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E D U C A T I O N : CHILD WELFARE, STATE CARE OF CHILDREN, SPECIAL SCHOOLS, AND INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

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No. 1.—EXTRACT FROM THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

CHILD WELFARE.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION.

The total number of children under the supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at 31st March, 1935, was 7,315, classed under the following headings:—

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| State wards— | | | | | | |
| In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,633 |
| In situations (includes 15 absent without leave) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 913 |
| In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 240 |
| In private institutions | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 181 |
| Inmates in special schools for backward children | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 282 |
| In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| At School for Deaf, Sumner | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 |
| | | | | | | 4,283 |
| Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers, by | | | | | | |
| order of Court | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 917 |
| Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 816 |
| Pupils at School for Deaf, Sumner (other than State wards (8) included in | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 119 |
| figures above) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 119 |
| Children dealt with as preventive cases | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,161 |
| Children at New Zealand Institute for Blind for whom the Department makes | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 |
| payment | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 |
| | | | | | | 7,315 |
| Total | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7,315 |

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1935, was 442, classified according to reasons for committal, as follows: Indigent, 199; delinquent, 26; detrimental environment, 40; neglected, 8; not under proper control, 81; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 88; and, in addition, 7 were admitted by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act), while 43 were temporarily admitted, making the total number of admissions for the year 492. Of the children committed, 92 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, are as follows : Under six months, 50 ; over six months and under one year, 31 ; from one to five years, 78 ; from five to ten years, 84 ; from ten to fourteen years, 120 ; over fourteen years, 129. The length of period of residence for the children temporarily admitted was from one day to seven weeks.

Of the children in foster-homes at the 31st March, 1935, 110 over the age of fourteen years were receiving further education, 52 at primary schools and 58 at secondary or technical schools. Furthermore, 21 children under the age of fourteen years were receiving higher education. In addition, there were 20 residing in hostels receiving secondary education.

No. 2.—STATEMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHILD WELFARE BRANCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1935.

CASES APPEARING BEFORE CHILDREN'S COURTS.

The number of children dealt with by the Children's Courts during the year was 2,245, and of these 669 were placed under the supervision of Child Welfare Officers. Of the children placed under supervision, 63 were subsequently committed to the care of the Superintendent, and 11 were placed on extended supervision. The number actually admitted to institutions such as receiving-homes, special schools, training-farms, &c., was 442, but all of these, with the exception of 106 (73 boys and 33 girls) who required further training, were suitably provided for in the community before the close of the year. The other children (1,123) appearing before the Courts were dealt with in a manner not calling for supervision by a Child Welfare Officer (see details below).

At the 31st March, 1935, there was a total number of 917 children under the supervision of Child Welfare Officers by order of the Courts. Of the number (669) placed under supervision this year, 67 had previously been dealt with by the Courts. The Magistrate ordered 1 child to spend a period in an institution.

The following statement indicates the number appearing before all such Courts, and the action taken : Committals, 442 ; supervision, 662 ; extended supervision, 18 ; admonished and discharged, 678 ; dismissed, 54 ; returned to institutions, 32 ; adjourned, 30 ; convicted and fined, 21 ; Borstal, 16 ; convicted and discharged, 7 ; remanded, 5 ; probation, 5 ; admonished and ordered to make restitution, 4 ; ordered to an institution, 3 ; referred to Magistrate's Court, 2 ; ordered to come up for sentence, 2 ; birched, 2 ; admonished and fined, 2 ; driver's license cancelled, 1 ; supervision order varied, 1. By-law cases : Admonished and discharged, 168 ; convicted and fined, 65 ; convicted and costs, 19 ; dismissed, 5 ; convicted and discharged, 1 : Total by-law cases, 258.

Of the total, 650 were charged with theft ; 230, wilful damage ; 204, indigency ; 165, not under proper control ; 157, delinquency ; 118, mischief ; 109, breaking, entering, and theft ; 56, detrimental environment ; 47, conversion ; 34, throwing stones ; 23, indecent assault ; 19, disorderly conduct ; 16, receiving ; 9, dangerous driving ; 7, assault ; 8, neglected ; 11, discharging firearms ; 7, false pretences ; 8, common assault ; 6, idle and disorderly ; 6, obscene language ; 5, attempted theft ; 5, breach of supervision ; 3, carnal knowledge ; 3, attempted breaking, entering, and theft ; 3, unlawfully on premises ; 3, cruelty to animals ; 3, obscene writing ; 2, attempted carnal knowledge ; 2, attempted suicide ; 2, breaking and entering ; 2, rape ; 2, forgery ; 2, smoking ; 1, arson ; 1, vagrancy ; 1, negligent riding ; 1, attempted indecent assault ; 1, driving without license ; 1, aiding and abetting ; 1, application for rehearing ; 1, drunkenness ; 24, breach of Motor-vehicles Act ; 2, breach of Acclimatization Act ; 7, breach of Licensing Act ; 16, breach of Arms Act ; 1, breach of Prisons Act ; 1, breach of Fisheries Act ; 1, breach of Fire Brigades Act ; and 258, breach of city by-laws : total, 2,245.

The records show that of the numbers dealt with 166 had been before the Courts for previous offences.

In addition to the above, there were 18 cases dealt with by the Magistrates under the provisions of section 17 of the Amendment Act, 1927, and the informations dismissed as trivial ; while there were also 90 cases in which, as the result of consultation between the Child Welfare Officer and the Police, the informations were regarded as of insufficient importance to warrant Court action, the children concerned being adequately dealt with otherwise, usually as preventive cases under the supervision of a Child Welfare Officer for a period.

PREVENTIVE WORK.

An important part of the work of the Child Welfare Officers is that of adjusting conditions in homes and in connection with families in order to prevent the committal of children to the care of the State, or of coming before the Courts at all.

In very many cases parents whose children are difficult to manage avail themselves of the services of Child Welfare Officers for the purpose of supervision and friendly guidance.

At the end of the year there was a total number of 1,161 children being dealt with in this connection.

Table 1 shows the number of cases notified during the year.

TABLE 1.—PREVENTIVE CASES.

The following table shows the number of preventive cases notified by Child Welfare Officers during the year ended 31st March, 1935 :—

| District. | | | | | | Number of Families. | Number of Children. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---------------------|---------------------|
| North Auckland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 23 | 73 |
| Auckland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 46 |
| Hamilton | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 15 |
| Gisborne | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| Hawke's Bay | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 | 26 |
| Hawera | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 14 |
| Wanganui | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Palmerston North | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Wellington | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52 | 122 |
| Nelson and Marlborough | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 | 43 |
| West Coast (South Island) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 7 |
| North Canterbury | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 | 50 |
| South Canterbury | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 | 37 |
| Otago | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 | 37 |
| Southland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 | 17 |
| Totals | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 228 | 492 |

CHILDREN UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHILD WELFARE BRANCH.

At the 31st March, 1935, there were 4,283 children under control (excluding those mentioned under separate heading below), and of these 240 were in residence at Government receiving-homes (many of these only temporarily), training-farms, and training institutions, 282 in special schools for mentally backward children, 81 in the four private Roman Catholic schools recognized under the Child Welfare Act, 2,043 children were boarded out in foster-homes, 898 were in situations, and 555 residing under license with relatives and friends. The remainder were in various private institutions. Young persons over school age in employment number 778 males and 416 females (a number of whom are residing with friends) included in the total of 4,283. Of the males 594 were farm workers (198 skilled in dairy work and cheesemaking and 396 competent to milk and carry out general farm work), 48 were apprentices, and 136 others were employed in various trades. Of the girls 340 were domestic workers, 47 factory employees, and 29 engaged in various employments, such as shop and office assistants, probationary nurses, dressmakers, &c. Of these boys and girls 130 (including some apprentices) were being partly maintained by the State.

Blind children : Where necessary the Department arranges with the New Zealand Institute for the Blind for the admission of pupils. At the 31st March, 1935, 19 such pupils were maintained as Government pupils.

INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION (INFANTS ACT, 1908).

At the end of the year 816 infants and young children were supervised in 746 licensed foster-homes. Of these homes, 685 had one child each, 53 had 2 children each, 7 had 3 children each, and 1 had 4 children. Payments for maintenance, which were made by the relatives, ranged from 5s. to 25s. per week for each child. Out of the 1,351 infants who were residing in licensed homes throughout the year there were five deaths.

TABLE 2.—PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1934.

| | Under 6 Months. | 6 Months to 1 Year. | 1 Year to 2 Years. | 2 Years to 3 Years. | 3 Years to 4 Years. | 4 Years to 5 Years. | 5 Years to 6 Years. | Over 6 Years. | Totals. |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------|
| On the books at 31st December, 1933 | 90 | 69 | 132 | 144 | 145 | 136 | 117 | 90 | 923 |
| Placed in foster-homes or transferred from other districts during 1934 | 161 | 89 | 63 | 40 | 34 | 22 | 15 | 4 | 428 |
| Totals | 251 | 158 | 195 | 184 | 179 | 158 | 132 | 94 | 1,351 |
| Removed from homes— | | | | | | | | | |
| By parents or guardians .. | 23 | 35 | 55 | 37 | 28 | 24 | 27 | 22 | 251 |
| Deaths | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 5 |
| Adopted without premium .. | 10 | 16 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 3 | .. | 70 |
| In homes to which exemption was granted during 1934 | 6 | 2 | 2 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | 14 |
| Brought under operation of Child Welfare Act during 1934 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 42 |
| Written off books during 1934 for various other reasons | 3 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 113 | 153 |
| Total withdrawals .. | 48 | 65 | 99 | 56 | 49 | 36 | 44 | 138 | 535 |
| On the books at 31st December, 1934 | 79 | 74 | 123 | 103 | 121 | 115 | 112 | 89 | 816 |

ADOPTIONS.

By an arrangement with the Department of Justice, applications for adoptions are investigated by Child Welfare Officers before being dealt with by Magistrates. During the year 304 children were adopted (28 of these being State wards), and in 24 of these cases premiums were approved by the Courts. Of the total number of children adopted, 53 were under the age of six months, 40 between the age of six and twelve months, 121 between the age of one and five years, 54 between the age of five and ten years, and 36 between the age of ten and fifteen years.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENCE IN PRIVATE ORPHANAGES.

The following information supplied by the authorities shows the number of orphanages and private admissions to such orphanages during the year :—

TABLE 3.

| Denomination. | Number of Orphanages. | Admissions during 1934. | | | | Deaths during 1934. | | | | In the Orphanages at 31st December, 1934. | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Under 6 Months. | 6 Months to 1 Year. | 1 Year to 6 Years. | Totals all Ages. | Under 6 Months. | 6 Months to 1 Year. | 1 Year to 6 Years. | Totals all Ages. | Under 6 Months. | 6 Months to 1 Year. | 1 Year to 6 Years. | Totals all Ages. |
| Anglican .. | 20 | 17 | 19 | 80 | 241 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 82 | 623 |
| Roman Catholic .. | 12 | 33 | 16 | 106 | 373 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | 12 | 21 | 129 | 879 |
| Salvation Army .. | 16 | 485 | .. | 35 | 584 | 13 | .. | 2 | 15 | 51 | 2 | 39 | 410 |
| Presbyterian .. | 18 | .. | .. | 61 | 148 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 61 | 369 |
| Methodist .. | 5 | .. | .. | 6 | 27 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 14 | 173 |
| Plymouth Brethren .. | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 22 |
| Baptist .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 13 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 | 61 |
| Masonic .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 |
| Interdenominational | 15 | 9 | 13 | 240 | 777 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 47 | 321 |
| Totals.. | 89 | 544 | 48 | 533 | 2,168 | 14 | .. | 4 | 22 | 76 | 48 | 394 | 2,866 |

During the year advice was received that six homes were temporarily closed.

The particulars regarding parentage were as follows: 236 children had no parents, 300 had only mother living, and 736 had only father living.

TABLE 4.—STATUS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AT 31ST MARCH, 1935.

| Status. | Boys. | Girls. | Totals. |
|---|-------|--------|---------|
| In residence | 142 | 98 | 240 |
| Boarded out | 1,180 | 863 | 2,043 |
| At service | 596 | 302 | 898 |
| With friends | 315 | 240 | 555 |
| In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. | 16 | 10 | 26 |
| In refuges or cognate institutions | .. | 46 | 46 |
| In orphanages | 31 | 23 | 54 |
| Absent without leave | 15 | .. | 15 |
| Y.M.C.A. Hostel, Auckland | 15 | .. | 15 |
| In colleges | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| In Girls' Hostel, Wellington | .. | 14 | 14 |
| In residence, Roman Catholic schools | 35 | 46 | 81 |
| In schools for mentally backward | 205 | 77 | 282 |
| In School for Deaf, Sumner | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Totals | 2,560 | 1,723 | 4,283 |

The following table shows the admissions according to age :—

TABLE 5.—COMMITTALS AND ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

| — | Boys. | Girls. | Totals. |
|--|-------|--------|---------|
| Under six months | 33 | 17 | 50 |
| Over six months and under one year | 16 | 15 | 31 |
| One year to five years | 39 | 39 | 78 |
| Five years to ten years | 53 | 31 | 84 |
| Ten years to fourteen years | 81 | 39 | 120 |
| Over fourteen years | 93 | 36 | 129 |
| Totals | 315 | 177 | 492 |

Table 6 below shows the admissions classified according to the causes of admission. Of the total number (492) 199 were indigent, 81 not under proper control, 88 charged with punishable offences, 26 delinquent, 40 living in detrimental environments, and 8 neglected. Of the number admitted under these headings (442), 336 were placed out in the community before the 31st March, 1935.

TABLE 6.—COMMITTALS AND ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CAUSES OF ADMISSION.

| Taken charge of as | Boys. | Girls. | Totals. |
|--|-------|--------|---------|
| Indigent | 118 | 81 | 199 |
| Delinquent | 22 | 4 | 26 |
| Detrimental environment | 17 | 23 | 40 |
| Neglected | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Not under proper control | 45 | 36 | 81 |
| Accused or guilty of punishable offence | 77 | 11 | 88 |
| Admission by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act) | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Temporary arrangement | 26 | 17 | 43 |
| Totals | 315 | 177 | 492 |

NOTE.—Of the number (442) actually committed to the care of the Superintendent, 92 had been previously dealt with by the Courts and placed under supervision.

TABLE 7. — CHILDREN BEFORE THE COURTS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935, AND PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CHILD WELFARE OFFICERS.

| — | Boys. | Girls. | Totals. |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|
| Charged with an offence | 437 | 26 | 463 |
| Delinquent | 117 | 13 | 130 |
| Not under proper control | 46 | 23 | 69 |
| In detrimental environment | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Totals | 604 | 65 | 669 |

NOTE.—Eleven of the above were again before the Courts during this period and were placed under a further term of supervision.

TABLE 8.—ADMISSIONS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER
(ARRANGED IN FAMILIES).

| Father described as | | Mother described as | Reasons for Admission of Children. | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---------|-----|
| | | | Indigent. | Delinquent. | Neglected. | Detrimental Environ- ment. | Not under Proper Control. | Accused or Guilty of Punishable Offences. | Temporary Admissions and Admissions by Pri- vate Arrangement. | Totals. | |
| Good | .. | .. | Good | 19 | 9 | .. | 3 | 23 | 48 | 26 | 128 |
| | | | Questionable | 9 | 1 | .. | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| | | | Bad | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 3 |
| | | | Dead | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 3 | .. | 11 |
| | | | Mentally unfit | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Questionable | .. | .. | Good | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | 5 | 11 | 4 | 27 |
| | | | Questionable | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 24 |
| | | | Bad | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 4 |
| | | | Dead | 2 | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| | | | Deserter | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 |
| Bad | .. | .. | Mentally unfit | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| | | | Character unknown | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | Good | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| | | | Questionable | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 4 |
| | | | Bad | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Dead | .. | .. | Dead | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 4 |
| | | | Good | 3 | 6 | .. | .. | 4 | 6 | 2 | 21 |
| | | | Questionable | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 5 |
| | | | Bad | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 |
| | | | Dead | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 6 |
| Deserter | .. | .. | Deserter | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | Mentally unfit | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 |
| | | | Good | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 |
| | | | Dead | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| | | | Deserter | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Mentally unfit | .. | .. | Mentally unfit | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | Mentally unfit | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | Good | 25 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 28 |
| | | | Questionable | 14 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 17 |
| | | | Bad | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| Character unknown | .. | .. | Dead | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 4 |
| | | | Mentally unfit | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| | | | Character unknown | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| | | | Good | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| | | | Questionable | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Identity unknown | .. | .. | Bad | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | Dead | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| | | | Deserter | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | Mentally unfit | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| | | | Totals | 148 | 25 | 3 | 21 | 56 | 83 | 44 | 380 |

Families whose Parent or Parents were described as "Addicted to Drink."

(Numbers included in above figures also.)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Father addicted to drink | Good | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| | Bad | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |
| | Dead | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Totals | | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | *9 |

* NOTE.—These families represented ten children.

In thirty-four families committed, representing fifty-one children, the parents were living apart.

Of the children committed, eleven had both parents dead, fifty-seven had mother dead, and forty-one had father dead.

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). | Otekaike (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.

TABLE 13.—PARTICULARS OF EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

| Item. | Otekaike. | Richmond. | Total. |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Salaries | 6,281 | 1,954 | 8,235 |
| Advertising, &c. .. . | 12 | 9 | 21 |
| Maintenance of buildings .. . | 294 | 148 | 442 |
| Maintenance of institutions .. . | 4,499 | 2,119 | 6,618 |
| Contingencies | 10 | .. | 10 |
| | | | 15,326 |
| Travelling-expenses | .. | .. | 438 |
| Postage and telegrams | .. | .. | 80 |
| Less— | | | |
| Board of staff | 965 | 210 | 15,844 |
| | 1,175 | | |
| Recoveries (parental contributions and revenue from farm, sale of articles manufactured, &c.) .. | 2,019 | | 3,194 |
| | | | £12,650 |

TABLE 14.—EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, SUMNER, FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

| | | |
|---|-------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Salaries | 5,193 | |
| Advertising, &c. .. . | 29 | |
| Maintenance of pupils and sundry expenses .. . | 1,854 | |
| Travelling-expenses | 326 | |
| Maintenance of buildings, furnishings, &c. .. . | 246 | |
| Less— | | 7,648 |
| Parental contributions and amount received from Hospital and Charitable Aid Board | 2,354 | |
| Board of staff.. .. . | 375 | |
| Miscellaneous | 13 | |
| | | 2,742 |
| | | £4,906 |

Net expenditure for year ended 31st March, 1934, was £4,809.

TABLE 15.

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| | £ |
| Net expenditure on upkeep of child-welfare institutions | 10,069 |
| Salaries of staffs of homes, Child Welfare Officers, visiting nurses, &c. .. | 25,399 |
| Boarding-out of children— | £ |
| Payments to foster-parents | 74,717 |
| Payments to Postal Department as commission | 717 |
| Issues of clothing, &c.— | £ |
| From institutions | 684 |
| From central and branch stores | 1,143 |
| | 1,827 |
| Medicine, medical attendance, dentistry, clothing, &c. | 3,564 |
| Inmates at service— | 80,825 |
| Issues of clothing, &c.— | |
| From institutions | 1,060 |
| From central and branch stores | 802 |
| | 1,862 |
| Miscellaneous payments (clothing, medicine, &c.) | 2,980 |
| | 4,842 |
| Refund of maintenance payments | 197 |
| Refund of inmates' earnings | 728 |
| Rent, Office requisites, postage, &c. | 2,803 |
| Maintenance of inmates in private institutions | 3,439 |
| Travelling and removal expenses (including transit of children) | 3,466 |
| Wages of inmates | 243 |
| Legal expenses | 19 |
| Less recoveries— | 132,030 |
| Board of staff | 2,124 |
| Parents and others | 14,076 |
| Sale of farm-produce | 2,132 |
| Inmates' earnings for clothing, &c. | 4,365 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,784 |
| | 24,481 |
| | £107,549 |

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