

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

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

1 at the rate of	2s. 6d. per week.	131 at the rate of 12s. 6d. per week.	
9	5s. "	6	14s. "
1	6s. "	1	14s. 6d. "
3	7s. "	71	15s. "
26	7s. 6d. "	1	17s. "
17	8s. "	7	20s. "
1	8s. 6d. "	1	21s. "
5	9s. "	1	30s. "
502	10s. "	1	35s. "
11	10s. 6d. "	1	42s. "
6	11s. "	22 adopted, with premium (10s. per week).	
56	12s. "		

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

	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Under 7s. per week	24	29	22	31	19	11
7s. and under 10s. per week	161	163	153	128	75	52
10s. per week	482	596	566	539	532	502
Over 10s. per week	91	120	137	143	215	294

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, 1918.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1918.		
	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages (including Col. (1) and (2)).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages (including Col. (4) and (5)).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages (including Col. (7) and (8)).
	(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Russell	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	8
St. Mary's Industrial School (Girls' Branch), Auckland	..	2	14	..	..	1	..	..	25
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	13
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland	3	11	30	..	..	..	..	..	23
Orphan Home, Papatotote, Auckland	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	5
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland	..	..	21	..	..	1	..	..	21
Methodist Orphanage, Mount Albert, Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Leslie Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	11
Manurewa Children's Home, Auckland	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu, Auckland	11	11	22	2	2	4	14	6	24
Salvation Army Orphanage, "The Grange," Herne Bay, Auckland	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland	53	..	53	4	..	4	21	..	21
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	..	19
Salvation Army Samaritan Home, Gisborne..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
Children's Home, Palmerston North	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
Salvation Army Bethany Home, Napier	5	3	8	..	..	..	2	..	5
Wanganui Orphanage, Gonville, Wanganui	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Eltham, Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterian Orphanage, Berhampore, Wellington	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	21
Levin Memorial Home, Wellington..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	45
Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington	5	2	29	..	..	1	1	3	56
Salvation Army Girls' Home, Owen Street, Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Island Bay, Wellington	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	4
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	12
Nazareth House, Christchurch	..	..	15	..	..	1	..	..	34
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala, Christchurch	6	3	14	1	..	1	5	..	20
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	21
Methodist Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterian Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	35
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton, Christchurch	..	..	77	..	..	..	..	..	11
St. Saviour's Orphanage for Boys, Otupua Road, Timaru	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	13
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Temuka, Canterbury	..	7	7	..	..	..	..	10	10
St. Mary's Orphanage, Mornington, Dunedin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin	1	2	16	..	..	..	..	1	26
Glendining Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	14
Salvation Army Home, 15 Dunblane Street, Roslyn, Dunedin	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	7
Salvation Army Home, Middlemarch, Otago	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	8
Presbyterian Orphanage, Gordon Street, Invercargill	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	10
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill	10	..	15	1	..	1	4	..	4
Totals	95	46	534	8	3	15	47	20	573