

Child Welfare Act), 44 were temporarily admitted, while 5 were placed under supervision and ordered to be detained in residence for a period, making the total number of admissions for the year 495. Of the children committed, 67 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, and those ordered supervision with residence, are as follows: Under six months, 64; over six months and under one year, 13; from one to five years, 74; from five to ten years, 101; from ten to fourteen years, 121; over fourteen years, 122. 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, 1936, 98 over the age of fourteen years were receiving further education, 57 at primary schools and 41 at secondary or technical schools. Furthermore, 31 children under the age of fourteen years were receiving higher education. In addition, there were 15 residing in hostels receiving secondary education, and 6 children were boarding in colleges.

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1936.

CASES APPEARING BEFORE THE CHILDREN'S COURTS.

The number of children dealt with by the Children's Courts during the year was 2,273, and, of these, 616 were placed under the supervision of Child Welfare Officers, and 8 had their supervision extended. Of the children placed under supervision, 24 were subsequently committed to the care of the Superintendent. The number committed to the care of the Superintendent and admitted to institutions, such as receiving-homes, special schools, training-farms, &c., was 440, but all of these with the exception of 98 (56 boys and 42 girls), who required further training, were suitably provided for in the community before the close of the year. The other children (1,209) 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, 1936, there was a total number of 892 children under the supervision of Child Welfare Officers by order of the Courts. Of the number (616) placed under supervision this year, 45 had previously been dealt with by the Courts and placed under supervision. The Magistrate ordered 5 children to spend a period in an institution.

The following statement indicates the number appearing before all such Courts and the action taken: Committals, 440; supervision, 611; supervision with residence, 5; extended supervision, 8; admonished and discharged, 477; dismissed, 59; returned to institutions, 25; adjourned, 36; adjourned *sine die*, 24; convicted and fined, 34; Borstal, 15; convicted and discharged, 5; probation, 5; admonished and ordered to make restitution, 211; ordered to an institution, 2; referred to Magistrate's Court, 6; referred to Supreme Court, 2; ordered to come up for sentence, 12; birched, 2; admonished and fined, 9; admonished and costs, 22; driver's license cancelled, 2. By-law cases: Admonished and discharged, 129; convicted and fined, 90; convicted and costs, 13; convicted and discharged, 2; dismissed, 9; total by-law cases, 265.

Of the total, 586 were charged with theft; 76, wilful damage; 203, indigency; 189, not under proper control; 134, delinquency; 127, mischief; 115, breaking, entering, and theft; 67, detrimental environments; 62, conversion; 19, throwing stones; 23, indecent assault; 14, disorderly conduct; 31, receiving; 6, dangerous driving; 10, assault; 28, neglected; 3, discharging firearms; 11, false pretences; 1, idle and disorderly; 9, obscene language; 9, attempted theft; 1, breach of supervision; 7, carnal knowledge; 8, unlawfully on premises; 6, cruelty to animals; 5, obscene writing; 10, breaking and entering; 3, rape; 4, forgery; 2, vagrancy; 4, negligent riding; 16, driving without license; 1, aiding and abetting; 1, drunkenness; 2, fraud; 1, attempted murder; 1, incest; 3, indecent exposure; 5, negligent driving; 6, breaking and entering with intent; 80, breaking insulators; 2, false information; 4, indecency; 1, burglary; 2, absconding; 8, trespass; 7, obstruction on railway lines; 16, breach of Motor-vehicles Act; 1, breach of Harbour Boards Act; 4, breach of Post and Telegraph Act; 3, breach of Railways Act; 11, breach of Fire Brigades Act; 6, breach of Acclimatization Act; 4, breach of Licensing Act; 50, breach of Arms Act; and 265, breach of city by-laws: total, 2,273.

The records show that of the numbers dealt with 180 had been before the Courts for previous offences.