

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:—

1909	66 deaths out of 749 infants = 8.81 per cent.
1910	63 " 915 " = 6.08 "
1911	47 " 899 " = 5.23 "
1912	36 " 911 " = 3.95 "
1913	18 " 984 " = 1.82 "

Particulars of the deaths in these institutions during 1913 are given in the appendix. It is very satisfactory that this death-rate shows so marked a decrease.

ADOPTIONS.

During the year 246 orders of adoption were made, and one order cancelling an adoption order. Forty-one of the adoption orders provided for premiums, and 205 were without monetary consideration. The ages of the adopted children were as follows:—

	With Premium.	Without Premium.
Under 6 months	23	71
Between 6 and 12 months	9	32
" 1 " 2 years	6	20
" 2 " 3 " "	2	19
" 3 " 4 " "		12
" 4 " 5 " "		8
" 5 " 6 " "		7
" 6 " 7 " "	1	4
" 7 " 8 " "		6
" 8 " 9 " "		9
" 9 " 10 " "		3
" 10 " 11 " "		2
" 11 " 12 " "		3
" 12 " 13 " "		4
" 13 " 14 " "		4
" 14 " 15 " "		1
	41	205

The adopting parents were,—

Husband and wife jointly	232
Husband alone	2
Wife alone	6
Widow	5
Spinster	1

The amount of the premiums ranged from £5 to £260.

ILLEGITIMACY.

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

Provincial Districts.	Illegitimate Births registered during 1913.	Number of Illegitimate Children aged Twelve Months or less brought under the Act during 1913.
Auckland	353	31
Taranaki	37	7
Hawke's Bay	48	4
Wellington	295	51
Marlborough	7	..
Nelson	28	3
Westland	16	1
Canterbury	190	49
Otago	206	48
Totals for 1913	1,180	194
Totals for 1912	1,177	249

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