Table 10.—Admissions classified according to Religious Beliefs.

|                      |   | ĺ  | Anglican,  | Roman<br>Catholic.                                | Presbyterian.                                    | Methodist.                                      | Salvation<br>Army.                              | Ratana.                                   | Baptist.  | Plymouth<br>Brethren. | Ringatu. | Mormon. | Church of<br>Christ.                     | Total.               |
|----------------------|---|----|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|----------|---------|--|----------------------|
| Number<br>Percentage | • | •• | $\begin{array}{c} 227 \\ 46 \cdot 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{vmatrix} 87 \\ 17 \cdot 94 \end{vmatrix}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 84 \\ 17 \cdot 32 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 36 \\ 7 \cdot 43 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 17 \\ 3 \cdot 51 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 15 \\ 3.09 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 2 \cdot 06 \end{array}$ | $3 \\ 0.62$           | 0.41     | 0.41    | $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0.41 \end{array}$ | $485 \\ 100 \cdot 0$ |

The records show that of this total 119, or 24.54 per cent., were known to be illegitimate.

The children admitted were from the following districts: Christchurch, 87; Wellington, 76; Auckland, 71; Dunedin, 32; Invercargill, 14; Hamilton, 14; New Plymouth, 14; Nelson, 13; Timaru, 12; Houhora, 11; Ruatoria, 9; Wanganui, 8; Napier, 7; Taumarunui, 6; Palmerston North, 6; Greymouth, 6; Oamaru, 6; Eltham, 5; Petone, 5; Featherston, 5; Hastings, 5; Hawera, 5; Gisborne, 4; Ashburton, 4; Westport, 4; Port Chalmers, 4; Blenheim, 4; Bluff, 3; Levin, 3; Queenstown, 3; two from each of the following places: Coromandel, Taupo, Gore, Opotiki, Rotorua, Motueka, Otaki, Marton; one from each of the following places: Whangarei, Tologa Bay, Pukekohe, Thames, Otorohanga, Te Puke, Masterton, Tauranga, Dargaville, Feilding, Ngaruawahia, Wairoa, Waimate, Riverton, Rangiora, Mangonui, Kaitaia, Pahiatua, Te Awamutu, Lower Hutt, Waihi, Kaikoura, Owaka: 284 from the North Island; 201 from the South Island: total, 485.

TABLE 11.—INMATES DISCHARGED FROM CONTROL DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

|   |                 |           |          | Boys.                      | Girls.                                | Totals.                                |
|---|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Discharged (section 23, Ch<br>Attained the age of twenty<br>Adopted<br>Returned to relatives<br>Died<br>Married | y-one y<br><br> | lfare Ace | <br><br> | 216<br>13<br>25<br>29<br>6 | 104<br>39<br>24<br>20<br>8<br>20<br>2 | 320<br>52<br>49<br>49<br>14<br>20<br>2 |
| Totals  | • •             |           | • •      | <br>289                    | 217                                   | 506                                    |

The average age at discharge for the year was 17 years 4 months.

Table 12.—Institutions for Backward Children: Numbers at 31st March, 1937.

|   |       |       |   | Richmond<br>(Girls). | Otekaike<br>(Boys). | Totals. |
|---|-------|-------|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| In residence<br>On vacation                                 |       |       |   | 64                   | 186                 | 250     |
|   | • •   |       |   |                      | 1                   | 1       |
| Day pupils  | • • • | • • • |   | 3                    |                     | 3       |
| Day service   |       |       |   | 1                    |                     | 1       |
| In Mental Hospitals, hospitals, &c.<br>Absent without leave |       |       |   | 7                    | 21                  | 28      |
| Absent without leave  | • •   | • •   | • | • •                  | 2                   | 2       |
| Totals  |       |       |   | 75                   | 210                 | 285     |

These two institutions provide for children who, being mentally retarded, cannot, for one reason or another, including bad home conditions, be taught efficiently at the ordinary school or provided for at a special class. The ordinary school curriculum is adjusted to meet the needs of the pupils and is administered by specially trained teachers of long experience in this particular work. Handwork, of course, occupies a prominent place. The health of the children at both institutions during the year was very good, and there is a competent nurse attached to each staff.

The institution for boys, which is situated at Otekaike, near Oamaru, accommodates about 200. There is a farm of about 300 acres attached where many of the older boys are taught farming in all its branches before being placed out in the community. Others are employed and trained in boot making and repairing, in basket-making, woodwork, garden and orchard work, &c. Being in a somewhat isolated position the recreation-hall is provided with a cinematograph (sound machine), and a programme which is much appreciated by the inmates and staff is provided once a week.