

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, 161 ; Roman Catholic, 78 ; Presbyterian, 20 ; Methodist, 16 ; Baptist, 6 ; Church of Christ, 4 ; Christadelphian, 1 ; 3 to be brought up as Protestants ; and Jewish, 1.

The number of inmates who during 1906 ceased to be under the control of industrial schools was 168. Of these, 90 were discharged by warrant, 61 reached twenty-one years of age, 4 were married, and 13 died. Of this total 108 were of good character, 8 fair, 2 indifferent, and 6 bad ; 8 were weak-minded, 11 were missing, 12 were discharged under fifteen years of age (7 of whom were adopted), and 11 under and 2 over that age died.

The number of deaths (13) shows an increase of 3 on the number for the previous year. The medical certificates show that of the 5 inmates who were boarded out at the time of death, 1 died of gastro-enteritis and asthenia, 1 hyorscepholus and convulsions, 1 of influenza and pneumonia, 1 of measles and broncho-pneumonia, and 1 was accidentally killed. Two resident inmates died, one of tuberculosis, and the other of bronchitis. Two inmates died in the hospital, one of meningitis and congenital syphilis, and the other of tubercular hip-disease and phthisis. Two children in nursing homes died, one of intestinal tuberculosis and phthisis, and the other of meningitis. One young man who was at service met his death by drowning.

DISCHARGES, 1906.

Cause of Discharge.	Government Schools.										Private Schools.						All Schools.			
	Auckland.		Boys' Training Farm, Weraroa.	Receiving Home, Wellington.		Te Orange Home.	Receiving Home, Christchurch.		Burnham.	Caversham.		St. Mary's, Auckland.		St. Joseph's, Wellington.	St. Mary's, Nelson.		St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	B.	B.	G.	B.	G.	G.	B.	G.	G.			
Warrant of discharge	3	6	11	2	2	..	3	4	28	1	3	1	2	5	10	7	2	59	31	90
Death ..	..	..	1	1	1	..	5	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	10	3	13
Reached age of 21 years	..	3	1	..	1	11	..	5	14	1	6	1	3	3	5	6	1	22	39	61
Marriage ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	4
Totals	3	9	13	3	4	11	8	10	43	2	12	3	6	8	16	13	4	91	77	168
	12			7			18			14		9			29					

NUMBERS OF 1905 AND 1906 COMPARED.

Inmates.						At End of Year		Increase or Decrease.
						1905.	1906.	
In the schools	..	..	..	..	..	648	660	+ 12
Boarded out	..	..	..	..	..	579	690	+ 111
With friends	..	..	..	..	..	189	171	- 18
Adopted	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	+ 1
At service	..	..	..	..	..	437	419	- 18
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	7	6	- 1
In mental hospitals	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	+ 2
School for Deaf-mutes	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	- 1
At Costley Training Institution	..	..	..	..	..	16	19	+ 3
Under control of refuges or cognate institutions	..	..	..	..	..	13	12	- 1
Under control of orphanage, cottage home, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..
In gaol	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	- 2
Absent without leave, or whereabouts unknown	..	..	..	..	..	48	82	+ 34
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	1,953	2,075	+ 122

Education Department, Wellington, 28th June, 1907.

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Secretary for Education.

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REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

AUCKLAND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Auckland, 29th March, 1907.

I have the honour to report that the health of the children at the Auckland Industrial School has been very good during the past year. There was one case of injury to the knee which at one time looked serious, but it cleared up well, and the patient returned to her work. During my last inspection several children were shown to me who required artificial teeth. In cases where the upper and lower teeth do not meet on either side, it would be a matter of economy if the Department made provision for the obtaining of a plate in order that mastication could be duly carried out.

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