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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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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

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

CHILD WELFARE.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION.

The total number of children under supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at 31st March, 1930, was 7,006, classed under the following headings:—

State wards—				
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends	2,939			
In situations	1,032			
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. .. .	288			
In private institutions	292			
Inmates in special schools for the mentally backward .. .	267			
	4,818			
Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers, by				
Order of Court	870			
Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act .. .	1,204			
Pupils at School for the Deaf, Sumner	114			
	7,006			

The extent to which the activities of the Child Welfare Branch have developed in the past five years is to some extent indicated by the following table, which shows the number of children under the supervision of the Branch in each year of the period:—

	1926.	1927	1928.	1929.	1930.
Boarded out, at service, in receiving-homes, &c.	3,859	3,908	4,014	4,287	4,551
Under supervision of Child Welfare Officers	323	412	493	678	870
Infant-life protection	771	878	902	1,007	1,204
Deaf children	116	121	122	117	114
Feeble-minded children	283	273	285	275	267
Total	5,352	5,592	5,816	6,364	7,006