

TABLE 2.—CHILDREN IN RESIDENCE IN PRIVATE ORPHANAGES.

Denomination.	Number of Orphanages.	Boys.					Girls.					Totals.		
		Under 1 Year.	1 Year to 2 Years.	2 Years to 6 Years.	6 Years to 14 Years.	Over 14 Years.	Under 1 Year.	1 Year to 2 Years.	2 Years to 6 Years.	6 Years to 14 Years.	Over 14 Years.	Boys.	Girls.	Both Sexes.
Anglican ..	22	20	16	91	267	15	17	15	55	265	105	409	457	866
Roman Catholic ..	10	8	8	117	304	37	8	9	91	357	101	474	566	1,040
Presbyterian ..	13	..	..	40	208	56	..	..	15	130	35	304	180	484
Salvation Army ..	16	5	8	36	167	42	3	1	19	114	23	258	160	418
Methodist ..	4	..	..	19	53	5	..	1	4	73	5	77	83	160
Baptist ..	1	..	1	4	18	3	..	..	4	26	6	26	36	62
Plymouth Brethren	1	..	1	1	9	..	..	1	3	7	..	11	11	22
Masonic ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	11	..	19	19
Undenominational ..	12	6	9	36	78	40	3	9	28	65	38	169	143	312
Totals ..	80	39	43	344	1,104	198	31	36	219	1,045	324	1,728	1,655	3,383

The particulars regarding parentage are not available in all cases, but out of 2,324 cases the returns received show that 135 children are orphans (no parents living), 109 have no father, 262 have no mother, and the remainder (1,818) have both parents living.

INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

TABLE 3.—PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING 1928.

	Under 6 Months of Age.	Between 6 Months and 1 Year of Age.	Between 1 and 2 Years of Age.	Between 2 and 3 Years of Age.	Between 3 and 4 Years of Age.	Between 4 and 5 Years of Age.	Between 5 and 6 Years of Age.	Over 6 Years of Age.	Totals.
On the books at 31st December, 1927 ..	116	124	201	133	112	95	71	50	902
Placed in licensed homes or transferred from other districts during 1928 ..	301	122	116	71	45	30	25	11	721
Totals ..	417	246	317	204	157	125	96	61	1,623
Withdrawn from homes—									
Removed by parents or guardians ..	22	57	91	66	41	33	17	18	345
Deaths ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Adoptions without premium ..	14	14	29	19	10	9	3	16	114
In homes to which exemption was granted during 1928 ..	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	6
Brought under operation of Child Welfare Act ..	1	14	10	7	4	5	2	1	44
Written off the books for various causes (including those who attained the age of 6 years) ..	5	4	11	14	5	2	13	51	105
Total withdrawals ..	43	92	142	107	60	50	36	86	616
On the books at 31st December, 1928 ..	149	138	216	175	124	105	60	40	1,007

Rates of Payment by Parents or Guardians.

The following is a comparison of the rates paid by parents or guardians during the last six years :—

	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Under 7s. per week ..	3	2	1	4	8	6
7s. and under 10s. per week ..	1	7	9	..	3	5
10s. per week ..	65	48	48	39	54	73
Over 10s. per week ..	580	615	699	785	747	903

Foster-homes.

The 1,007 children in 797 foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows :—

In 655 homes each having one child ..	655
In 93 homes each having two children ..	186
In 36 homes each having three children ..	108
In 10 homes each having four children ..	40
In 1 home having five children ..	5
In 1 home having six children ..	6
In 1 home having seven children ..	7

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Three of the homes were those in which children were boarded out by Charitable Aid Boards.

The total number of licensed homes was 1,237, so that at the end of the year there were 440 homes in which for the time being no infants were boarded,