.

Item.	Boys' Training-farm, Weraoa.	Special School, Otetake.	Special School, Nelson.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cheese .. .. .	795 6 3	..	..	795 6 3
Butter and butter-fat .. .. .	59 10 3	217 4 4	4 10 6	281 5 1
Milk .. .. .	918 11 6	31 8 3	42 2 1	992 1 10
Cream .. .. .	10 8 4	0 19 3	107 9 2	118 16 9
Eggs .. .. .	249 11 5	..	0 6 0	249 17 5
Poultry .. .. .	20 12 0	..	..	20 12 0
Vegetables .. .. .	26 19 4	7 19 9	2 9 5	37 8 6
Orchard .. .. .	9 6 4	..	338 6 7	347 12 11
Sheep .. .. .	..	121 0 0	127 1 6	248 1 6
Wool .. .. .	..	16 14 11	47 1 3	63 16 2
Cattle .. .. .	1,819 16 8	73 2 0	22 0 0	1,914 18 8
Hides .. .. .	13 17 5	8 6 11	7 8 7	29 12 11
Pigs .. .. .	303 5 8	98 14 8	76 17 6	478 17 10
Flour .. .. .	..	6 8 2	..	6 8 2
Cereals .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Mats and baskets .. .. .	..	131 18 4	2 2 0	134 0 4
Sundries .. .. .	36 12 3	9 5 6	36 5 11	82 3 8
Totals .. .. .	4,263 17 5	723 2 1	814 0 6	5,801 0 0



TABLE 13.—NUMBERS UNDER CONTROL AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1921—continued.

Particulars of Children belonging to the Schools.	Government Schools.										Private Schools.				All Schools.												
	Receiving-home Christchurch.		Boys' Probation Home, Christchurch.		Boarding-out Office, Timaru.		Juvenile Probation Office, Timaru.		Industrial School, Caversham.		Boys' Probation Home, Dunedin.		Boarding-out Office, Invercargill.		Juvenile Probation Office, Invercargill.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		St. Joseph's, Upper Hutt.		St. Mary's, Nelson.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.		Totals of all Schools.		
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	Both Sexes.
In the schools	3	16	1	20	..	89	18	2	..	22	..	36	41	46	8	17	19	116	187	303							
Boarded out	196	135	..	20	..	27	64	2	..	13	..	25	30	1	1	..	4	1,163	872	2,035							
At service	38	56	2	4	16	49	4	4	16	13	6	11	22	13	2	..	6	452	302	754							
With friends	19	20	1	7	1	14	16	5	1	2	..	27	25	6	3	6	2	286	191	477							
Under guardianship	..	1	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	13	4	17							
Committed, but on probation	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	5							
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	13	11	24							
In mental hospitals	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	8	14							
Adopted	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	23							
In refuges or cognate institutions	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	1	2	1	2	6							
In orphanages, cottage homes, &c.	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	8	26							
In probation homes	9	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	3	35							
Absent without leave	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	5							
In gaol	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	3						
At School for the Deaf	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	7	48							
At Special School, Otekaikae	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3							
At Special School, Richmond	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
At St. Stephen's College	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
At Te Aute College	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Temporarily at Caversham	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Temporarily at Hamilton Receiving-home	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	6							
Temporarily at Wanganui Receiving-home	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2							
Temporarily at St. Mary's, Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	3							
Temporarily at Weraroa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	6							
Temporarily at Nelson Receiving-home	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	18							
Temporarily at St. Joseph's, Upper Hutt	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1							
Queen Victoria School for Maori Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4							
Totals	275	241	5	28	17	144	159	16	29	40	16	101	123	69	14	26	35	2,199	1,631	3,830							

TABLE I4.—ADMISSIONS IN 1921, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CAUSES OF ADMISSION.

Admitted as	Government Schools.																		Private Schools.		All Schools.										
	Receiving-home, Auckland.		Boys Probation Home, Auckland.		Receiving-home, Hamilton.		Receiving-home, Napier.		Receiving-home, Wanganui.		Boys' Training-farm, Weraoa.		Receiving-home, Wellington.		Boys' Probation Home, Wellington.		Receiving-home, Nelson.		Receiving-home, Christchurch.		Boys Probation Home, Christchurch.		Caversham Industrial School.		Boys Probation Home, Dunedin.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.		Totals of all Schools.
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	Both Sexes.		
Destitute .. ..	23	18	4	..	1	1	2	3	2	..	25	16	..	..	1	11	13	..	19	14	2	..	..	..	1	88	68	156			
Begging .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vagrant .. ..	2	..	..	..	..	8	11	..	..	..	12	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	22	44				
In disreputable associations	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	9	14				
Not under proper control (complaint by police)	12	29	12	7	3	7	5	6	2	3	2	4	..	3	1	21	13	..	12	10	4	..	3	3	89	73	162				
Uncontrollable (complaint by parents)	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	7	13				
Accused or guilty of punishable offences	1	4	16	2	..	12	..	4	..	18	5	1	1	1	..	13	1	..	1	1	7	1	..	..	82	7	89				
Transferred from gaol	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	14	3	17				
By private arrangement	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	5	3	5	3	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	4	..	..	..	19	14	33				
Totals .. ..	38	58	36	9	4	29	18	17	13	38	55	36	2	4	2	46	33	1	32	31	17	1	4	4	325	203	528				

TABLE I5.—ADMISSIONS IN 1921, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO STATUS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1921.

Status at 31st December, 1921.	Destitute.		Begging.		Vagrant.		Disreputable Associations.		Not under Proper Control. (Complaint by Police.)		Uncontrollable. (Complaint by Parent.)		Accused or convicted of Punishable Offence.		Admitted by Private Arrangement.		Transferred from Gaol.		Totals.			
	B.	G.	—	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	Both Sexes.
In residence ..	2	4	..	3	2	..	1	13	18	3	..	20	1	1	4	8	1	50	31	81		
Boarded out ..	77	53	..	11	15	5	6	59	42	3	5	22	2	..	4	..	..	177	127	304		
At service ..	5	1	..	2	1	..	1	5	1	..	1	29	3	1	..	2	2	44	10	54		
With friends ..	1	7	..	4	2	..	..	4	3	..	..	9	1	3	..	..	..	21	13	34		
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	6	10		
In mental hospital	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1		
In refuges or orphanages	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	7	10		
At special school, Richmond	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1		
At special school, Otekaikae	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	6		
Missing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	3		
Adopted ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1		
Discharged by warrant or written off the books	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	12	5	1	..	14	7	21		
Died ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2		
Totals ..	88	68	..	22	22	5	9	89	73	6	7	82	7	19	14	14	3	325	203	528		

TABLE I6.—ADMISSIONS IN 1921, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER IN RESIDENCE AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1921.

Particulars of Children in Residence at the 31st December, 1921.	Government Schools.																Private Schools.		All Schools.										
	Auckland Receiving-home.		Auckland Probation Home.		Wanganui Receiving-home.		Napier Receiving-home.		Weraoa.		Wellington Receiving-home.		Christchurch Receiving-home.		Christchurch Probation-home.		Caversham Industrial School.		Dunedin Probation Home.		Totals.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		Totals.				
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	Both Sexes.		
Destitute .. ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	2	4	..	6			
Begging .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
Vagrant .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	3	2	..	5			
Disreputable associations	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1			
Not under control (complaint by police)	..	8	2	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	7	3	..	..	2	..	..	13	15	..	3	13	18	..	31				
Uncontrollable (complaint by parent)	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	3				
Accused or guilty of punishable offences	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	12	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	20	1	..	..	20	1	..	21				
Admitted by private arrangements	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	4	..	5				
Transferred from gaol..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	8	1	..	9					
Totals ..	1	10	4	3	2	4	4	22	4	4	9	5	1	..	3	2	50	28	..	3	50	31	..	81					

TABLE 17.—ADMISSIONS IN 1921, 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.)	Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences.	Admitted by Private Arrangement.	Transferred from Govt.	
Dead .. ..	Dead .. ..	4	..	..	..	3	..	1	2	..	10
" .. ..	Good .. ..	12	..	8	..	3	..	9	3	4	39
" .. ..	Questionable ..	3	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	1	10
" .. ..	Bad .. ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
" .. ..	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	5
" .. ..	Mentally weak ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Good .. ..	Dead .. ..	3	..	2	..	10	..	6	7	..	28
" .. ..	Good .. ..	16	..	2	..	15	4	37	12	4	90
" .. ..	Questionable ..	6	..	3	..	5	1	3	..	1	19
" .. ..	Bad .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
" .. ..	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	5	4	..	..	..	..	9
" .. ..	Mentally weak ..	2	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	10
" .. ..	Deserter .. ..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
" .. ..	Unknown .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Questionable ..	Dead .. ..	2	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	1	8
" .. ..	Good .. ..	5	..	2	..	18	..	3	..	2	30
" .. ..	Questionable ..	16	..	6	..	23	1	3	2	1	52
" .. ..	Bad .. ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
" .. ..	Addicted to drink ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
" .. ..	Mentally weak ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
" .. ..	Deserter .. ..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4
" .. ..	Unknown .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Bad .. ..	Dead .. ..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	5
" .. ..	Good .. ..	2	..	2	..	4	..	1	..	..	9
" .. ..	Questionable ..	6	..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	11
" .. ..	Bad .. ..	5	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	9
" .. ..	Addicted to drink ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
" .. ..	Deserter .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Addicted to drink ..	Dead .. ..	7	..	..	..	5	..	2	1	..	15
" .. ..	Good .. ..	2	..	3	..	5	..	5	1	1	17
" .. ..	Questionable ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	7
" .. ..	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	2	1	5	..	..	..	8
" .. ..	Mentally weak ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
" .. ..	Physically unfit ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Mentally weak ..	Good .. ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	4
" .. ..	Questionable ..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5
" .. ..	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Deserter .. ..	Dead .. ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" .. ..	Good .. ..	9	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	13
" .. ..	Questionable ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
" .. ..	Mentally weak ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Physically unfit ..	Good .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Unknown .. ..	Dead .. ..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5
" .. ..	Good .. ..	12	..	7	..	2	1	1	1	..	24
" .. ..	Questionable ..	15	..	1	..	3	1	2	2	..	24
" .. ..	Bad .. ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3
" .. ..	Addicted to drink ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
" .. ..	Mentally weak ..	7	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	10
" .. ..	Physically unfit ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
" .. ..	Unknown .. ..	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	7
Totals .. ..	.. ..	156	..	44	14	162	13	89	33	17	528

The numbers of children admitted were—From Auckland, 100; Wellington, 89; Christchurch, 53; Dunedin, 45; Napier, 22; Invercargill, 15; Wanganui, 13; Timaru, 11; Pukekohe, 11; Gisborne, 10; Temuka, 9; New Plymouth, 8; Gore, 7; Palmerston North, 7; Taihape, 7; Balclutha, 6; Carterton, 6; Greymouth, 6; Hawera, 6; Maungaturoto, 6; Otahuhu, 6; Wairoa, 6; Blenheim, 5; Hamilton, 5; Helensville, 5; Rotorua, 5; Whangarei, 5; Ashburton, 4; Hastings, 4; Oamaru, 4; Bluff, 3; Cambridge, 3; Thames, 3; Foxton, 2; Kaiapoi, 2; Nelson, 2; Otorohanga, 2; Westport, 2; Whakatane, 2; Clinton, 1; Coromandel, 1; Dargaville, 1; Dannevirke, 1; Feilding, 1; Huntly, 1; Kawakawa, 1; Mercer, 1; Opotiki, 1; Paeroa, 1; Pahiatua, 1; Port Awanui, 1; Russell, 1; Te Karaka, 1; Tokomaru Bay, 1; Waihi, 1; Waipiro Bay, 1; Waipu, 1; Waimamaku, 1; Winton, 1; Woolston, 1. The records show that, of the total number of children admitted, 28·22 per cent. were known to be illegitimate.

TABLE I 7A.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO RELIGIOUS BELIEF.

(Magistrates, after hearing the evidence, direct in what religious denomination children committed are to be brought up.)

		Anglican.	Presbyterian.	Roman Catho- lic.	Methodist.	Salvation Army.	Baptist.	Wesleyan.	Church of Christ.	Seventh Day Adventist.	Unknown.	Totals.
Number ..	..	279	108	92	21	9	6	2	1	1	9	528
Percentage ..	..	53·0	20·5	17·3	4·0	1·8	1·1	0·3	0·1	0·1	1·8	100·0

TABLE I 8.—DEATHS, 1921.

Age at Death.		Status at Death.	Certified Cause of Death.				School to which belonging.
Yrs.	mos.						
0	1	At board	..	Marasmus; exhaustion	..	..	Wellington Receiving-home.
0	8	In hospital	..	Broncho-pneumonia; heart failure	..	..	"
2	2	At board	..	Congenital valvular heart-disease; enteritis	..	..	"
3	11	"	..	Pneumonia	..	..	Auckland Receiving-home.
4	11	In hospital	..	Scarlet fever; cardiac failure	..	..	Wellington Receiving-home.
6	9	At board	..	Phthisis	..	..	Auckland Receiving-home.
8	3	In hospital	..	Diphtheria; myocarditis	..	..	Christchurch Receiving-home.
10	3	At board	..	Influenza	..	..	Auckland Receiving-home.
13	6	In hospital	..	Tubercular broncho-pneumonia; enteritis	..	..	St. Vincent de Paul's.
16	9	With friends	..	Shock following burns through accidental scalding	..	..	Boys' Training-farm, Weraroa.
17	8	In hospital	..	Nephritis of pregnancy; puerperal eclampsia	..	..	Auckland Receiving-home.
17	10	"	..	Broncho-pneumonia; heart-failure	..	..	Under guardianship, Juvenile Probation Officer, Palmerston North.
18	4	"	..	Pulmonary tuberculosis	..	..	Wellington Receiving-home.
20	10	In mental hospital	..	Phthisis; broncho-pneumonia	..	..	Auckland Receiving-home.

TABLE I 9.—INMATES DISCHARGED FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS DURING 1921.

Particulars of Discharge.	Boarding-out Officer, Whangarei.		Receiving-home, Auckland.		Boys' Probation Home, Auckland.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		Receiving-home, Hamilton.		Receiving-home, Wanganui.		Receiving-home, Napier.		Boarding-out Officer, Palmerston North.		Juvenile Probation Officer, Palmerston North.		Boys' Training-farm, Wereroa.		St. Joseph's, Upper Hutt.	
	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.					
By warrant ..	..	5	11	12	9	4	11	1	13	2	3	1	..	3	5	170	9					
By death ..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..					
Attained the age of twenty-one years	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1					
Married ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
Adopted ..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..					
Written off ..	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	10	..					
Totals ..	1	10	26	13	10	6	11	2	15	7	3	2	1	5	6	181	10					

Particulars of Discharge.	Wellington Receiving- home.		Boys' Probation Home, Wellington.		Receiving-home, Nelson.		St. Mary's, Nelson.		Receiving-home, Christchurch.		Boys' Probation Home, Christchurch.		Caversham Industrial School.		Boys' Probation Home, Dunedin.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.		Boarding-out Officer, Invercargill.		Junior Probation Officer, Invercargill.		Total.		Total.	
	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	B.	G.	Both Sexes.							
By warrant ..	43	13	..	16	1	1	1	26	4	1	22	23	..	10	..	2	339	83	422							
By death ..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	7	14							
Attained the age of twenty-one years	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	1	9	..	1	14	..	..	..	..	2	38	40							
Married ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	4							
Adopted ..	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	..	11	16	27							
Written off ..	4	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	22	14	36							
Totals ..	52	28	2	17	1	1	4	28	16	1	26	41	2	11	2	2	381	162	543							

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 nine years since this Act came into operation there have been eighty-eight orders issued extending the period of control, sixty-three 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 interests and in that of the community at large.

### No. 5.—INFANT-LIFE-PROTECTION STATISTICS.

#### PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING 1921.

	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 Months and 1 Year of Age.	Between 1 and 2 Years of Age.	Between 2 and 3 Years of Age.	Between 3 and 4 Years of Age.	Between 4 and 5 Years of Age.	Between 5 and 6 Years of Age.	Over 6 Years of Age.	Totals.
On the books at 31st December, 1920	75	105	109	136	116	93	69	94	797
Placed in licensed homes during the year	160	75	108	60	49	39	21	9	521
Totals .. ..	235	180	217	196	165	132	90	103	1,318
Withdrawn from homes—									
Removed by parents or guardians	27	45	78	50	49	46	19	29	343
Deaths .. ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	6
Adoptions without premiums	5	8	11	12	6	1	3	2	48
In homes to which exemption was granted	..	1	3	1	..	1	1	..	7
Brought under the operation of the Industrial Schools Act	1	6	9	8	5	5	1	4	39
Written off the books for various causes	6	13	34	24	13	16	11	52	169
Total withdrawals	41	74	136	96	74	69	35	87	612
On the books at 31st December, 1921	65	67	168	95	98	94	50	69	706

#### RATES OF PAYMENTS BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

An account of the rates paid is given in the following statement :—

1 at the rate of 5s. per week.	26 at the rate of 17s. 6d. per week.
1 " 6s. "	96 " 20s. "
5 " 7s. 6d. "	3 " 21s. "
5 " 8s. "	1 " 22s. 6d. "
1 " 9s. "	11 " 25s. "
133 " 10s. "	10 " 30s. "
1 " 10s. 6d. "	1 " 42s. "
1 " 10s. 10d. "	6 adopted with premium (10s. per week).
1 " 11s. "	1 " (12s. 6d. "
26 " 12s. "	29 " (15s. "
126 " 12s. 6d. "	1 " (23s. "
2 " 13s. "	1 " (40s. "
3 " 14s. "	1 " (60s. "
196 " 15s. "	13 adopted without premium, but who are still under supervision.
1 " 15s. 6d. "	
2 " 16s. "	
1 " 17s. "	

The following is a comparison of the rates paid during the last five years :—

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Under 7s. per week ..	19	11	7	2	2
7s. and under 10s. per week	75	52	53	22	11
10s. per week ..	532	502	368	240	133
Over 10s. per week ..	215	294	376	531	508

## FOSTER-HOMES.

The 706 infants in foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows :—

In 460 homes each having one .. .. .	460
In 73        „        two .. .. .	146
In 20        „        three .. .. .	60
In 8         „        four .. .. .	32
In 1         „        eight .. .. .	8
562	706

Eleven of the homes were those in which children under six were boarded out by Charitable Aid Boards.

The total number of licensed homes was 815, so that at the end of the year there were 253 licensed homes in which for the time being no infants were boarded.

## EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONS.

From the provision that “it shall not be lawful for any person in consideration of any payment or reward to receive or retain in his care or charge any infant for the purpose of nursing or maintaining it apart from its parents or guardians for a longer period than seven consecutive days unless such person is licensed as a foster-parent” the Minister may grant certain exemptions, and under this authority exemption has been granted to the institutions set forth in the following list, which shows also the numbers dealt with and the deaths. The conditions of the exemptions provide for inspection, and for the removal of the infants only with due formality.

Name of Institution.	Admissions, 1921.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1921.		
	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages including Cols. (1) and (2).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages including Cols. (4) and (5).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages including Cols. (7) and (8).
	(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Russell .. .. .	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Mary's Industrial School (Girls' Branch), Auckland .. .. .	..	..	15	..	..	1	..	..	15
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	15	..	..	1	..	..	15
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	Day nursery only.					
Orphan Home, Papatoetoe, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	10
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	14
Methodist Orphanage, Mount Albert, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Leslie Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	9
Manurewa Children's Home, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu, Auckland .. .. .	23	19	50	2	3	5	..	..	59
Salvation Army Orphanage, “The Grange,” Herne Bay, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland .. .. .	1	3	4	..	..	1	..	4	4
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Salvation Army Samaritan Home, Gisborne .. .. .	4	2	14	..	..	..	2	..	8
Children's Home, Palmerston North .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Manawatu Willard Children's Home, Palmerston North .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Salvation Army Bethany Home, Napier .. .. .	5	6	12	1	..	2	4	4	8
St. Hilda's Home, Otane, Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	9
Wanganui Orphanage, Gonville, Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Eltham, Taranaki .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterian Orphanage, Berhampore, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	17
Levin Memorial Home, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	39	..	..	..	..	..	63
Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington .. .. .	21	5	62	4	..	5	15	15	71
Salvation Army Girls' Home, Owen Street, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Island Bay, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Nazareth House, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	28
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	31
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	24
Methodist Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch .. .. .	1	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	2
Presbyterian Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	18
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	382	..	..	..	..	..	10
St. Saviour's Orphanage for Boys, Otipua Road, Timaru .. .. .	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Temuka, Canterbury .. .. .	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	9
St. Mary's Orphanage, Mornington, Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	13
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin .. .. .	1	..	7	..	..	1	1	..	7
Glendining Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, 15 Dunblane Street, Roslyn, Dunedin .. .. .	12	1	13	1	..	1	2	1	9
Salvation Army Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	5
Presbyterian Orphanage, Gordon Street, Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	10
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill .. .. .	3	4	10	..	..	..	1	1	3
Totals .. .. .	71	43	768	8	3	17	26	25	523

Of the above 523 children, 21 have no parents living, 66 have a mother only, and 112 have a father only. The remainder (324) have both parents living.



## DEATHS IN FOSTER-HOMES.

Of the 1,318 infants that were at one time or another on the books as being in foster-homes during 1921, six died; all of these died in hospitals to which they had been removed for treatment. Three of the six were under twelve months, and five were of illegitimate birth.

The following is a statement of the number of deaths during the time that the infant-life-protection system has been in the Department's charge :—

1908	..	..	..	26 deaths out of 1,017 infants = 2.56 per cent.
1913	..	..	..	13 „ 1,330 „ = 0.98 „
1918	..	..	..	6 „ 1,341 „ = 0.44 „
1919	..	..	..	10 „ 1,403 „ = 0.71 „
1920	..	..	..	14 „ 1,306 „ = 1.07 „
1921	..	..	..	6 „ 1,318 „ = 0.47 „

## DEATHS IN EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONS.

These, with other particulars, are shown in the foregoing table relating to exempted institutions. The following is a statement of the deaths since 1911, when a record of the deaths was first kept :—

1911	..	..	47 deaths out of 899 infants dealt with = 5.23 per cent.
1916	..	..	9 „ 939 „ = 0.96 „
1918	..	..	15 „ 955 „ = 1.57 „
1920	..	..	19 „ 1,002 „ = 1.89 „
1921	..	..	17 „ 1,210 „ = 1.40 „

## ADOPTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1921.

During the year 420 orders of adoption were made; 34 of the adoption orders provided for premiums, and 386 were without monetary consideration.

The following shows the ages of the adopted children :—

Age.								With Premium.	Without Premium.	Total.
Under 6 months								9	64	73
Between 6 months and 12 months								11	42	53
" 1 and 2 years								6	51	57
" 2 " 3								2	40	42
" 3 " 4								..	31	31
" 4 " 5								3	21	24
" 5 " 6								2	26	28
" 6 " 7								..	24	24
" 7 " 8								..	18	18
" 8 " 9								1	12	13
" 9 " 10								..	9	9
" 10 " 11								..	7	7
" 11 " 12								..	8	8
" 12 " 13								..	3	3
" 13 " 14								..	14	14
" 14 " 15								..	16	16
								34	386	420
The adopting parents were—										
Husband and wife jointly								..	..	385
Widow								..	..	19
Spinster								..	..	3
Batchelor								..	..	3
Wife only								..	..	6
Husband only								..	..	4

ILLEGITIMACY.

Provincial Districts.					Illegitimate Births registered during 1921.	Number of Illegitimate Children aged Twelve Months or less brought under the Infants Act during 1921.	Illegitimate Children under 6 Years of Age in Licensed Foster-homes at 31st December, 1921.
Whangarei	..	..	..	..	29	1	4
Auckland	..	..	..	..	238	30	79
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	87	2	10
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	73	2	8
Gisborne	..	..	..	..	14	..	2
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	77	4	18
Palmerston North	..	..	..	..	60	12	26
Wellington	..	..	..	..	244	43	63
Nelson	..	..	..	..	21	1	4
Greymouth	..	..	..	..	26	1	2
North Canterbury	..	..	..	..	187	49	142
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	39	4	19
Otago	..	..	..	..	111	20	66
Southland	..	..	..	..	47	5	5
Totals for 1921					1,253	174	448
Totals for 1920					1,424	172	449

Deaths amongst Illegitimate Children during 1921.

District.	Under 6 Months.	Over 6 Months and under 1 Year.	Over 1 Year and under 2 Years.	Over 2 Years and under 3 Years.	Over 3 Years and under 4 Years.	Over 4 Years and under 5 Years.	Over 5 Years and under 6 Years.	Totals.
Auckland	28	4	3	2	..	..	2	39
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	10
Wellington	38	4	..	1	1	1	..	45
Marlborough	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Westland	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Canterbury	18	1	1	1	..	..	..	21
Otago	10	3	..	..	1	..	..	14
Southland	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Totals	107	12	5	6	3	2	2	137

No. 6.—COSTLEY TRAINING INSTITUTION.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1921.

Assets.				Liabilities.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mortgages	21,715	0	0	Costley bequest	12,150	0	0
Accrued interest	158	18	6	Hodge bequest	742	3	9
War-loan stock	1,500	0	0	Revenue Account as below	10,710	6	4
Cash in bank of New Zealand	25	16	0				
Jackson, Russell, Tunks, and Ostler	202	15	7				
	£23,602	10	1		£23,602	10	1

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Dr.				Cr.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Maintenance Account	340	9	1	By Balance, 1st January, 1921	9,700	11	10
Expenses	66	8	0	Interest received	1,416	11	7
Balance carried forward	10,710	6	4				
	£11,117	3	5		£11,117	3	5

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