

PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ON THE BOOKS AND REMOVALS FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING 1914.

|                                                                        | Under 6 Months<br>of Age. | Between 6 Months<br>and 1 Year of<br>Age. | Between 1 and 2<br>Years of Age. | Between 2 and 3<br>Years of Age. | Between 3 and 4<br>Years of Age. | Between 4 and 5<br>Years of Age. | Between 5 and 6<br>Years of Age. | Over 6 Years<br>of Age. | Totals. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| <i>Entered on the Books.</i>                                           |                           |                                           |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                         |         |
| On the books at the beginning<br>of the year                           | 76                        | 95                                        | 194                              | 124                              | 106                              | 75                               | 79                               | 58                      | 807     |
| Placed in licensed homes during<br>the year                            | 315                       | 65                                        | 85                               | 50                               | 25                               | 32                               | 19                               | ..                      | 591     |
| Adopted with premium (exclu-<br>sive of those already on the<br>books) | 16                        | 3                                         | 3                                | 3                                | ..                               | ..                               | ..                               | ..                      | 25      |
| Total .. ..                                                            | 407                       | 163                                       | 282                              | 177                              | 131                              | 107                              | 98                               | 58                      | 1,423   |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| <i>Children withdrawn from Homes and those remaining on the Books at End of Year.</i> |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |       |
| Removed from foster-homes by<br>parents or guardians                                  | 52  | 58  | 99  | 55  | 37  | 34  | 20 | 15  | 370   |
| Deaths .. ..                                                                          | 13  | 4   | 1   | 1   | 1   | ..  | .. | ..  | 20    |
| Adoptions from licensed homes<br>without premiums                                     | 3   | 5   | 11  | 11  | 2   | 1   | 1  | 1   | 35    |
| In homes to which exemption<br>was granted                                            | 1   | 6   | 2   | 6   | 3   | 1   | 2  | ..  | 21    |
| Brought under the operation of<br>the Industrial Schools Act                          | ..  | 4   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 2   | .. | 2   | 15    |
| Written off the books for various<br>causes                                           | 1   | 4   | 16  | 3   | ..  | 1   | .. | 29  | 54    |
| On the books at 31st December,<br>1914                                                | 111 | 114 | 174 | 163 | 94  | 93  | 70 | 89  | 908   |
| Total .. ..                                                                           | 181 | 195 | 305 | 242 | 139 | 132 | 93 | 136 | 1,423 |

FOSTER-HOMES.

The 908 infants in foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows:—

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| In 554 homes each having one .. .. | 554 |
| In 88 .. two .. ..                 | 176 |
| In 31 .. three .. ..               | 93  |
| In 12 .. four .. ..                | 48  |
| In 5 .. five .. ..                 | 25  |
| In 2 .. six .. ..                  | 12  |
| 692                                | 908 |

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

The total number of licensed homes was 1,122, so that at the end of the year there were 430 licensed homes in which for the time being no infants were boarded.

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

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

| 3 at the rate of 2s. 6d. per week. |         |    |    | 3 at the rate of 10s. 6d. per week. |          |    |    |
|------------------------------------|---------|----|----|-------------------------------------|----------|----|----|
| 1                                  | 3s.     | .. | .. | 9                                   | 11s.     | .. | .. |
| 1                                  | 3s. 6d. | .. | .. | 33                                  | 12s.     | .. | .. |
| 17                                 | 5s.     | .. | .. | 52                                  | 12s. 6d. | .. | .. |
| 7                                  | 6s.     | .. | .. | 1                                   | 13s.     | .. | .. |
| 25                                 | 7s.     | .. | .. | 1                                   | 13s. 6d. | .. | .. |
| 67                                 | 7s. 6d. | .. | .. | 2                                   | 14s.     | .. | .. |
| 54                                 | 8s.     | .. | .. | 14                                  | 15s.     | .. | .. |
| 9                                  | 8s. 6d. | .. | .. | 1                                   | 18s.     | .. | .. |
| 8                                  | 9s.     | .. | .. | 3                                   | 20s.     | .. | .. |
| 596                                | 10s.    | .. | .. | 1                                   | 21s.     | .. | .. |

Generally, the relations of the infants provide clothing in addition.