

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1899, and 31st March, 1900.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1899.	31st March, 1900.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1899.	31st March, 1900.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1899.	31st March, 1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	1	1	...	...	2	6	4	...	3	7	4	...
Auckland	28	20	...	8	47	37	...	10	75	57	...	18
Coromandel and Thames	9	2	...	7	29	32	3	...	38	34	...	4
Waikato	1	1	...	...	7	6	...	1	8	7	...	1
Bay of Plenty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cook	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Hawke's Bay	23	14	...	9	1	1	...	...	24	15	...	9
Taranaki	9	12	3	...	...	...	...	...	9	12	3	...
Patea and Wanganui	5	4	...	1	6	6	...	...	11	10	...	1
Palmerston North	...	1	1	...	11	12	1	...	11	13	2	...
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	90	82	...	8	163	145	...	18
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	60	43	...	17	8	13	5	...				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	5	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	1
Wairau	1	1	...	...	2	1	...	1				
Picton	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	4	4	...	...
Nelson	17	12	...	5	40	33	...	7	57	45	...	12
Buller	3	1	...	2	4	5	1	...	7	6	...	1
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	6	8	2	...	6	8	2	...
Grey	10	17	7	...	36	40	4	...	46	57	11	...
Westland	16	14	...	2	10	8	...	2	26	22	...	4
Ashburton and North Canterbury	60	53	...	7	42	37	...	5	102	90	...	12
South Canterbury	44	43	...	1	7	6	...	1	51	49	...	2
North Otago	...	...	...	...	21	17	...	4	21	17	...	4
Otago United	...	...	...	...	193	184	...	9	198	187	...	11
Otago Benevolent Institution	5	3	...	2	...	...	...	...				
Southland	7	14	7	...	4	4	...	...	11	18	7	...
Totals	307	266	20	61	570	542	20	48	877	808	29	98

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

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

(This table refers to outdoor 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.	South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board.
Lack of employment—				Gives no information.					
(1.) Able-bodied	30	26	62		...	...	18	41	...
(2.) Inefficient	11	18	79		...	...	9	48	1
Sickness	106	129	95		4	24	29	10	5
Accident	5	4	4		...	...	3	...	2
Insanity of bread-winner	2	9	1		...	...	1	1	...
Imprisonment of bread-winner	9	7	11		...	...	4	1	1
Desertion of bread-winner	57	33	40		1	...	11	4	3
No male support—									
(1.) Widows	75	135	81		12	3	40	2	38
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	17	28	3		...	...	...	1	1
Intemperance	1	5	15		...	...	2	1	...
Shiftlessness	2	4	38		...	...	4	...	...
Physical defects	21	18	42		1	...	5	4	4
Old age	154	96	91		21	...	18	5	8
Causes undetermined	4	27	3		...	...	...	7	1
Total number of cases	494	539	565	...	39	27	144	125	64