

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1903, and 31st March, 1902.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1903.	31st March, 1902.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1903.	31st March, 1902.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1903.	31st March, 1902.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	...	...	...	...	9	11	...	2	9	11	...	2
Auckland	10	10	...	...	50	42	8	...	60	52	8	...
Coromandel and Thames...	1	1	...	...	19	22	...	3	20	23	...	3
Waikato	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	5	...	6	...	6
Bay of Plenty	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Cook	3	8	...	5	...	...	...	...	3	8	...	5
Hawke's Bay	8	9	...	1	1	1	...	...	9	10	...	1
Taranaki	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...
Patea and Wanganui	6	2	4	...	4	4	...	...	10	6	4	...
Palmerston North	3	5	...	2	7	7	...	...	10	12	...	2
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	98	92	6	...	130	136	...	6
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	28	33	...	5	...	8	...	8				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	4	...
Wairau	1	1	...	...	4	...	4	...				
Picton	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	4	3	1	...
Nelson	6	5	1	...	24	17	7	...	30	22	8	...
Buller...	...	...	...	...	8	9	...	1	8	9	...	1
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	8	5	3	...	8	5	3	...
Grey	25	19	6	...	33	36	...	3	58	55	3	...
Westland	19	16	3	...	5	7	...	2	24	23	1	...
Ashburton and North Canterbury...	59	57	2	...	54	55	...	1	113	112	1	...
South Canterbury	38	30	8	...	5	7	...	2	43	37	6	...
North Otago	...	...	...	...	18	14	4	...	18	14	4	...
Otago United	...	...	...	...	163	158	5	...	164	160	4	...
Otago Benevolent Institution	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
Southland	1	6	...	5	1	3	...	2	2	9	...	7
Totals	224	219	25	20	515	506	38	29	739	725	47	33

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).

(This table refers to outdoor relief and to heads of families only.)

	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board.
Lack of employment—						
(1.) Able-bodied	19	9	...	10	35	...
(2.) Inefficient	11	39	20	4	50	2
Sickness	119	42	2	33	10	10
Accident	2	3	...	1	...	1
Insanity of bread-winner	10	...	1	...	...	1
Imprisonment of bread-winner	5	2	...	...	...	...
Desertion of bread-winner	45	29	1	7	1	9
No male support—						
(1.) Widows	119	17	10	38	2	37
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	38	6	...	...	...	1
Intemperance	10	1	...	...	...	...
Shiftlessness	8	...	...	1	...	...
Physical defects...	25	1	2	7	3	4
Old age	74	13	9	13	8	7
Causes undetermined	19	19	...	...	...	...
Total number of cases	504	181	45	114	109	72