

TABLE 2.—PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 2 Years.	2 Years to 3 Years.	3 Years to 4 Years.	4 Years to 5 Years.	5 Years to 6 Years.	Over 6 Years.	Totals.
On the books at 31st December, 1934	79	74	123	103	121	115	112	89	816
Placed in foster-homes or transferred from other districts during 1935	177	77	75	48	45	34	26	..	482
Totals	256	151	198	151	166	149	138	89	1,298
Removed from homes—									
By parents or guardians ..	14	31	47	23	34	27	18	12	206
Deaths	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Adopted without premium ..	14	24	24	10	5	5	7	4	93
In homes to which exemption was granted during 1935	2	..	2	..	3	3	..	..	10
Brought under operation of Child Welfare Act during 1935	7	7	8	3	3	..	2	3	33
Written off books during 1935 for various other reasons	10	3	5	6	3	..	6	85	118
Total withdrawals ..	48	66	86	42	48	35	33	104	462
On the books at 31st December, 1935	86	76	130	126	125	110	116	67	836

ADOPTIONS.

By an arrangement with the Department of Justice, applications for adoptions are investigated by Child Welfare Officers before being dealt with by Magistrates. During the year ended 31st December, 1935, 316 children were adopted (37 of these being State wards), and in 22 of these cases premiums were approved by the Courts. Of the total number of children adopted, 49 were under the age of six months, 48 between the age of six and twelve months, 114 between the age of one and five years, 61 between the age of five and ten years, and 44 between the age of ten and fifteen years. During the period one order was revoked.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENCE IN PRIVATE ORPHANAGES.

The following information supplied by the authorities shows the number of orphanages and private admissions to such orphanages during the year :—

TABLE 3.

Denomination.	Number of Orphanages.	Admissions during 1935.				Deaths during 1935.				In the Orphanages at 31st December, 1935.			
		Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.
Anglican ..	20	30	16	58	230	..	..	1	1	14	16	95	622
Roman Catholic ..	12	25	8	139	341	2	..	2	5	7	12	161	830
Salvation Army ..	13	149	10	54	304	3	..	..	3	21	7	70	388
Presbyterian ..	15	..	..	37	118	..	..	..	1	..	..	62	362
Methodist ..	5	..	..	15	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	167
Plymouth Brethren ..	1	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	27
Baptist ..	1	..	..	5	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	54
Masonic ..	2	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Undenominational ..	14	8	13	268	749	..	..	..	..	2	..	77	323
Totals..	83	212	47	577	1,826	5	..	3	10	44	35	496	2,795

During the year advice was received that three homes were permanently closed, and six homes closed temporarily. Two new homes were opened during the year.

The particulars regarding parentage were as follows : 219 children had no parents, 268 had only mother living, and 684 had only father living.