



TABLE LXXVIII.—OFFICIAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY ORPHANS, UNION 1926.

Table with columns for Official Languages Spoken (Male/Female) and Proportions per 1,000 (Urban/Rural/Total). Rows include Both, English, Afrikaans, and Neither & Uns.

90. Religious Beliefs of Orphans.—The following table shows the religious beliefs in which the orphans are being brought up.

TABLE LXXIX.—RELIGIONS OF ORPHANS—UNION 1926.

Table showing Religions of Orphans by Sex (Male/Female) and Age Group (Father/Mother/Both Parents Dead, Total). Lists various denominations like Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk, etc.

91. Comparison with Other Countries.—As this is the first occasion on which these statistics have been collected in the Union there exists no standard by which they may be measured.

Owing to the different sizes of the populations compared the figures do not give a ready comparison; but the lower portion of the table which gives the proportions per 1,000 shows the relative numbers in each country completely or partially orphaned.

Although the proportions in New Zealand differ considerably from those of the Union, there is an extraordinary similarity between the proportions in the Union and Northern Ireland.

The lower incidence of orphanhood in New Zealand is a reflex of the comparatively higher expectation of life as shown by the relative life tables, viz:—

Expectation of Life at Age 0.

Table showing Expectation of Life at Age 0 for Males and Females in New Zealand (1921-22) and South Africa (Life Table No. 1).

Similar information for Northern Ireland was not available at the time of going to the press. South African Life Table No. 2, prepared after the census of 1926 showed an improvement in the expectation of life. (See Section XVI.)

TABLE LXXX.—ORPHANHOOD OF CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS.

Large table showing Orphanhood of Children Under 15 Years by Sex and Age Groups for Northern Ireland, New Zealand, and the Union (1926). Includes columns for Age Groups, Males/Females, and various orphanhood metrics.