

In regard to examinations conducted by the University of New Zealand the following shows the position in 1933 and 1934 :—

TABLE Z 4.—UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Examination.	Stage in Course at which Examination is normally taken.	Number of Candidates.	1933.	1934.
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	4,738	4,610
		(b) Who passed	2,291	2,071
		(c) Who failed	2,447	2,539
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	345	280
		(b) Who obtained at least a pass with credit	134*	138*
		(c) Who qualified only for University entrance as a result of the examination	112	72
		(d) Who failed	99	70
Other University examinations	During University course ..	(a) Who presented themselves for examination	7,750	7,927
		(b) Who obtained complete or partial successes	5,649	5,229

* 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, 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 figures above)	119
Children dealt with as preventive cases	1,161
Children at New Zealand Institute for the Blind for whom the Department makes payment	19
	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 10 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;