

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1898, and 31st March, 1899.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1898.	31st March, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1898.	31st March, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1898.	31st March, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	3	1	...	2	2	2	...	...	5	3	...	2
Auckland	36	28	...	8	38	47	9	...	74	75	1	...
Coromandel and Thames	9	9	...	...	26	29	3	...	35	38	3	...
Waikato	3	1	...	2	4	7	3	...	7	8	1	...
Bay of Plenty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cook	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Hawke's Bay	15	23	8	...	3	1	...	2	18	24	6	...
Taranaki	13	9	...	4	...	...	...	...	13	9	...	4
Patea and Wanganui	1	5	4	...	15	6	...	9	16	11	...	5
Palmerston North	1	...	...	1	6	11	5	...	7	11	4	...
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	105	90	...	15	189	163	...	26
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	65	60	...	5	14	8	...	6				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Wairau	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	2	3	1	...
Picton	...	...	...	...	1	4	3	...	1	4	3	...
Nelson	9	17	8	...	31	40	9	...	40	57	17	...
Buller...	3	3	...	...	4	4	...	...	7	7	...	...
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	8	6	...	2	8	6	...	2
Grey	4	10	6	...	42	36	...	6	46	46	...	...
Westland	19	16	...	3	6	10	4	...	25	26	1	...
Ashburton and North Canterbury	42	60	18	...	69	42	...	27	111	102	...	9
South Canterbury	47	44	...	3	5	7	2	...	52	51	...	1
North Otago	...	...	...	...	22	21	...	1	22	21	...	1
Otago United	...	...	...	...	203	193	...	10	213	198	...	15
Otago Benevolent Institution	10	5	...	5	...	...	...	...				
Southland	12	7	...	5	14	4	...	10	26	11	...	15
Totals	300	307	45	38	620	570	38	88	920	877	37	80

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).

(This table refers to out-door relief and to heads of families only.)

	Auckland Charitable Aid Board.	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	*Dunedin Benevolent Society.	Greymouth Benevolent Society.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	Waikato Charitable Aid Board.
Lack of employment	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	...	...
(1.) Able-bodied	71	26	74	...	...	...	58	51	...
(2.) Inefficient	41	24	90	...	1	...	...	24	...
Sickness	164	132	149	115	4	50	27	19	...
Accident	6	5	9	...	1	...	2	...	1
Insanity of bread-winner	3	14	5	2	...	...	3	...	...
Imprisonment of bread-winner	9	9	15	5	...	...	2	...	...
Desertion of bread-winner	35	44	38	52	2	...	12	5	1
No male support—									
(1.) Widows	105	138	90	174	21	11	50	2	6
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	11	25	4	6	...	...	...	...	1
Intemperance	9	12	66	...	1	...	...	...	...
Shiftlessness	14	3	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Physical defects	20	43	44	...	2	...	13	1	...
Old age	235	213	92	279	97	17	33	12	8
Causes undetermined	...	18	7	211	...	...	7	2	...
Total number of cases	723	706	723	916	129	78	207	116	17

* For year ended 31st December, 1898.