

PREVENTIVE WORK

The field of work covered by a Child Welfare Officer provides much scope for preventive effort, which saves many a child from more serious difficulty. As has been indicated in previous reports, this part of the work of the Division is regarded as of primary importance, and it continues to be developed. Child Welfare Officers take a constructive interest in children showing incipient delinquent trends and they endeavour to improve living conditions likely to lead to unsatisfactory care or control; they also encourage community efforts to provide positively for the needs of under-privileged children in recreation and other necessary activities.

Not only do the field officers of the Division see useful results on their efforts in preventive work, but the Court also has on occasion made favourable comment.

EDWARD COSTLEY TRUST, AUCKLAND

Over the years, many children have benefited in their education and training by grants from the Edward Costley Trust. The District Child Welfare Officer, Auckland, investigates each application and makes his recommendation to the trustees accordingly.

During the year 41 children were assisted in such matters as books, school uniforms, fees, and travelling-expenses.

This Trust renders a distinct social service in the community and its assistance is appreciated not only by the children and parents who benefit, but also by this Division.

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