

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 „
1918	..	..	..	..	6	„ 1,341 „ = 0·44 „
1919	..	..	..	..	10	„ 1,403 „ = 0·71 „
1920	..	..	..	..	14	„ 1,306 „ = 1·07 „

DEATHS IN EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONS.

These, with other particulars, are shown in the foregoing table relating to exempted institutions. The following is a statement of the deaths during the ten years in which a record of the deaths has been kept :—

1911	..	..	47	deaths out of 899 infants dealt with = 5·23 per cent.
1912	..	..	36	„ 911 „ = 3·95 „
1913	..	..	18	„ 984 „ = 1·82 „
1914	..	..	37	„ 944 „ = 3·91 „
1915	..	..	11	„ 1,026 „ = 1·08 „
1916	..	..	9	„ 939 „ = 0·96 „
1917	..	..	15	„ 1,136 „ = 1·32 „
1918	..	..	15	„ 955 „ = 1·57 „
1919	..	..	13	„ 1,050 „ = 1·24 „
1920	..	..	19	„ 1,002 „ = 1·89 „

ADOPTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1920.

During the year 417 orders of adoption were made; 41 of the adoption orders provided for premiums, and 376 were without monetary consideration.

The following shows the ages of the adopted children :—

Age.								With Premium.	Without Premium.	Total.
Under 6 months								16	97	113
Between 6 months and 12 months								9	34	43
„	1	and	2	years	..	..	..	9	54	63
„	2	„	3	„	..	..	..	3	33	36
„	3	„	4	„	..	..	..	2	31	33
„	4	„	5	„	..	..	..	..	26	26
„	5	„	6	„	..	..	..	..	22	22
„	6	„	7	„	..	..	..	1	14	15
„	7	„	8	„	..	..	..	..	12	12
„	8	„	9	„	..	..	..	1	6	7
„	9	„	10	„	..	..	..	..	7	7
„	10	„	11	„	..	..	..	..	6	6
„	11	„	12	„	..	..	..	..	9	9
„	12	„	13	„	..	..	..	..	9	9
„	13	„	14	„	..	..	..	..	9	9
„	14	„	15	„	..	..	..	..	7	7
								41	376	417
The adopting persons were—										
Husband and wife jointly .. .. .								..	..	402
Widow .. .. .								..	..	7
Widower .. .. .								..	..	1
Spinster .. .. .								..	..	6
Wife only .. .. .								..	..	1