

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 exemptions provide for inspection, and for removal of the infants only with due formality.

Name of Institution.	Admissions, 1917.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1917.		
	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages (including Cols. (1) and (2)).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages (including Cols. (4) and (5)).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages (including Cols. (7) and (8)).
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)	
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Russell .. ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	9
St. Mary's Industrial School (Girls' Branch), Auckland ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	18
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland .. ..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	13
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland ..	10	11	33	..	..	..	..	..	39
Orphan Home, Papatoetoe, Auckland .. ..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	13
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland .. ..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	15
Methodist Orphanage, Mount Albert, Auckland .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Leslie Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Manurewa Children's Home, Auckland .. ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	16
St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu, Auckland	36	9	45	4	..	4	20	7	50
Salvation Army Orphanage, "The Grange," Herne Bay, Auckland ..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	6
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland .. ..	..	..	42	3	..	3	..	..	16
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne .. ..	..	..	147	..	..	..	..	..	10
Salvation Army Samaritan Home, Gisborne	2	3	10	..	..	..	1	1	2
Children's Home, Palmerston North .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Salvation Army Bethany Home, Napier	4	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	4
Wanganui Orphanage, Gonville, Wanganui .. ..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	4
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Eltham, Taranaki .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Presbyterian Orphanage, Berhampore, Wellington .. ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5
Levin Memorial Home, Wellington .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington .. ..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	39
Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington	19	2	53	..	2	4	..	..	67
Salvation Army Girls' Home, Owen Street, Wellington ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Island Bay, Wellington ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson	3	..	5	1	..	1	1	2	14
Nazareth House, Christchurch .. ..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	34
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala, Christchurch ..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	16
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch .. ..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	20
Methodist Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch .. ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
Presbyterian Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch .. ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	9
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton, Christchurch ..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	..	10
Children's Crèche, Timaru .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Saviour's Orphanage for Boys, Otipua Road, Timaru ..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	22
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Temuka, Canterbury .. ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	6
St. Mary's Orphanage, Mornington, Dunedin .. ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	17
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin .. ..	..	3	9	..	..	..	..	3	20
Glendining Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin .. ..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	15
Salvation Army Home, 15 Dumblane Street, Roslyn, Dunedin ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
Salvation Army Home, Middlemarch, Otago .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Presbyterian Orphanage, Gordon Street, Invercargill .. ..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	7
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill	7	1	9	1	..	2	1	..	2
Totals for 1917	82	30	647	10	2	15	27	14	558
Totals for 1916	54	14	453	3	1	9	18	11	489

DEATHS IN FOSTER-HOMES.

Of the 1,361 infants that were at one time or another on the books as being in foster-homes during 1917, twelve died; of these nine died in the foster-homes and three in hospitals or nursing-homes to which they had been removed for treatment, so that the deaths in foster-homes represented 0·66 per cent. of the total number dealt with. Ten of the twelve were under the age of twelve months, and nine were of illegitimate birth.

The following is a statement of the number of deaths 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 "
1913	13 " 1,330 " = 0·98 "
1914	20 " 1,423 " = 1·40 "
1915	14 " 1,440 " = 0·98 "
1916	17 " 1,250 " = 1·36 "
1917	12 " 1,361 " = 0·88 "