

PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ON THE BOOKS AND REMOVALS FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES  
DURING 1913.

	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.
<i>Entered on the Books.</i>									
On the books at the beginning of the year	80	95	161	131	95	87	75	50	774
Placed in licensed homes during the year	260	80	77	40	31	24	20	..	532
Adopted with premium (exclusive of those already on the books)	14	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	24
Total .. ..	354	180	241	173	126	111	95	50	1,330

<i>Children withdrawn from Homes and those remaining on the Books.</i>									
Removed from foster-homes by parents or guardians	42	65	91	70	27	37	19	15	366
Deaths .. .. .	10	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	13
Adoptions from licensed homes without premiums	3	6	9	4	4	1	2	..	29
In homes to which exemption was granted	1	4	2	3	3	1	3	2	19
Brought under the operation of the Industrial Schools Act	1	5	7	2	3	1	..	1	20
Written off the books for various causes	2	9	9	7	4	2	2	41	76
On the books at 31st December, 1913	76	95	194	124	106	75	79	58	807
Total .. ..	135	185	313	210	147	118	105	117	1,330

FOSTER-HOMES.

The 807 infants in foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows:—

In 482 homes each having one .. .. .	482
In 90 .. .. . two .. .. .	180
In 27 .. .. . three .. .. .	81
In 8 .. .. . four .. .. .	32
In 4 .. .. . five .. .. .	20
In 2 .. .. . six .. .. .	12
613	807

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

The total number of licensed homes was 950, so that at the end of the year there were 337 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.	482 at the rate of 10s. per week.
1 .. .. . 3s. 6d. .. .. .	13 .. .. . 11s. .. .. .
1 .. .. . 4s. 6d. .. .. .	31 .. .. . 12s. .. .. .
16 .. .. . 5s. .. .. .	36 .. .. . 12s. 6d. .. .. .
3 .. .. . 6s. .. .. .	1 .. .. . 14s. .. .. .
27 .. .. . 7s. .. .. .	7 .. .. . 15s. .. .. .
66 .. .. . 7s. 6d. .. .. .	1 .. .. . 15s. 6d. .. .. .
52 .. .. . 8s. .. .. .	1 .. .. . 20s. .. .. .
7 .. .. . 8s. 6d. .. .. .	1 .. .. . 21s. .. .. .
9 .. .. . 9s. .. .. .	

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