

ADOPTIONS.

By an arrangement with the Department of Justice, applications for adoptions are investigated by Child Welfare Officers before being dealt with by Magistrates. During the year 304 children were adopted (28 of these being State wards), and in 24 of these cases premiums were approved by the Courts. Of the total number of children adopted, 53 were under the age of six months, 40 between the age of six and twelve months, 121 between the age of one and five years, 54 between the age of five and ten years, and 36 between the age of ten and fifteen years.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENCE IN PRIVATE ORPHANAGES.

The following information supplied by the authorities shows the number of orphanages and private admissions to such orphanages during the year :—

TABLE 3.

Denomination.	Number of Orphanages.	Admissions during 1934.				Deaths during 1934.				In the Orphanages at 31st December, 1934.			
		Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.
Anglican ..	20	17	19	80	241	..	..	1	1	11	14	82	623
Roman Catholic ..	12	33	16	106	373	1	..	..	4	12	21	129	879
Salvation Army ..	16	485	..	35	584	13	..	2	15	51	2	39	410
Presbyterian ..	18	..	..	61	148	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	369
Methodist ..	5	..	..	6	27	..	..	..	1	..	..	14	173
Plymouth Brethren ..	1	..	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	22
Baptist ..	1	..	..	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	61
Masonic ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Interdenominational	15	9	13	240	777	..	..	1	1	2	11	47	321
Totals..	89	544	48	533	2,168	14	..	4	22	76	48	394	2,866

During the year advice was received that six homes were temporarily closed.

The particulars regarding parentage were as follows: 236 children had no parents, 300 had only mother living, and 736 had only father living.

TABLE 4.—STATUS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AT 31ST MARCH, 1935.

Status.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
In residence	142	98	240
Boarded out	1,180	863	2,043
At service	596	302	898
With friends	315	240	555
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	16	10	26
In refuges or cognate institutions .. .. .	..	46	46
In orphanages	31	23	54
Absent without leave	15	..	15
Y.M.C.A. Hostel, Auckland	15	..	15
In colleges	4	2	6
In Girls' Hostel, Wellington .. .. .	..	14	14
In residence, Roman Catholic schools	35	46	81
In schools for mentally backward	205	77	282
In School for Deaf, Sumner	6	2	8
Totals	2,560	1,723	4,283