

serious, she is to call in the authorized Government doctor, or take the child to his surgery, on her own responsibility. The foster-parent should be warned that if a Plunket nurse, or a nurse belonging to any other similar organization, is attending the child, that does not relieve her of the responsibility of acting in strict accordance with these directions: and the orders of the doctor must be carefully followed."

The provisions of the Destitute Persons Act will be made use of to recover from the parents what is spent in this way.

RATES OF PAYMENTS TO FOSTER-PARENTS BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

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

4 at the rate of 2s. 6d. per week.			448 at the rate of 10s. per week.		
1	"	3s.	4	"	10s. 6d.
2	"	4s.	1	"	10s. 10d.
1	"	4s. 6d.	5	"	11s.
13	"	5s.	25	"	12s.
2	"	5s. 6d.	41	"	12s. 6d.
10	"	6s.	1	"	13s.
3	"	6s. 8d.	2	"	14s.
62	"	7s.	11	"	15s.
84	"	7s. 6d.	2	"	16s.
54	"	8s.	4	"	20s.
9	"	8s. 6d.	1	"	21s.
15	"	9s.			

Generally the relations of the infants provide clothing in addition.

The following comparison of the rates paid during the last three years shows that the usual payment is about 10s. a week:—

	1908.	1909.	1910.
Under 7s.	40	45	36
7s. and under 10s.	164	193	224
10s.	297	351	448
Over 10s.	73	77	97

EXEMPTIONS.

From the provision that "it shall not be lawful for any person in consideration of any payment or reward to receive or retain in his care or charge any infant for the purpose or nursing or maintaining it apart from its parents or guardians for a longer period than seven consecutive days unless such person is licensed as a foster-parent," the Minister may grant certain exemptions, and under this authority exemption has been granted to the institutions set forth in the following list, which shows also the numbers dealt with and the deaths. The conditions of the exemption provide for inspection, and for removal of the infants only with due formality.

Name of Institution.	(1910) Admissions.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1910.		
	Total Number.	Under 6 Months.	Between 6 and 12 Months.	Total Number.	Under 6 Months.	Between 6 and 12 Months.	Total Number.	Under 6 Months.	Between 6 and 12 Months.
The Orphan Home, Papatoetoe	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
St. Mary's Maternity Home, Otahuhu	24	3	16	..	..	..	22	..	9
The Door of Hope, Auckland	26	15	6	4	4	..	11	5	3
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland	3	3	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Auckland	23	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..
Children's Home, Remuera, Auckland	6	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland	4	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..
St. Vincent de Paul's Foundling Home, Auckland	40	16	9	..	..	..	29	11	..
C ok County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne	20	5	1	4	2	1	12	..	2
Wanganui Orphanage, Wanganui	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Children's Home, Palmerston North	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington	11	1	..	..	..	..	11	..	..
Salvation Army Children's Home, Wellington	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
The Levin Memorial Home, Wellington	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Home of Compassion, Wellington	118	55	17	31	22	4	77	12	11
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson	7	2	1	..	..	..	32	1	1
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala	3	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton	26	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch	6	6	..	..	..	..	6	2	..
Nazareth House, Sydenham, Christchurch	16	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch	42	2	..	..	..	..	26	..	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Dunedin	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, Dunedin	8	2	..	1	1	..	39	..	3
Karitane Home, Dunedin	75	65	10	16	11	5	9	6	3
Presbyterian Orphanage, Dunedin	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Dunedin	2	1	1	5	5	..	8	3	3
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill	16	14	..	2	2	..	9	6	1
Salvation Army Children's Home, Middlesmarch	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Totals for 1910	493	190	62	63	47	10	422	48	36
Totals for 1909	445	193	45	66	57	5	304	64	28