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E D U C A T I O N : CHILD WELFARE, STATE CARE OF CHILDREN, SPECIAL SCHOOLS, AND INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.—EXTRACT FROM THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

CHILD WELFARE.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION.

The total number of children under the supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at 31st March, 1935, was 7,315, classed under the following headings:—

State wards—						
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends	..	..	..	..	..	2,633
In situations (includes 15 absent without leave)	..	..	..	..	..	913
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	240
In private institutions	..	..	..	..	..	181
Inmates in special schools for backward children	..	..	..	..	..	282
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	26
At School for Deaf, Sumner	..	..	..	..	..	8
						4,283
Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers, by order of Court						
						917
Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act						816
Pupils at School for Deaf, Sumner (other than State wards (8) included in figures above)						119
Children dealt with as preventive cases						1,161
Children at New Zealand Institute for Blind for whom the Department makes payment						19
Total						7,315

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1935, was 442, classified according to reasons for committal, as follows: Indigent, 199; delinquent, 26; detrimental environment, 40; neglected, 8; not under proper control, 81; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 88; and, in addition, 7 were admitted by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act), while 43 were temporarily admitted, making the total number of admissions for the year 492. Of the children committed, 92 had been dealt with previously by the Courts for other offences, for which they had received terms of supervision.