

specific measures taken in recent years to assist materially those families whose living-conditions could lead to lowered behaviour standards in their children, and, secondly, that such success has been reflected in other aspects of the work.

EDWARD COSTLEY TRUST, AUCKLAND

During the year the trustees assisted 48 children in the Auckland District engaged in educational courses, apprenticeships, &c. This assistance took the form of grants for books, school uniforms, fees, travelling-expenses, and clothing, and was granted upon favourable recommendations being received from the District Child Welfare Officer, who made careful inquiry into each application. The majority of the children helped were fatherless or their parents were not in a position at the time to provide the necessary help.

The assistance given was highly appreciated by the parents and children themselves. The work of the Trust is looked upon by this Department as a most valuable adjunct to child welfare services in the community.

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TABLE I.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE CHILD WELFARE BRANCH AT 31ST MARCH

	1946.	1947.	1948.
<i>State Wards—</i>			
In foster-homes	1,924	1,858	1,747
With relatives or friends	520	464	455
In employment (includes 16 absent at 31st March, 1946, 15 at 31st March, 1947, and 9 at 31st March, 1948)	1,006	922	862
In Government receiving homes	153	137	135
In Government hostels	31	26	14
In Government residential institutions	132	143	141
In private children's homes registered under the Child Welfare Act ..	105	95	63
In Roman Catholic institutions recognized under the Child Welfare Act ..	82	74	52
In special schools for mentally backward children (see also pupils under "Other than State Wards")	129	127	116
In refuges	49	38	12
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	40	32	37
In residential colleges	13	18	20
	4,184	3,934	3,654
<i>Other than State Wards—</i>			
Young persons supervised by Child Welfare Officers in their own homes, with relatives, or friends, pursuant to orders of Courts	1,026	915	879
Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act ..	909	788	772
Pupils at Schools for the Deaf, Sumner and Titirangi	238	250	251
Pupils at schools for mentally backward children (Otekaieke and Richmond) (see also under "State wards")	45	45	44
Children supervised as preventive cases	1,629	1,569	1,645
Children in New Zealand Institute for the Blind for which the Department makes payment	17	24	22
	3,864	3,591	3,613
	8,048	7,525	7,267