

## FOSTER-HOMES.

The 706 infants in foster-homes at the end of the year were distributed as follows :—

In 460 homes each having one .. .. .	460
In 73 .. two .. .. .	146
In 20 .. three .. .. .	60
In 8 .. four .. .. .	32
In 1 .. eight .. .. .	8
<b>562</b>	<b>706</b>

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

The total number of licensed homes was 815, so that at the end of the year there were 253 licensed homes in which for the time being no infants were boarded.

## 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, 1921.			Deaths.			On the Books at 31st December, 1921.		
	Under 6 Months of Age. (1.)	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age. (2.)	Total—All Ages including Cols. (1) and (2). (3.)	Under 6 Months of Age. (4.)	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age. (5.)	Total—All Ages (including Cols. (4) and (5)). (6.)	Under 6 Months of Age. (7.)	Between 6 and 12 Months of Age. (8.)	Total—All Ages (including Cols. (7) and (8)). (9.)
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Russell .. .. .	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Mary's Industrial School (Girls' Branch), Auckland .. .. .	..	..	15	..	..	1	..	..	15
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Takapuna, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	15	..	..	1	..	..	15
Mission House of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	Day nursery only.			..	..	..
Orphan Home, Papatoetoe, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	10
Children's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	14
Methodist Orphanage, Mount Albert, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Leslie Orphanage, Remuera, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	9
Manurewa Children's Home, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu, Auckland .. .. .	23	19	50	2	3	5	..	..	59
Salvation Army Orphanage, "The Grange," Herne Bay, Auckland .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland .. .. .	1	3	4	..	..	1	..	4	4
Cook County Women's Guild Crèche, Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Salvation Army Samaritan Home, Gisborne .. .. .	4	2	14	..	..	..	2	..	8
Children's Home, Palmerston North .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Manawatu Willard Children's Home, Palmerston North .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Salvation Army Bethany Home, Napier .. .. .	5	6	12	1	..	2	4	4	8
St. Hilda's Home, Otane, Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	9
Wanganui Orphanage, Gonville, Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Eltham, Taranaki .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterian Orphanage, Berhampore, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	17
Levin Memorial Home, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	39	..	..	..	..	..	63
Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington .. .. .	21	5	62	4	..	5	15	15	71
Salvation Army Girls' Home, Owen Street, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Island Bay, Wellington .. .. .	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
St. Mary's Orphanage, Nelson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Nazareth House, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	28
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Mount Magdala, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	31
St. Saviour's Home, Shirley, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	24
Methodist Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch .. .. .	1	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	2
Presbyterian Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	18
Children's Convalescent Cottage, New Brighton, Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	382	..	..	..	..	..	10
St. Saviour's Orphanage for Boys, Otipua Road, Timaru .. .. .	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
Salvation Army Boys' Home, Temuka, Canterbury .. .. .	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	9
St. Mary's Orphanage, Mornington, Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	13
St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin .. .. .	1	..	7	..	..	1	1	..	7
Glendining Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salvation Army Maternity Home, 15 Dunblane Street, Roslyn, Dunedin .. .. .	12	1	13	1	..	1	2	1	9
Salvation Army Home, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	5
Presbyterian Orphanage, Gordon Street, Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	10
Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill .. .. .	3	4	10	..	..	..	1	1	3
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>523</b>

Of the above 523 children, 21 have no parents living, 66 have a mother only, and 112 have a father only. The remainder (324) have both parents living.