

TABLE 13.—PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING 1926.

	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, 1925 .. ..	81	93	176	125	97	77	85	37	771
Placed in licensed homes or transferred from other districts during 1926 .. ..	221	98	128	79	55	34	34	3	652
Totals .. ..	302	191	304	204	152	111	119	40	1,423
Withdrawn from homes—									
Removed by parents or guardians .. ..	29	50	96	87	50	30	32	9	383
Deaths .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Adoptions without premium .. ..	2	5	12	10	4	3	2	3	41
In homes to which exemption was granted during 1926	1	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	9
Brought under operation of Child Welfare Act .. ..	2	5	9	3	4	5	4	1	33
Written off the books for various causes (including those who attained the age of 6 years) .. ..	..	3	10	3	3	6	..	53	78
Total withdrawals .. ..	34	66	128	107	62	44	38	66	545
On the books at 31st December, 1926 .. ..	109	109	182	153	121	84	68	52	878

TABLE 14.—RATES OF PAYMENTS BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

A statement of the rates paid is given in the following table :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
4 at the rate of	0	5	0	5 at the rate of	0	16	0
39 ..	0	10	0	1 ..	0	16	6
1 ..	0	11	0	61 ..	0	17	6
9 ..	0	12	0	1 ..	0	18	0
73 ..	0	12	6	185 ..	1	0	0
5 ..	0	13	0	2 ..	1	1	0
1 ..	0	13	6	6 ..	1	2	6
2 ..	0	14	0	1 ..	1	3	0
415 ..	0	15	0	12 ..	1	5	0
3 ..	0	15	6	2 ..	1	10	0

1 child adopted with premium disbursed at the rate of 10s. per week.  
20 children adopted with premium disbursed at the rate of 15s. per week.  
29 children for whom no payment is being made.

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

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Under 7s. per week .. ..	2	4	3	2	1	4
7s. and under 10s. per week .. ..	11	5	1	7	9	Nil.
10s. per week .. ..	133	105	65	48	48	39
Over 10s. per week .. ..	508	597	580	615	699	785

FOSTER-HOMES.

The 878 children in foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows :—

In 564 homes each having one child .. ..	564
In 108 homes each having two children .. ..	216
In 27 homes each having three children .. ..	81
In 3 homes each having four children .. ..	12
In 1 home having five children .. ..	5

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Seven of the homes were those in which children were boarded out by Charitable Aid Boards.

The total number of licensed homes was 1,073, so that at the end of the year there were 370 homes in which for the time being no infants were boarded.