

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 :—

	1910.	1911.	1912.
Under 7s. .. .. .	36	34	23
7s. and under 10s. .. .. .	224	232	195
10s. .. .. .	448	504	485
Over 10s. .. .. .	97	83	71

#### 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.	(1912) Admissions.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1912.		
	Total Number.	Under 6 Months.	Between 6 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 .. .. .	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
St. Mary's Maternity Home, Otahuhu, Auckland .. .. .	20	1	14	1	..	1	27	..	3
The Door of Hope, Auckland .. .. .	33	24	4	..	..	..	11	7	4
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland .. .. .	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
St. Mary's Orphanage, Ponsonby, Auckland .. .. .	7	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland .. .. .	5	..	2	..	..	..	17	..	1
Children's Home, Remuera, Auckland .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland .. .. .	11	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..
St. Vincent de Paul's Foundling Home, Epsom, Auckland .. .. .	28	13	9	6	4	2	44	1	5
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland .. .. .	28	6	2	..	..	..	5	1	1
Leslie Presbyterian Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland .. .. .	6	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne .. .. .	21	2	2	..	..	..	37	2	2
Wanganui Orphanage, Wanganui .. .. .	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Children's Home, Palmerston North .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington .. .. .	16	..	1	..	..	..	14	..	..
Salvation Army Children's Home, Wellington .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
The Levin Memorial Home, Wellington .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Home of Compassion, Wellington .. .. .	62	26	5	19	11	5	79	2	5
Presbyterian Orphanage, Wellington .. .. .	5	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson .. .. .	6	2	2	..	..	..	9	1	..
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala, Christchurch .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton .. .. .	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch .. .. .	8	4	3	..	..	..	6	1	..
Nazareth House, Sydenham, Christchurch .. .. .	25	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch .. .. .	7	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..
Presbyterian Home, Bligh's Road, Papanui .. .. .	9	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Dunedin .. .. .	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin .. .. .	11	3	1	1	..	..	26	1	2
Karitane Home, Dunedin .. .. .	70	60	9	6	5	1	10	8	2
Presbyterian Orphanage, Dunedin .. .. .	8	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Dunedin .. .. .	31	30	1	2	2	..	10	6	..
Salvation Army Children's Home, Middlemarch .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill .. .. .	17	10	7	1	..	1	6	3	3
Totals for 1912 .. .. .	484	182	62	36	22	10	430	33	29
Totals for 1911 .. .. .	474	185	66	47	29	7	427	48	48

#### DEATHS IN FOSTER-HOMES.

Out of the 1,228 infants under six years of age that were at one time or another on the books of the foster-homes during 1912, 12 died—that is, 0·98 per cent. Of these, 10 died in the foster-homes, and 2 in hospitals or nursing-homes to which they had been removed for treatment. Ten of the 12 were under the age of twelve months, and ten were of illegitimate birth.

The following is a statement of the number of deaths in foster-homes during the time that the infant-life-protection system has been in the Department's charge :—

1908 .. .. .	26	deaths out of 1,017 infants = 2·56 per cent.
1909 .. .. .	25	1,181 " = 2·11 "
1910 .. .. .	26	1,183 " = 2·19 "
1911 .. .. .	13	1,183 " = 1·09 "
1912 .. .. .	12	1,228 " = 0·98 "

The percentages are given merely for illustration, for in dealing with such small numbers a percentage may, of course, have a very misleading appearance. On the average these rates are no higher than the