

TABLE I 9.—INMATES DISCHARGED DURING 1918.

Particulars of Discharges, &c., during 1918.	Total of Both Sexes.	Boys.										
		Total Boys.	Auckland.	St. Mary's, Auckland.	Boys' Training-farm, Wairarua.	Receiving-home, Wellington.	Receiving-home, Nelson.	Boys' Training-farm, Nelson.	St. Mary's, Nelson.	Receiving-home, Christchurch.	Burnham.	Caversham.
Discharge by warrant ..	431	323	6	11	131	19	1	42	1	10	92	10
Death	14	8	1	..	4	2	..	..	..	1	..	..
Reached 21 years of age ..	46	9	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	..
Married	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cancellation of committal order	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Totals	498	341	8	11	135	24	1	43	1	11	97	10

Particulars of Discharges, &c., during 1917.	Girls.										
	Total Girls.	Auckland.	St. Mary's, Auckland.	St. Joseph's, Upper Hut.	Receiving-home, Wellington.	St. Mary's, Nelson.	Receiving-home, Christchurch.	T. Oranga Home.	Caversham.	St. Vincent de Paul's.	
Discharge by warrant	108	8	..	3	5	5	5	61	20	1	
Death	6	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	
Reached 21 years of age ..	37	7	9	..	2	..	5	6	6	2	
Married	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	
Cancellation of committal order	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals	157	20	10	3	8	5	11	71	26	3	

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 eight years since this Act came into operation there have been 76 orders issued extending the period of control, 53 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.

TABLE I 10.—INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC DURING 1918.

Return showing number of Orphan Children taken charge of by the Department.

District.	Under 5 Years of Age.	Between 5 Years and 10 Years.	Between 10 Years and 16 Years.	Total.
Auckland ..	41	63	48	152
Wellington ..	11	14	8	33
Hawke's Bay ..	1	4	4	9
Taranaki ..	1	2	2	5
Nelson and West Coast ..	1	3	4	8
Canterbury ..	3	1	5	9
Otago ..	10	10	9	29
All districts ..	68	97	80	245