

TABLE 9.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

|                  | Anglican. | Roman Catholic. | Presbyterian. | Salvation Army. | Methodist. | Ratana. | Church of Christ. | Plymouth Brethren. | Baptist. | Congregationalist. | Lutheran. | Seventh Day Adventists. | Total. |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|
| Number .. ..     | 232       | 107             | 87            | 16              | 31         | 2       | 3                 | 2                  | 4        | 1                  | 6         | 1                       | 492    |
| Percentage .. .. | 47.15     | 21.75           | 17.68         | 3.25            | 6.3        | 0.41    | 0.61              | 0.41               | 0.82     | 0.2                | 1.22      | 0.2                     | 100.0  |

The records show that of this total 156, or 31.71 per cent., were known to be illegitimate.

The children admitted were from the following districts: Christchurch (88), Auckland (72), Wellington (59), Dunedin (38), Hamilton (29), Nelson (24), Timaru (15), Palmerston North (14), Invercargill (14), Napier (13), Wanganui (10), Stratford (6), Masterton (5), Thames (5), Eltham (5), Ohakune (4), Whangarei (4), Hawera (4), Greymouth (4), Oamaru (4), Blenheim (4), Westport (4), Leeston (4), Gore (4), New Plymouth (3), Dannevirke (3), Kaikohe (3), Kaiapoi (3), Riverton (3); two each from the following places—Dargaville, Port Awanui, Gisborne, Levin, Rotorua, Waihi, Hastings, Ashburton, Reefton, Lyttelton, Takaka; one each from the following places—Paeroa, Patea, Pukekohe, Petone, Woodville, Taupo, Featherston, Warkworth, Waitara, Taumarunui, Onehunga, Tolaga Bay, Rawene, Carterton, Culverden, Rangiora, Lawrence, Balclutha, Milton, Owaka, Motueka, Temuka. 267 from the North Island; 225 from the South Island: total, 492.

TABLE 10.—INMATES DISCHARGED FROM CONTROL DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

|  | Boys. | Girls. | Totals. |
|--|-------|--------|---------|
| Discharged (section 23, Child Welfare Act) .. .. | 231   | 121    | 352     |
| Attained the age of twenty-one years .. ..       | 12    | 15     | 27      |
| Adopted .. ..                                    | 15    | 18     | 33      |
| Returned to relatives .. ..                      | 30    | 22     | 52      |
| Died .. ..                                       | 4     | 1      | 5       |
| Married .. ..                                    | ..    | 15     | 15      |
| Totals .. ..                                     | 292   | 192    | 484     |

TABLE 11.—INSTITUTIONS FOR BACKWARD CHILDREN: NUMBERS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935.

|                    | Richmond (Girls). | Otekaieke (Boys). | Totals. |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| In residence .. .. | 76                | 205               | 281     |
| On vacation .. ..  | ..                | 3                 | 3       |
| Day pupils .. ..   | 1                 | ..                | 1       |
| Day service .. ..  | 1                 | ..                | 1       |
| Totals .. ..       | 78                | 208               | 286     |

## ILLEGITIMACY.

By an arrangement with the Registrar-General all illegitimate births are notified to Child Welfare Officers, who investigate all cases and seek to advise and assist the mother where possible.

The following table shows the result of such investigations:—

TABLE 12.

| District.                       | Illegitimate Births in New Zealand for Year ended 31st December, 1934. | Illegitimate Births notified to Child Welfare Officers for Year ended 31st March, 1935. | Illegitimate Births investigated during Year ended 31st March, 1935. | Not traced or investigated during Year ended 31st March, 1935. | Illegitimate Children aged One Year or less brought under Infants Act for Year ended 31st December, 1934. | Illegitimate Children aged One Year or less committed to the Care of the Superintendent for Year ended 31st March, 1935. | Illegitimate Children under Six Years of Age in Licensed Foster-homes at 31st December, 1934. |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| North Auckland .. ..            | 36   | 35  | 31   | 4  | 2   | ..   | 15  |
| Auckland .. ..                  | 233  | 194   | 182  | 12   | 11  | 3  | 74  |
| South Auckland .. ..            | 80   | 55  | 41   | 14   | 8   | 1  | 25  |
| Gisborne and Poverty Bay .. ..  | 45   | 26  | 26   | ..   | 5   | ..   | 18  |
| Hawke's Bay .. ..               | 49   | 32  | 28   | 4  | 4   | ..   | 6   |
| Hawera .. ..                    | 52   | 22  | 20   | 2  | 5   | 2  | 12  |
| Wanganui .. ..                  | 37   | 25  | 24   | 1  | 4   | ..   | 12  |
| Palmerston North .. ..          | 63   | 26  | 22   | 4  | 1   | 1  | 17  |
| Wellington .. ..                | 197  | 176   | 167  | 9  | 47  | 5  | 113   |
| Nelson and Marlborough .. ..    | 34   | 17  | 17   | ..   | 25  | 2  | 18  |
| West Coast (South Island) .. .. | 12   | 10  | 10   | ..   | 4   | ..   | 12  |
| North Canterbury .. ..          | 160  | 128   | 127  | 1  | 45  | 19   | 102   |
| South Canterbury .. ..          | 25   | 20  | 20   | ..   | 2   | 6  | 16  |
| Otago .. ..                     | 94   | 81  | 78   | 3  | 16  | 3  | 39  |
| Southland .. ..                 | 44   | 35  | 29   | 6  | ..  | 2  | 45  |
| Totals .. ..                    | 1,161  | 882   | 822  | 60   | 179   | 44   | 524   |

Total number of births, 24,322 (exclusive of Maoris). Illegitimate births, 1,161=4.77 per cent. of total births.