

Deaths in Foster-homes and Exempted Institutions.

Of the 1,623 infants who were at one time on the books as being in foster-homes during 1928, two died in hospitals. One infant was under one year and the other was five years of age, and both were of illegitimate birth.

The following is a statement of the number of deaths since 1924 :—

TABLE 4.

Year.	Foster-homes.			Exempted Institutions.		
	Number of Deaths.	Number of Infants.	Percentage of Deaths.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Infants.	Percentage of Deaths.
1924	5	1,213	0·41	21	1,175	1·78
1925	5	1,301	0·38	12	1,638	0·73
1926	1	1,423	0·07	18	3,196	0·56
1927	9	1,539	0·58	35	3,603	0·97
1928	2	1,623	0·12	17	2,324	0·73

TABLE 5.—ADOPTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1928.

During the year 371 orders of adoption were made. Thirty-six of the adoption orders provided for premium, and 335 were without monetary consideration. The following table shows the ages of the adopted children :—

Age of Child.	With Premium.	Without Premium.	Totals.
Under six months	14	51	65
Between six months and one year	8	29	37
Between one year and five years	13	155	168
Between five years and ten years	1	51	52
Between ten years and fifteen years	..	49	49
Totals	36	335	371

The adopting parents were—Husband and wife jointly, 350 ; widow, 10 ; widower, 3 ; spinster, 6 ; bachelor, 2 : total, 371.

The amounts of the premiums ranged from £10 to £350.

Two adoption orders were revoked.

ILLEGITIMACY.

Illegitimate births registered	1928. 1,383	1927. 1,387
Number of illegitimate children aged twelve months or less brought under the Infants Act	357	278
Illegitimate children under six years in licensed foster-homes at 31st December	731	632

Deaths amongst Illegitimate Children for Year ended 31st December, 1928.

Under six months	51	Between four and five years	1
Over six months and under one year	5	Between five and six years	5
Between one and two years	11		
Between two and three years	2	Total	76
Between three and four years	1		

TABLE 6.—BIRTHS AND DEATHS OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN COMPARED FOR YEAR 1928.

Year.	Legitimate.			Illegitimate.		
	Births.	Deaths.	Death-rate per 1,000 Live Births.	Births.	Deaths.	Death-rate per 1,000 Live Births.
1924	26,676	1,033	38·60	1,338	94	70·20
1925	26,821	1,056	39·33	1,332	69	51·80
1926	28,270	1,054	37·28	1,473	78	52·95
1927	26,494	1,011	38·159	1,387	77	55·51
1928	25,817	928	35·945	1,383	56	40·49