

The numbers of children admitted were—From Auckland, 107; from Wellington, 101; from Christchurch, 35; from Dunedin, 42; from Napier, 18; from Hamilton, 20; from Wanganui, 12; while in no case were more than 8 sent from any other town in the Dominion. The records show that, of the total number of children admitted, 26·9 per cent. were known to be illegitimate.

When children are before the Courts the Magistrates, after hearing evidence, direct in what religious denomination they are to be brought up. The orders made in 1915 show the denominations to be as follows: Anglican, 230; Roman Catholic, 132; Presbyterian, 53; Methodist, 27; Church of Christ, 3; Salvation Army, 2; Congregational, 3; Baptist, 2; Lutheran, 1.

The number of inmates over whom the control of the schools terminated during the year was 305. Of this number, 232 were then of good character, 1 fair, 3 bad; 10 were married; 3 were weak-minded; 24 were discharged under the age of fifteen years (3 of whom were legally adopted). In 21 cases information as to character cannot be given, the whereabouts of the inmates (who were absent without leave) being unknown at the time of termination of the period of control.

The number of inmates missing at the end of the year was 54—49 boys and 5 girls.  
There were 11 deaths, particulars of which appear in the following table:—

TABLE 17.—DEATHS, 1915.

| Age at Death. |         | Status at Death.    | Certified Cause of Death.                                | School to which belonging.   |
|---------------|---------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Years.        | Months. |                     |                                                          |                              |
| ..            | 4½      | At board            | Convulsions                                              | Wellington Receiving Home.   |
| ..            | 10      | In hospital         | Gastro-enteritis; exhaustion; heart-failure              | "                            |
| 1             | 2½      | At board            | Acute broncho-pneumonia                                  | Caversham.                   |
| 3             | 9       | "                   | Pneumonia; whooping-cough                                | "                            |
| 12            | 7       | "                   | Peritonitis, ruptured kidney; result of fall from a tree | Wellington Receiving Home.   |
| 13            | 11      | In hospital         | Acute periostitis                                        | Boys' Training-farm, Nelson. |
| 14            | 11      | In residence        | Accidentally drowned while bathing                       | Weraroa.                     |
| 17            | 2       | In hospital         | Meningitis                                               | "                            |
| 17            | 3       | "                   | Peritonitis                                              | Nelson.                      |
| 19            | ..      | Expeditionary Force | Killed in action                                         | "                            |
| 19            | 1       | At board            | General tuberculosis; tubercular hip                     | Caversham.                   |

TABLE 18.—DISCHARGES, 1915.

| Cause of<br>Termination of<br>Control. | Government Schools. |    |                                       |                                   |    |                                      |                   |                                          |    |          |                 |    | Private Schools.            |    |                             |                           |    |                                       | All Schools. |        |        |     |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|----|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|----|----------|-----------------|----|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|-----|
|                                        | Auckland.           |    | Boys' Train-<br>ing-farm,<br>Weraroa. | Receiving<br>Home,<br>Wellington. |    | Boys' Train-<br>ing-farm,<br>Nelson. | Te Orange<br>Home | Receiving<br>Home,<br>Christ-<br>church. |    | Burnham. | Caver-<br>sham. |    | St.<br>Mary's,<br>Auckland. |    | St. Joseph's,<br>Upper Hut. | St.<br>Mary's,<br>Nelson. |    | St. Vincent<br>de Paul's,<br>Dunedin. |              |        |        |     |
|                                        |                     |    |                                       |                                   |    |                                      |                   |                                          |    |          |                 |    |                             |    |                             |                           |    |                                       |              |        |        |     |
|                                        | B.                  | G. | B.                                    | B.                                | G. | B.                                   | G.                | B.                                       | G. | B.       | B.              | G. | B.                          | G. | G.                          | B.                        | G. | G.                                    | Boys.        | Girls. | Total. |     |
| Discharged by<br>warrant               | 1                   | 4  | 54                                    | 9                                 | 6  | 27                                   | 1                 | 5                                        | 2  | 72       | 8               | 1  | 21                          | 6  | 3                           | ..                        | 6  | ..                                    | 197          | 29     | 226    |     |
| Death ..                               | ..                  | .. | 2                                     | 2                                 | 1  | 3                                    | ..                | ..                                       | .. | ..       | 1               | 2  | ..                          | .. | ..                          | ..                        | .. | ..                                    | 8            | 3      | 11     |     |
| Reached age of                         | ..                  | 3  | 1                                     | 1                                 | .. | 1                                    | 12                | 3                                        | 4  | 7        | 9               | 5  | ..                          | 4  | 2                           | ..                        | 1  | 5                                     | 22           | 36     | 58     |     |
| 21 years                               | ..                  | .. | 3                                     | ..                                | 2  | ..                                   | 3                 | ..                                       | .. | ..       | ..              | 1  | ..                          | 1  | ..                          | ..                        | .. | ..                                    | ..           | 10     | 10     |     |
| Married                                | ..                  | .. | 3                                     | ..                                | 2  | ..                                   | 3                 | ..                                       | .. | ..       | ..              | 1  | ..                          | 1  | ..                          | ..                        | .. | ..                                    | ..           | 10     | 10     |     |
| Totals                                 | ..                  | 1  | 10                                    | 57                                | 12 | 9                                    | 31                | 16                                       | 8  | 6        | 79              | 18 | 9                           | 21 | 11                          | 5                         | .. | 7                                     | 5            | 227    | 78     | 305 |

NOTE.—Of the 197 boys discharged during the year, 63 were serving with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces.

Under the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act, 1909, power is given for the detention beyond the age of twenty-one years of any inmate who, upon application being made to a Magistrate by the Manager of the school at the direction of the Minister of Education, is found to be morally degenerate or otherwise not (in the public interest) a fit person to be free from control. In the four years since this Act came into operation there have been 35 orders issued extending the period of control, 30 of the inmates concerned being girls. The Act provides for extension for four years, and gives power to the Court on similar procedure to renew the order from time to time for a period of four years. It is expected that the number of those over whom authority beyond twenty-one years will be needed will always be small in proportion to the whole number of inmates; but the value of such an enactment in respect of the remainder who have to be detained is obvious, both in their own interest and in that of the community at large.