

Thirty-five of the homes were those in which children under six were boarded out by Charitable Aid Boards.

The total number of licensed homes was 738, so that at the end of the year there were 174 licensed homes in which for the time no infants were boarded.

RATES OF PAYMENTS TO FOSTER-PARENTS BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

An account of the rates paid is given in the following statement :—

2 at the rate of 2s. 6d. per week.			13 at the rate of 9s. per week.		
1	"	3s.	504	"	10s.
3	"	4s.	1	"	10s. 6d.
1	"	4s. 6d.	3	"	11s.
16	"	5s.	26	"	12s.
8	"	6s.	41	"	12s. 6d.
3	"	6s. 8d.	1	"	14s.
51	"	7s.	9	"	15s.
95	"	7s. 6d.	1	"	20s.
62	"	8s.	1	"	21s.
11	"	8s. 6d.			

Generally the relations of the infants provide clothing in addition.

The following comparison of the rates paid during the last three years shows that the usual payment is about 10s. a week :—

	1909.	1910.	1911.
Under 7s.	45	36	34
7s. and under 10s.	193	224	232
10s.	351	448	504
Over 10s.	77	97	83

EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONS.

From the provision that "it shall not be lawful for any person in consideration of any payment or reward to receive or retain in his care or charge any infant for the purpose of nursing or maintaining it apart from its parents or guardians for a longer period than seven consecutive days unless such person is licensed as a foster-parent," the Minister may grant certain exemptions, and under this authority exemption has been granted to the institutions set forth in the following list, which shows also the numbers dealt with and the deaths. The conditions of the exemption provide for inspection, and for removal of the infants only with due formality.

Name of Institution.	(1911) Admissions.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1911.		
	Total Number.	Under 6 Months.	Between and 12 Months.	Total Number.	Under 6 Months.	Between 6 and 12 Months.	Total Number.	Under 6 Months.	Between 6 and 12 Months.
The Orphan Home, Papatoetoe, Auckland	5	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
St. Mary's Maternity Home, Otahuhu, Auckland	13	..	13	1	..	1	26	..	6
The Door of Hope, Auckland	29	25	2	3	2	1	16	9	7
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Ponsonby, Auckland	8	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland	7	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..
Children's Home, Remuera, Auckland .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..
St. Vincent de Paul's Foundling Home, Auckland	33	15	13	5	4	1	39	4	8
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland	13	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leslie Presbyterian Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne	29	1	2	..	..	..	11	..	1
Wanganui Orphanage, Wanganui	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Children's Home, Palmerston North	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
Salvation Army Children's Home, Wellington	9	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	..
The Levin Memorial Home, Wellington	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
Home of Compassion, Wellington	75	31	11	22	12	3	77	12	11
Presbyterian Orphanage, Wellington	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson	17	4	1	4	1	1	36	2	..
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala	7	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	1
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton	32	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch	5	3	2	..	..	..	9	1	..
Nazareth House, Sydenham, Christchurch	20	..	..	1	..	..	18	..	..
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch	12	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Dunedin	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, Dunedin	9	3	..	2	1	..	23	..	..
Karitane Home, Dunedin	61	51	10	6	6	..	11	5	5
Presbyterian Orphanage, Dunedin	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Dunedin	42	38	4	2	2	..	12	7	5
Salvation Army Children's Home, Middlemarch	3	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill	15	13	2	1	1	..	11	7	4
Totals for 1911	474	195	66	47	29	7	427	48	48
Totals for 1910	493	190	62	63	47	10	422	48	36