

PREVENTIVE WORK

The observations in previous reports on the steps being taken to extend and intensify the preventive work of the Division still apply. Effective preventive work is of first-rate importance, and I am convinced, firstly, that success has attended the 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 50 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. Among the children assisted, one completed his B.Sc. degree, one has obtained six units towards a B.A. degree and has obtained a Teacher's B Certificate, one obtained four subjects towards a B.Sc. degree, a fourth passed his First Professional Examination for Bachelor of Dentistry, a fifth passed the University National Scholarship Examination with credit, and four others obtained their School Certificates, one with an average mark of 81 per cent.

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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