

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

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
Under 7s. ...	34	23	24	29
7s. and under 10s. ...	232	195	161	163
10s. ...	504	485	482	596
Over 10s. ...	83	71	91	120

#### 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.

#### EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONS.

Name of Institution.	Admissions, 1914.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1914		
	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total Number (including Cols. (1) and (2)).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total Number (including Cols. (4) and (5)).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total Number (including Cols. (7) and (8)).
	(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)
The Door of Hope, Auckland ..	22	10	35	..	..	1	3	3	6
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland ..	..	11	18	..	..	..	..	2	6
The Methodist Orphanage, Mount Albert, Auckland ..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	11
The Orphan Home, Papatoetoe, Auckland ..	..	8	8	..	..	..	..	8	8
St. Mary's Orphanage, Epsom, Auckland ..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	17
St. Vincent's Home of Compassion, Epsom, Auckland ..	8	5	23	6	2	13	2	1	32
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland ..	..	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	20
The Manurewa Children's Home, Auckland ..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	12
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	8
Leslie Presbyterian Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland ..	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	3
St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu, Auckland ..	35	5	46	3	2	5	12	14	42
Salvation Army Samaritan Home, Gisborne ..	1	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne ..	..	..	39	1	..	1	6	4	19
Salvation Army Bethany Home, Napier ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Wanganui Orphanage, Wanganui ..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	31
Children's Home, Palmerston North ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	25
Salvation Army Children's Home, Wellington ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4
The Levin Memorial Home, Wellington ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterian Orphanage, Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington, ..	17	8	47	5	2	10	7	6	62
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	16
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	15
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch ..	4	..	4	1	..	1	1	..	3
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala, Christchurch ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	13
Nazareth House, Christchurch ..	..	..	13	..	..	1	..	..	25
Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Presbyterian Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	9
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	20
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton ..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	8
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Dunedin ..	36	2	39	..	2	2	..	9	9
St. Mary's Orphanage, Mornington, Dunedin ..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	5
Salvation Army Home, Bishopscourt, Dunedin ..	36	2	39	..	..	..	11	2	14
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin ..	6	..	9	1	1	2	2	2	23
Glendining Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin ..	..	1	14	..	..	..	..	..	73
Salvation Army Home, Middlemarsh ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill ..	7	3	12	..	..	..	..	..	14
Totals for 1914 ..	174	59	480	17	9	37	45	51	568
Totals for 1913 ..	98	41	554	10	5	18	35	21	464

#### DEATHS IN FOSTER-HOMES.

Of the 1,423 infants under six years of age that were at one time or another on the books as being in the foster-homes during 1914, 20 died. Of these, 10 died in the foster-homes and 10 in hospitals or nursing-homes to which they had been removed for treatment, so that the deaths in foster-homes represented 0.70 of the total number dealt with. Sixteen of the 20 were under the age of twelve months, and 15 were of illegitimate birth.