

In regard to examinations conducted by the University of New Zealand the following shows the position in 1931 and 1932 :—

TABLE Z 4.—UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Examination.	Stage in Course at which Examination is normally taken.	Number of Candidates.	1931.	1932.
University Entrance Examination	At end of Form V— <i>i.e.</i> , at end of at least the third year of post-primary course (only the very best third-year pupils succeed in passing)	(a) Who presented themselves for examination	4,779	4,725
		(b) Who passed .. ..	2,703	2,223
		(c) Who failed .. ..	2,076	2,502
Entrance Scholarship Examination	At end of Form VI— <i>i.e.</i> , at end of at least the fourth year of post-primary course	(a) Who presented themselves for examination	166	295*
		(b) Who obtained at least a pass with credit	105	99†
		(c) Who qualified only for University entrance as a result of the examination	46	53
Other University examinations	During University course ..	(d) Who failed .. ..	15	143
		(a) Who presented themselves for examination	6,944	7,290
		(c) Who obtained complete or partial successes	5,029	4,669

\* The increase in number of candidates was caused by the entry of candidates for University National Bursaries who are required to pass this examination to qualify for a bursary.  
† Thirty scholarships are awarded yearly.

36. CHILD WELFARE.

The total number of children under the supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at 31st March, 1933, was 7,640, classed under the following headings :—

State wards—					
In foster homes, hostels, and with friends .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,728
In situations (includes 21 absent without leave) .. ..	..	..	..	..	851
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. .. ..	..	..	..	..	257
In private institutions .. ..	..	..	..	..	249
Inmates in special schools for backward children .. ..	..	..	..	..	264
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. .. ..	..	..	..	..	18
In Borstal .. ..	..	..	..	..	1
					4,368
Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers by					
Order of Court .. ..	..	..	..	..	864
Infants supervised in foster homes registered under the Infants Act .. ..	..	..	..	..	996
Pupils at School for Deaf, Sumner (9 of these being State wards) .. ..	..	..	..	..	120
Children dealt with as preventive cases .. ..	..	..	..	..	1,270
Children at New Zealand Institute for the Blind for whom the Department makes payment .. ..	..	..	..	..	22
					7,640

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1933, was 384, classified according to reasons for committal, as follows: Indigent, 150; delinquent, 11; detrimental environment, 52; neglected, 7; not under proper control, 98; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 66; and in addition 9 were admitted by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act), while 49 were temporarily admitted, making the total number of admissions for the year 442. Of the children committed, 60 had been dealt with previously by the Courts for other offences, for which they had received terms of supervision.

Classified according to the age at the time of admission, the numbers, including temporary admissions, and those admitted under section 12, Child Welfare Act,