

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

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Under 7s. per week ...	31	19	11	7	2
7s. and under 10s. per week ...	128	75	52	53	22
10s. per week...	539	532	502	368	240
Over 10s. per week ...	143	215	294	376	531

EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONS.

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 of 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 exemptions provide for inspection, and for the removal of the infants only with due formality.

Name of Institution.	Admissions, 1920.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1920.		
	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages including Cols. (1) and (2).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages including Cols. (4) and (5).	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age.	Total—All Ages including Cols. (7) and (8).
	(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Russell ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Mary's Industrial School (Girls' Branch), Auckland ..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	10
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland ..	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	1	15
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland ..	..	..	..	Day nursery only.			..	..	6
Orphan Home, Papatoetoe, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland ..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	3
Methodist Orphanage, Mount Albert, Auckland ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Leslie Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	15
Manurewa Children's Home, Auckland ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	18
St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu, Auckland ..	8	4	14	..	..	2	10	3	4
Salvation Army Orphanage, "The Grange," Herne Bay, Auckland ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne ..	2	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	3
Salvation Army Samaritan Home, Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Children's Home, Palmerston North ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	6
Manawatu Willard Children's Home, Palmerston North ..	4	..	11	..	..	..	1	2	9
Salvation Army Bethany Home, Napier ..	12	20	50	..	2	2	..	3	9
St. Hilda's Home, Otane, Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	8
Wanganui Orphanage, Gonville, Wanganui ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Eltham, Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Presbyterian Orphanage, Berhampore, Wellington ..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1
Levin Memorial Home, Wellington ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	51
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington ..	..	3	62	..	1	3	..	..	65
Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington ..	16	6	50	2	1	7	1	12	1
Salvation Army Girls' Home, Owen Street, Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Island Bay, Wellington ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	10
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	31
Nazareth House, Christchurch ..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	34
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala, Christchurch ..	1	..	9	..	..	1	..	1	19
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch ..	..	..	10	..	..	1	..	..	..
Methodist Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	17
Presbyterian Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton, Christchurch ..	109	..	109	..	..	..	..	..	4
St. Saviour's Orphanage for Boys, Otipua Road, Timaru ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Temuka, Canterbury ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Mary's Orphanage, Mornington, Dunedin ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin ..	2	..	15	..	..	..	2	..	3
Glendining Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
Salvation Army Home, 15 Dunblane Street, Roslyn, Dunedin ..	6	2	8	1	..	1	5	..	1
Salvation Army Home, Middlemarch, Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Presbyterian Orphanage, Gordon Street, Invercargill ..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	2
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill ..	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals	163	38	459	3	4	19	19	24	442

Of the above 442 children, 20 have no parents living, 87 have a mother only, and 120 have a father only. The remainder (215) have both parents living.

DEATHS IN FOSTER-HOMES.

Of the 1,306 infants that were at one time or another on the books as being in foster-homes during 1920, fourteen died; of these, two died in the foster-homes, eleven in hospitals to which they had been removed for treatment, and one died in her mother's home to which she was removed with doctor's consent a few hours before death, so that the deaths in foster-homes represented 0.15 per cent. of the total number, dealt with. Nine of the fourteen were under the age of twelve months, and eleven were of illegitimate birth.