

TABLE 1.—PREVENTIVE CASES.

The following table shows the number of preventive cases notified by Child Welfare Officers during the year ended 31st March, 1935 :—

District.	Number of Families.	Number of Children.
North Auckland	23	73
Auckland	27	46
Hamilton	6	15
Gisborne	5	5
Hawke's Bay	8	26
Hawera	9	14
Wanganui
Palmerston North
Wellington	52	122
Nelson and Marlborough	17	43
West Coast (South Island)	2	7
North Canterbury	35	50
South Canterbury	15	37
Otago	15	37
Southland	14	17
Totals	228	492

CHILDREN UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHILD WELFARE BRANCH.

At the 31st March, 1935, there were 4,283 children under control (excluding those mentioned under separate heading below), and of these 240 were in residence at Government receiving-homes (many of these only temporarily), training-farms, and training institutions, 282 in special schools for mentally backward children, 81 in the four private Roman Catholic schools recognized under the Child Welfare Act, 2,043 children were boarded out in foster-homes, 898 were in situations, and 555 residing under license with relatives and friends. The remainder were in various private institutions. Young persons over school age in employment number 778 males and 416 females (a number of whom are residing with friends) included in the total of 4,283. Of the males 594 were farm workers (198 skilled in dairy work and cheesemaking and 396 competent to milk and carry out general farm work), 48 were apprentices, and 136 others were employed in various trades. Of the girls 340 were domestic workers, 47 factory employees, and 29 engaged in various employments, such as shop and office assistants, probationary nurses, dressmakers, &c. Of these boys and girls 130 (including some apprentices) were being partly maintained by the State.

Blind children: Where necessary the Department arranges with the New Zealand Institute for the Blind for the admission of pupils. At the 31st March, 1935, 19 such pupils were maintained as Government pupils.

INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION (INFANTS ACT, 1908).

At the end of the year 816 infants and young children were supervised in 746 licensed foster-homes. Of these homes, 685 had one child each, 53 had 2 children each, 7 had 3 children each, and 1 had 4 children. Payments for maintenance, which were made by the relatives, ranged from 5s. to 25s. per week for each child. Out of the 1,351 infants who were residing in licensed homes throughout the year there were five deaths.

TABLE 2.—PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1934.

	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 2 Years.	2 Years to 3 Years.	3 Years to 4 Years.	4 Years to 5 Years.	5 Years to 6 Years.	Over 6 Years.	Totals.
On the books at 31st December, 1933	90	69	132	144	145	136	117	90	923
Placed in foster-homes or transferred from other districts during 1934	161	89	63	40	34	22	15	4	428
Totals	251	158	195	184	179	158	132	94	1,351
Removed from homes—									
By parents or guardians ..	23	35	55	37	28	24	27	22	251
Deaths	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	5
Adopted without premium ..	10	16	17	9	10	5	3	..	70
In homes to which exemption was granted during 1934	6	2	2	..	3	..	1	..	14
Brought under operation of Child Welfare Act during 1934	5	5	13	5	4	1	7	2	42
Written off books during 1934 for various other reasons	3	6	12	4	4	5	6	113	153
Total withdrawals ..	48	65	99	56	49	36	44	138	535
On the books at 31st December, 1934	79	74	123	103	121	115	112	89	816