

## ILLEGITIMACY.

Districts.	Illegitimate Births registered during 1923.	Number of Illegitimate Children aged Twelve Months or less brought under the Infants Act during 1923.	Illegitimate Children under 6 Years of Age in Licensed Foster-homes at 31st December, 1923.
North Auckland .. .. .	51	..	2
Auckland .. .. .	265	45	102
South Auckland .. .. .	83	5	12
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	73	3	10
Gisborne .. .. .	21	2	4
Wanganui and Taranaki .. .. .	74	5	16
Palmerston North .. .. .	64	10	33
Wellington .. .. .	215	23	50
Nelson .. .. .	30	4	5
West Coast .. .. .	25	1	3
North Canterbury .. .. .	168	59	122
South Canterbury .. .. .	25	3	16
Otago .. .. .	113	16	49
Southland .. .. .	53	9	13
Totals for 1923 .. .. .	1,260	185	437
Totals for 1922 .. .. .	1,224	188	425

*Deaths amongst Illegitimate Children during 1923.*

District.	Under 6 Months.	Over 6 Months and under 1 Year.	Between 1 and 2 Years.	Between 2 and 3 Years.	Between 3 and 4 Years.	Between 4 and 5 Years.	Between 5 and 6 Years.	Totals.
North Auckland .. .. .	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Auckland .. .. .	12	1	4	1	1	..	..	19
South Auckland .. .. .	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	6
Wanganui and Taranaki .. .. .	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Gisborne .. .. .	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Palmerston North .. .. .	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
Wellington .. .. .	15	3	1	2	..	..	..	21
Nelson .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
West Coast .. .. .	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
North Canterbury .. .. .	16	1	..	..	..	1	..	18
South Canterbury .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Otago .. .. .	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	5
Southland .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Totals .. .. .	76	7	10	3	3	2	..	101

NOTE.—In addition, the bodies of 8 newly-born infants, whose parents were unknown, were found dead during the year 1923.