

TABLE I 8.—ADMISSIONS IN 1917, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER.

Fathers described as	Mothers described as	Precedent Condition of Children admitted in 1917.								Total.
		Destitute.	Vagrant.	Associating with Disreputable Persons.	Not under Proper Control. (Complaint by Police.)	Uncontrollable. (Complaint by Parent.)	Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences.	Admitted by Private Arrangement.	Transferred from Gaol.	
Dead .. ..	Dead .. ..	1	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	6
.. .. .	Mentally unfit ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
.. .. .	Deserter .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	Good .. ..	..	..	..	5	..	7	..	2	14
.. .. .	Questionable ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	5
.. .. .	Bad .. ..	4	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	9
Good .. ..	Dead .. ..	1	1	..	4	1	3	..	1	11
.. .. .	Mentally unfit ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
.. .. .	Good .. ..	13	3	..	23	10	55	..	8	112
.. .. .	Questionable ..	1	..	..	7	6	2	2	..	18
.. .. .	Bad .. ..	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	12
.. .. .	Unknown .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
Questionable ..	Dead .. ..	9	2	4	1	..	1	..	1	18
.. .. .	Good .. ..	5	..	..	4	..	7	..	1	17
.. .. .	Questionable ..	19	1	..	7	..	5	1	1	34
.. .. .	Bad .. ..	..	1	4	9	..	1	..	..	15
.. .. .	Unknown .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bad .. ..	Dead .. ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
.. .. .	Good .. ..	2	1	..	1	2	4	..	..	10
.. .. .	Questionable ..	..	..	3	3	..	2	..	..	8
.. .. .	Bad .. ..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	4
Deserter .. ..	Deserter .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unknown .. ..	Dead .. ..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	3
.. .. .	Mentally unfit ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
.. .. .	Good .. ..	5	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	12
.. .. .	Questionable ..	12	..	1	2	1	..	1	..	17
.. .. .	Bad .. ..	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	6
.. .. .	Deserter .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
.. .. .	Unknown .. ..	2	1	..	5	..	2	..	..	10
Totals .. ..	.. ..	94	10	18	96	23	98	5	14	358

The numbers of children admitted were—From Auckland, 78; from Wellington, 78; from Christchurch, 42; from Dunedin, 38; from Napier, 6; from Blenheim, 2; from Wanganui, 9; 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, 23 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 1917 show the denominations to be as follows: Anglican, 167; Roman Catholic, 89; Presbyterian, 59; Methodist, 33; Salvation Army, 6; Baptist, 2; Congregational, 1; Hebrew, 1.

The number of inmates over whom the control of the schools terminated during the year was 390. Of this number, 271 were then of good character, 3 fair, 9 bad; 3 were married, 4 were weak-minded, 40 were discharged under the age of fifteen years (7 of whom were legally adopted). In 44 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 35—32 boys and 3 girls.

There were 16 deaths, particulars of which appear in the following table:—

TABLE I 9.—DEATHS, 1917.

Age at Death.		Status at Death.	Certified Cause of Death.				School to which belonging.
Yrs.	mos.						
0	3	In residence ..	Gastro-enteritis ..	..	..	..	St. Mary's, Auckland.
1	1	At board ..	Bronchial pneumonia ..	..	..	..	Wellington Receiving-home.
2	9	.. ..	Killed; laceration of the brain ..	..	..	..	Christchurch Receiving-home.
5	3	.. ..	Gastric and intestinal irritation; convulsions..	..	..	..	Caversham.
9	9	In hospital ..	Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..
12	1	.. ..	Phthisis ..	..	..	..	St. Mary's, Nelson.
15	6	.. ..	Accidentally shot in the knee; gangrene followed	..	..	..	Boys' Training-farm, Nelson.
15	11	.. ..	Congenital disease of the heart ..	..	..	..	Auckland.
16	0	In residence ..	Heart-disease ..	..	..	..	St. Mary's, Auckland.
16	5	In hospital ..	Mediastinal adenitis; tracheo-stenosis ..	..	..	..	Auckland.
17	6	Expeditionary Force	Died of wounds in France ..	..	..	..	Christchurch Receiving-home.
18	6	In hospital ..	Tubercular peritonitis ..	..	..	..	Te Oranga Home.
18	6	Expeditionary Force	Died of wounds ..	..	..	..	Boys' Training-farm, Weraeroa.
19	1	Missing ..	Accidentally killed ..	..	..	..	Burnham.
19	5	Expeditionary Force	Killed in action ..	..	..	..	Boys' Training-farm, Weraeroa.
20	0	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	Wellington Receiving-home.