

DEATHS IN EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONS.

These, with other particulars, are shown in the foregoing table relating to exempted institutions. The following is a statement of the deaths during the five years in which a record of the deaths has been kept:—

1911 ..	..	..	47	deaths out of 899 infants dealt with = 5.23 per cent.
1912 ..	..	..	36	„ 911 „ = 3.95 „
1913 ..	..	..	18	„ 984 „ = 1.82 „
1914 ..	..	..	37	„ 944 „ = 3.91 „
1915 ..	..	..	11	„ 1,026 „ = 1.08 „

ADOPTIONS, 1915.

During the year 246 orders of adoption were made, and four orders cancelling four adoption orders. Forty-six of the adoption orders provided for premiums, and 200 were without monetary consideration.

The following shows the ages of the adopted children :—

Age.				With Premium.	Without Premium.	Total.
Under 6 months	..	..	..	21	46	67
Between 6 months and 12 months	..	..	..	13	30	43
„ 1 and 2 years	..	..	..	6	40	46
„ 2 „ 3	..	..	..	..	24	24
„ 3 „ 4	..	..	..	4	8	12
„ 4 „ 5	..	..	..	2	11	13
„ 5 „ 6	..	..	..	..	6	6
„ 6 „ 7	..	..	..	..	7	7
„ 7 „ 8	..	..	..	..	3	3
„ 8 „ 9	..	..	..	..	3	3
„ 9 „ 10	..	..	..	..	6	6
„ 10 „ 11	..	..	..	..	3	3
„ 11 „ 12	..	..	..	..	6	6
„ 12 „ 13	..	..	..	..	4	4
„ 13 „ 14	..	..	..	..	1	1
„ 14 „ 15	..	..	..	..	2	2
				46	200	246
The adopting persons were—						
Husband and wife jointly ..				..	..	239
Husband alone ..				..	..	2
Widow ..				..	..	5

The amount of the premiums ranged from £10 to £194.

ILLEGITIMACY.

For its obvious relation to the intentions of the Infants Act the following table is given :—

Provincial Districts.							Illegitimate Births registered during 1915.	Number of Illegitimate Children aged Twelve Months or less brought under the Act during 1915.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	351	43
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	10
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	9
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	302	63
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	5
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	3
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	204	70
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	152	47
Totals for 1915 ..							1,152	250
Totals for 1914 ..							1,302	276

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