

usually at the rate of 15s. per week for each child concerned. Of the total number of children adopted, 82 were under the age of six months, 41 between the age of six and twelve months, 162 between the age of one and five years, 53 between the age of five and ten years, and 33 between the age of ten and fifteen years.

TABLE 1.—STATUS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Status.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
In residence	162	128	290
Boarded out	1,355	1,010	2,365
At service	665	325	990
With friends	346	325	671
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	15	13	28
In refuges or cognate institutions	15	90	105
In orphanages	9	13	22
Absent without leave	25	4	29
In Borstal institutions	2	..	2
Y.M.C.A. Hostel, Auckland	14	..	14
Institute for the Blind	1	1
At colleges	1	1	2
Girls' Hostel, Wellington	17	17
In residence, Roman Catholic schools	34	53	87
In schools for mentally backward	191	78	269
In School for Deaf, Sumner	2	6	8
In mental hospitals	4	6	10
Totals	2,840	2,070	4,910

TABLE 2.—COMMITTALS AND ADMISSIONS BY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1931.

The following table shows the admissions according to age :—

—	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Under six months	35	33	68
Over six months and under one year	18	10	28
One year to five years	64	54	118
Five years to ten years	81	42	123
Ten years to fourteen years	87	46	133
Over fourteen years	92	69	161
Totals	377	254	631

N.B.—In addition to the above, 52 boys and 23 girls were temporarily admitted for short periods.

Table 3 below shows the admissions classified according to the causes of admission. Of the total number, 706, 266 were destitute or indigent, 116 not under proper control, 87 charged with punishable offences, 27 delinquent, 84 detrimental environments, 23 neglected. Of the children admitted under these headings, 463 were placed out in the community before the 31st March, 1931.

TABLE 3.—COMMITTALS AND ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1931, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CAUSES OF ADMISSION.

Taken charge of as	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Indigent	152	114	266
Not under proper control	62	54	116
Delinquent	22	5	27
Detrimental environments	33	51	84
Accused or guilty of punishable offence	73	14	87
Admission by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act)	18	10	28
Neglected	17	6	23
Temporary arrangement	52	23	75
Totals	429	277	706