

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

PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING 1922.

	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, 1921	65	67	168	95	98	94	50	69	706
Placed in licensed homes during the year 1922	165	69	97	77	37	55	27	10	537
Totals	230	136	265	172	135	149	77	79	1,243
Withdrawn from homes during 1922—									
Removed by parents or guardians	28	51	101	67	48	32	23	8	358
Deaths	4	2	1	2	..	..	..	1	10
Adoptions without pre- miums	6	4	11	6	3	3	2	2	37
In homes to which exemp- tion was granted	2	..	1	1	2	2	1	..	9
Brought under the opera- tion of the Industrial Schools Act	3	5	7	3	..	2	..	..	20
Written off the books for various causes	3	4	9	5	8	3	4	31	67
Total withdrawals	46	66	130	84	61	42	30	42	501
On the books at 31st December, 1922	77	79	141	127	82	89	73	74	742

RATES OF PAYMENTS BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

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

3 at the rate of 5s. per week.	93 at the rate of 20s. per week.
1 .. 6s. "	1 .. 21s. "
4 .. 7s. 6d. "	1 .. 22s. "
1 .. 9s. "	1 .. 22s. 6d. "
105 .. 10s. "	12 .. 25s. "
2 .. 10s. 6d. "	3 .. 30s. "
1 .. 10s. 10d. "	1 .. 40s. "
1 .. 11s. "	1 .. 42s. "
15 .. 12s. "	1 .. 60s. "
125 .. 12s. 6d. "	1 adopted with premium disbursed at the rate of 5s. per week.
2 .. 13s. "	3 adopted with premium disbursed at the rate of 10s. per week.
3 .. 13s. 4d. "	33 adopted with premium disbursed at the rate of 15s. per week.
2 .. 14s. "	12 for whom no payment is being made, but who are under supervision.
279 .. 15s. "	
1 .. 15s. 6d. "	
1 .. 16s. "	
3 .. 17s. "	
30 .. 17s. 6d. "	

The following is a comparison of the rates paid during the last six years :—

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Under 7s. per week ..	19	11	7	2	2	4
7s. and under 10s. per week ..	75	52	53	22	11	5
10s. per week ..	532	502	368	240	133	105
Over 10s. per week ..	215	294	376	531	508	579

FOSTER-HOMES.

The 742 infants in foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows :—

In 497 homes, each having one child ..	..	..	..	..	497
.. 72 .. two children ..	..	..	..	..	144
.. 27 .. three ..	..	..	..	..	81
.. 5 .. four ..	..	..	..	..	20

601

742

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

The total number of licensed homes was 841, so that at the end of the year there were 240 licensed homes in which for the time being no infants were boarded.