

The number of inmates who during 1903 ceased to be under the control of industrial schools was 169. Of these 112 were discharged by warrant, 42 reached twenty-one years of age, 2 were married, and 13 died. Of this total 117 were of good character, 7 fair, and 12 bad; 8 were weak-minded, 9 were missing, 6 were adopted or discharged under fifteen years of age, 9 under that age died, and 1 was sent to a school under a misapprehension.

As in the previous year the number of deaths (13) was above the average. The medical certificates show that of the six inmates who were in residence at the time of death, 1 died of rheumatic fever, 1 of tubercular meningitis, 1 of pneumonia, 1 of marasmus, and two boys met with violent deaths, one being burned to death at the destruction by fire of the Stoke branch of St. Mary's Industrial School, Nelson, and one was found drowned in a well at the Burnham Industrial School. Four boarded-out children died—1 of pneumonia, 1 of apnoea from disease of the brain, 1 infant from natural causes, and 1 of peritonitis. One girl died in the hospital from the effects of phosphorus poisoning, self-administered while at service, and 1 boy died in a lunatic asylum of epilepsy and marasmus.

The number of admissions during the year (231) shows a decrease of 13 from the number for 1902. Of these 41 were sent from Dunedin, 74 from Wellington, 29 from Auckland, and 27 from Christchurch. Of the remaining 60 children, no one town or country district sent more than 8 to the schools.

From information taken from the Magistrates' orders it is found that the religious denominations in which the children who were admitted are to be brought up are: Church of England, 124; Roman Catholic, 62; Presbyterian, 25; Methodist, 11; Baptist, 4; and 5 are described as Protestant.

TABLE J2. — ADMISSIONS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER, 1903.

Fathers, described as	Mothers, described as	Precedent Condition of Children admitted in 1903.						Total.
		Destitute.	Vagrant.	Associating with Disreputable Persons.	Uncontrollable.	Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences.	By Arrangement	
Dead	Dead	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
"	Good	17	2	..	1	6	..	26
"	Bad	1	3	..	..	2	1	7
"	Deserter	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Good	Dead	6	5	..	1	4	..	16
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	3	..	..	2	2	1	6
"	Good	7	..	1	2	20	1	31
"	Unknown	..	..	..	3	3	..	6
"	Bad	7	1	7	2	4	1	22
"	Deserter	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Unknown	Dead	3	1	1	..	2	..	7
"	Sick, lunatic, &c. ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Good	21	..	..	..	..	..	21
"	Unknown	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
"	Bad	14	..	10	..	..	..	24
"	Deserter	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Bad	Dead	6	..	3	..	..	..	9
"	Good	12	..	..	..	6	..	18
"	Bad	7	5	3	..	3	..	18
"	Deserter	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Deserter	Good	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
"	Bad	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
"	Deserter	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
	Totals	119	18	25	9	56	4	231

At the end of 1903 there was in the Post-Office Savings-Bank on account of the earnings of inmates of Government industrial schools a sum of £12,070 7s. 5d., and on account of inmates of private industrial schools £2,721 12s. 3d. For inmates of Government schools a sum of £1,115 14s. 11d. was withdrawn during the year, and for inmates of private schools £73 15s. 9d.