

ILLEGITIMACY.

By an arrangement with the Registrar-General all illegitimate births are notified to Child Welfare Officers, who investigate all cases and seek to advise and assist the mother where possible.

The following table shows the result of such investigations :—

TABLE 12.

District.	Illegitimate Births in New Zealand for Year ended 31st December, 1935.	Illegitimate Births notified to Child Welfare Officers for Year ended 31st March, 1936.	Illegitimate Births investigated during Year ended 31st March, 1936.	Not traced or investigated during Year ended 31st March, 1936.	Illegitimate Children aged One Year or less brought under Infants Act for Year ended 31st December, 1935.	Illegitimate Children aged One Year or less committed to the Care of the Superintendent for Year ended 31st March, 1936.	Illegitimate Children under Six Years of Age in Licensed Foster-homes at 31st December, 1935.
North Auckland ..	40	45	38	7	..	..	17
Auckland	203	189	174	15	3	5	89
South Auckland ..	88	46	46	..	8	1	21
Gisborne and Poverty Bay	21	19	19	..	4	..	7
Hawke's Bay	54	35	35	..	6	1	13
Hawera	47	39	39	..	..	1	7
Wanganui	25	14	14	..	3	1	10
Palmerston North ..	50	47	41	6	..	2	11
Wellington	194	173	166	7	136	16	49
Nelson and Marlborough ..	25	16	16	..	13	3	18
West Coast (South Island)	17	13	13	..	2	2	10
North Canterbury ..	139	113	110	3	38	25	79
South Canterbury ..	29	26	26	..	7	4	20
Otago	73	71	70	1	11	10	55
Southland	41	30	30	..	8	2	3
Totals	1,046	876	837	39	239	73	409

Total number of births, 23,965 (exclusive of Maoris). Illegitimate births, 1,046=4.365 per cent. of total births.

TABLE 13.—PARTICULARS OF EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Item.	Otekaike.	Richmond.	Total.
	£	£	£
Salaries	6,761	2,296	9,057
Advertising, &c. ..	15	12	27
Maintenance of buildings ..	536	267	803
Maintenance of institutions ..	4,663	2,356	7,019
Contingencies	1	..	1
			16,907
Travelling-expenses	..	..	711
Postage and telegrams	..	..	106
Less—			17,724
Board of staff	1,036	267	
		1,303	
Recoveries (parental contributions and revenue from farm, sale of articles manufactured, &c.) ..	1,945		3,248
			£14,476