

In regard to examinations conducted by the University of New Zealand the following shows the position in 1932 and 1933 :—

TABLE Z 4.—UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Examination.	Stage in Course at which Examination is normally taken.	Number of Candidates.	1932.	1933.
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 (b) Who passed .. (c) Who failed ..	4,725 2,223 2,502	4,738 2,291 2,447
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 (b) Who obtained at least a pass with credit (c) Who qualified only for University entrance as a result of the examination (d) Who failed ..	295 131* 53 143	345 134* 112 99
Other University examinations	During University course ..	(a) Who presented themselves for examination (b) Who obtained complete or partial successes	7,290 4,669	7,750 5,649

\* 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, 1934, was 7,259, classed under the following headings :—

#### State wards—

In foster homes, hostels, and with friends ..	2,708
In situations (includes 21 absent without leave) ..	858
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. ..	251
In private institutions ..	194
Inmates in special schools for backward children ..	239
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. ..	20
At School for Deaf, Sumner ..	7
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Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers, by order of Court ..	850
Infants supervised in foster homes, registered under the Infants Act ..	923
Pupils at School for Deaf, Sumner (other than State wards (7) included in figures above) ..	109
Children dealt with as preventive cases ..	1,081
Children at New Zealand Institute for Blind, for whom the Department makes payment ..	19
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Total ..	7,259

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1934, was 423, classified according to reasons for committal, as follows : Indigent, 154 ; delinquent, 22 ; detrimental environment, 53 ; neglected, 4 ; not under proper control, 117 ; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 73 ; and, in addition, 6 were admitted by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act), while 47 were temporarily admitted, making the total number of admissions for the year 476. Of the children committed, 72 had been dealt with previously by the Courts for other offences, for which they had received terms of supervision.