

TABLE 9.—ILLEGITIMACY.

District.	Illegitimate Births registered during 1927.	Number of Illegitimate Children aged Twelve Months or less brought under the Infants Act during 1927.	Illegitimate Children under Six Years in Licensed Foster-homes at 31st December, 1927.	Deaths amongst Illegitimate Children under the age of One Year.
North Auckland ..	32	2	2	2
Auckland ..	287	51	110	12
South Auckland ..	101	12	17	8
Hawke's Bay ..	62	7	17	2
Gisborne ..	33	12	27	3
Wanganui and Taranaki ..	85	16	33	7
Palmerston North ..	68	14	32	4
Wellington ..	278	65	145	12
Nelson ..	46	9	14	1
West Coast ..	14	1	6	3
North Canterbury ..	195	60	151	12
South Canterbury ..	18	12	27	2
Otago ..	125	10	30	7
Southland ..	43	7	21	2
Totals for 1927 ..	1,387	278	632	77
Totals for 1926 ..	1,473	285	559	78

Children committed to the Care of the Superintendent during the Year.

Preventive methods are applied as far as possible in dealing with the large number of children coming under notice throughout the year, but where there is no home, or the home conditions are irretrievably bad, or the child is incorrigible or has committed some serious offence against the law, it is usually necessary for the State to assume full responsibility for maintenance and guardianship. Last year the number of children so dealt with was 644, but the majority were placed out in suitable private homes in the community during the year.

The following tables set out the ages of the children, the causes of admission, and particulars regarding the state or characters of the parents.

The following shows the new admissions according to age :—

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Under six months	41	24	65
Over six months and under one year	15	18	33
One year to five years	66	57	123
Five years to ten years	85	61	146
Ten years to fourteen years	100	43	143
Over fourteen years	83	51	134
	390	254	644

Table 10 attached to this report shows the new admissions classified according to the causes of admission. Of the total number (644) 241 were indigent, 120 not under proper control, and 81 had been charged with punishable offences. Of the children admitted under these headings, 348 were placed out in foster-homes before the 31st March.

TABLE 10.—ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1928, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CAUSES OF ADMISSION.

Admitted as	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Indigent	144	97	241
Neglected	27	24	51
Delinquent	17	7	24
In detrimental environment	38	37	75
Not under proper control	73	47	120
Accused or guilty of punishable offence	62	19	81
Admission by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act)	21	17	38
Temporary admissions	8	6	14
Totals	390	254	644