

No. 5.—INFANT-LIFE-PROTECTION STATISTICS.

PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES
DURING 1920.

| | Under 6 Months of Age. | Between 6 Months and 1 Year of Age. | Between 1 and 2 Years of Age. | Between 2 and 3 Years of Age. | Between 3 and 4 Years of Age. | Between 4 and 5 Years of Age. | Between 5 and 6 Years of Age. | Over 6 Years of Age. | Totals. |
|--|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| On the books at 31st December, 1919 | 92 | 80 | 168 | 134 | 96 | 95 | 72 | 64 | 801 |
| Placed in licensed homes during the year | 203 | 87 | 78 | 46 | 44 | 27 | 15 | 5 | 505 |
| Totals | 295 | 167 | 246 | 180 | 140 | 122 | 87 | 69 | 1,306 |
| Withdrawn from homes— | | | | | | | | | |
| Removed by parents or guardians | 24 | 31 | 57 | 48 | 37 | 40 | 32 | 9 | 278 |
| Deaths | 3 | 4 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| Adoptions without premiums | 11 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 53 |
| In homes to which exemption was granted | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| Brought under the operation of the Industrial Schools Act | 3 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 3 | .. | 3 | 27 |
| Written off the books for various causes | 11 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 55 | 134 |
| Total withdrawals | 53 | 61 | 90 | 68 | 70 | 55 | 42 | 70 | 509 |
| On the books at 31st December, 1920 | 75 | 105 | 109 | 136 | 116 | 93 | 69 | 94 | 797 |

FOSTER-HOMES.

The 797 infants in foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows:—

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| In 498 homes each having one .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 498 |
| In 85 .. two .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 170 |
| In 29 .. three .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 87 |
| In 7 .. four .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28 |
| In 1 .. five .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| In 1 .. nine .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| 621 | | | | | | 797 |

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

The total number of licensed homes was 852, so that at the end of the year there were 231 licensed homes in which for the time being no infants were boarded.

RATES OF PAYMENT BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

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

| 1 at the rate of 5s. per week. | 2 at the rate of 16s. per week. |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 .. 6s. .. | 18 .. 17s. 6d. .. |
| 1 .. 7s. .. | 1 .. 18s. .. |
| 10 .. 7s. 6d. .. | 59 .. 20s. .. |
| 7 .. 8s. .. | 3 .. 21s. .. |
| 1 .. 8s. 6d. .. | 1 .. 22s. 6d. .. |
| 3 .. 9s. .. | 2 .. 23s. .. |
| 226 .. 10s. .. | 8 .. 25s. .. |
| 4 .. 10s. 6d. .. | 4 .. 30s. .. |
| 1 .. 10s. 10d. .. | 1 .. 35s. .. |
| 2 .. 11s. .. | 1 .. 42s. .. |
| 2 .. 11s. 6d. .. | 14 adopted, with premium (10s. per week). |
| 45 .. 12s. .. | 2 .. (12s. 6d. ..). |
| 174 .. 12s. 6d. .. | 14 .. (15s. ..). |
| 3 .. 13s. .. | 1 for whom clothing, &c., is supplied. |
| 5 .. 14s. .. | 1 adopted without premium, but who is still under supervision. |
| 177 .. 15s. .. | |
| 2 .. 15s. 6d. .. | |