

The examination branch of the Department assists in the arrangements necessary for carrying out the Wiremen's Registration Examinations conducted by the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Board.

In addition to those certificates issued as a result of the examinations given in Table Z 2, certificates were also issued in the following cases to candidates who were recommended by Principals of post-primary schools and approved by the Department's Inspectors. The award of lower leaving certificates was discontinued in 1935.

TABLE Z 3.—NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY ACCREDITING.  
(These are in addition to those awarded as a result of examination.)

Certificate.	Stage of Course at which Certificate is issued.	Number of Certificates issued.	
		1934.	1935.
Intermediate ..	At end of Form IV— <i>i.e.</i> , at the end of at least the second year of approved post-primary course	6,451	6,622
Higher leaving ..	At the end of Form VI— <i>i.e.</i> , at the end of at least the fourth year of approved post-primary course	970	993

In regard to examinations conducted by the University of New Zealand the following shows the position in 1934 and 1935 :—

TABLE Z 4.—UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Examination.	Stage in Course at which Examination is normally taken.	Number of Candidates.	1934.	1935.
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	4,610	4,602
		(b) Who passed .. .. .	2,071	2,122
		(c) Who failed .. .. .	2,539	2,480
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	280	297
		(b) Who obtained at least a pass with credit	138*	133*
		(c) Who qualified only for University entrance as a result of the examination	72	84
		(d) Who failed .. .. .	70	80
Other University examinations	During University course ..	(a) Who presented themselves for examination	7,927	8,266
		(b) Who obtained complete or partial successes	5,229	5,251

\* 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, 1936, was 7,272, classed under the following headings :—

State wards—

In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends .. .. .	2,660
In situations (includes 14 absent without leave) .. .. .	948
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. .. .. .	203
In private institutions .. .. .	150
Inmates in special schools for backward children .. .. .	240
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. .. .. .	61
At School for Deaf, Sumner .. .. .	7

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