

Table 14 attached to this report shows the new admissions classified according to the causes of admission. Of the total number (528), 156 were destitute, 175 not under proper control, and 89 had been charged with punishable offences. Of the children admitted under these three headings all excepting 58 were placed out in foster-homes before the end of the year.

Table 17 gives particulars of the character or state of the parents at the time of the admission of the children. From this table I have selected the following figures showing (1) the number of children of drunken parents, and (2) the number of children of feeble-minded parents.

Admission of Children during 1921 on account of the Drinking Habits of one or both Parents.

Drunken mother	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Drunken father	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
Both parents drunkards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
								88

Admission of Children during 1921 on account of Mental Deficiency of one or both Parents.

Mentally deficient mother	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Mentally deficient father	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Both parents defective mentally	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								40

The following figures show the number of committals to industrial schools for the past twelve years: Year 1910, 290; 1911, 389; 1912, 405; 1913, 328; 1914, 405; average for five years before the war, 363. Year 1915, 453; 1916, 436; 1917, 358; 1918, 381; 1919, 864; 1920, 535; 1921, 528; average for seven years after commencement of war, 508 (excluding epidemic orphans the average is 440).

SCHOOLS FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

Numbers at 31st December, 1921.

	Richmond.	Otekaike.	Total.
In residence	39	125	164
On vacation	12	14	26
With friends	1	..	1
At service	4	..	4
In hospital	..	3	3
Missing	..	1	1
In probation homes	..	2	2
Totals	56	145	201

Particulars of Expenditure for the Year 1921-22.

	Stoke.	Otekaike.	Richmond.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	3,365	4,184	1,420	8,969
Advertising	..	10	..	10
Maintenance of buildings	110	152	213	475
Maintenance of institutions	636	3,640	1,487	5,763
Additional buildings	Cr. 368	460	..	92
	3,743	8,446	3,120	15,309
Travelling-expenses	835
Recoveries	4,955
Net cost to Department	£11,189

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