

TABLE 5.—STATUS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AT 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Status.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
In residence	92	92	184
Boarded out	1,146	865	2,011
At service (includes 4 boys and 24 girls at day service)	557	309	866
With friends	381	230	611
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	54	26	80
In refuges or cognate institutions	2	41	43
In orphanages	30	25	55
Absent without leave	17	2	19
Y.M.C.A. Hostel, Auckland	15	..	15
In colleges	3	7	10
In Girls' Hostel, Wellington	16	16
In residence, Roman Catholic schools	28	42	70
In schools for mentally backward	186	67	253
In School for Deaf, Sumner (State wards)	7	1	8
Totals	2,518	1,723	4,241

The following table shows the admissions according to age:—

TABLE 6.—COMMITTALS AND ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Under six months	36	22	58
Over six months and under one year	6	11	17
One year to five years	38	28	66
Five years to ten years	52	39	91
Ten years to fourteen years	77	32	109
Over fourteen years	98	46	144
Totals	307	178	485

Table 7 below shows the admissions classified according to the causes of admission. Of the total number (485) 175 were indigent, 89 not under proper control, 77 charged with punishable offences, 23 delinquent, 46 living in detrimental environments, and 22 neglected. Of the number admitted under these headings (432), 292 were placed out in the community before the 31st March, 1937.

TABLE 7.—COMMITTALS AND ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CAUSES OF ADMISSION.

Taken charge of as	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Indigent	98	77	175
Delinquent	19	4	23
Detrimental environment	25	21	46
Neglected	9	13	22
Not under proper control	49	40	89
Accused or guilty of punishable offence	73	4	77
Admission by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act)	5	..	5
Temporary arrangement	26	17	43
Supervision, with residence	3	1	4
Admission under section 46, Infants Act	1	1
Totals	307	178	485

NOTE.—Of the number (432) actually committed to the care of the Superintendent, 75 had been previously dealt with by the Courts and placed under supervision. Of the temporary admissions, 18 were subsequently dealt with by the Courts and were placed under supervision.

TABLE 8.—CHILDREN BEFORE THE COURTS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937, AND PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CHILD WELFARE OFFICERS. (SECTION 13 (4).)

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Charged with an offence	436	31	467
Delinquent	84	5	89
Not under proper control	66	20	86
In detrimental environment	6	3	9
Indigent	5	1	6
Neglected	2	8	10
Totals	599	68	667

NOTE.—10 of the above were again before the Courts during this period and were placed under a further term of supervision; 18 were again before the Courts during this period and were committed to the care of the Superintendent; 36 were already under supervision, and 4 were ordered to spend a period in an institution. Furthermore, 52 had previously been under supervision.