

In regard to examinations conducted by the University of New Zealand the following shows the position in 1935 and 1936 :—

TABLE Z 4.—UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

| Examination. | Stage in Course at which Examination is normally taken. | Number of Candidates. | 1935. | 1936. |
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| 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 .. | 4,602 2,122 2,480 | 4,774 2,342 2,432 |
| 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 .. | 297 133* 84 80 | 280 130* 65 85 |
| Other University examinations | During University course .. | (a) Who presented themselves for examination (b) Who obtained complete or partial successes | 8,266 5,251 | 8,019 4,889 |

* 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, 1937, was 7,240, classed under the following headings :—

State wards—

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| In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends | 2,663 |
| In situations (includes 14 absent without leave) | 885 |
| In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. | 184 |
| In private institutions | 168 |
| Inmates in special schools for backward children | 253 |
| In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. | 80 |
| At School for Deaf, Sumner | 8 |

4,241

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| Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers by order of Court | 863 |
| Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act .. | 830 |
| Pupils at School for Deaf, Sumner (other than State wards (8) included in figures above) | 103 |
| Children dealt with as preventive cases | 1,182 |
| Children at New Zealand Institute for the Blind for whom the Department makes payment | 21 |

7,240

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1937, was 432, classified according to reasons for committal, as follows: Indigent, 175; delinquent, 23; detrimental environments, 46; neglected, 22; not under proper control, 89; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 77; and, in addition, 6 were admitted by private arrangement (5 under section 12 of the Child Welfare Act and 1 under section 46 of the Infants Act), 43 were temporarily admitted, while 4 were placed under supervision and ordered to be detained in residence for a period, making the total number of admissions for the year 485. Of the children committed, 75 had been dealt with previously by the Courts for other offences, for which they had received terms of supervision.

Classified according to age at the time of admission, the numbers, including temporary admissions, those admitted under section 12, Child Welfare Act, and section 46, Infants Act, and those ordered supervision with residence, are as follows: Under six months, 58; over six months and under one year, 17; from one to five years, 66; from five to ten years, 91; from ten to fourteen years, 109; over fourteen years, 144. The length of period of residence for the children temporarily admitted was from one day to seven weeks.