

TABLE 3.—PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936.

	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 2 Years.	2 Years to 3 Years.	3 Years to 4 Years.	4 Years to 5 Years.	5 Years to 6 Years.	Over 6 Years.	Totals.
On the books at 31st December, 1935	86	76	130	126	125	110	116	67	836
Placed in foster-homes or transferred from other districts during 1936	205	59	85	66	50	44	32	1	542
Totals	291	135	215	192	175	154	148	68	1,378
Removed from homes during 1936—									
By parents or guardians ..	33	34	47	50	33	25	39	10	271
Deaths	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Adopted without premium ..	28	24	37	10	20	10	4	2	135
In homes to which exemption was granted	2	..	6	..	..	1	1	..	10
Brought under operation of Child Welfare Act	9	5	2	2	2	3	3	1	27
Written off books for various other reasons	3	3	5	4	6	1	5	75	102
Total withdrawals ..	77	66	97	66	62	40	52	88	548
On the books at 31st December, 1936	85	75	139	124	114	105	116	72	830

ADOPTIONS.

By an arrangement with the Department of Justice, applications for adoptions are investigated by Child Welfare Officers before being dealt with by Magistrates. During the year ended 31st December, 1936, 399 children were adopted (47 of these being State wards), and in 17 of these cases premiums were approved by the Courts. Of the total number of children adopted, 57 were under the age of 6 months, 43 between the age of 6 and 12 months, 160 between the age of 1 and 5 years, 85 between the age of 5 and 10 years, and 54 between the age of 10 and 15 years. During the period 4 orders were revoked.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENCE IN PRIVATE ORPHANAGES.

The following information supplied by the authorities shows the number of orphanages and private admissions to such orphanages during the year :—

TABLE 4.

Denomination.	Number of Orphanages.	Admissions during 1936.				Deaths during 1936.				In the Orphanages at 31st December, 1936.			
		Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.	Under 6 Months.	6 Months to 1 Year.	1 Year to 6 Years.	Totals all Ages.
Anglican	20	15	23	72	240	..	..	..	1	8	15	94	609
Roman Catholic ..	12	40	22	106	333	1	..	3	7	13	27	160	823
Salvation Army ..	13	528	7	91	733	7	..	..	7	51	4	91	414
Presbyterian	16	..	..	37	168	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	374
Methodist	4	..	..	8	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	153
Plymouth Brethren ..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Baptist	1	..	..	9	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	51
Masonic	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Un denominational ..	14	9	10	597	824	..	..	..	..	2	3	62	328
Totals.. .. .	83	593	62	920	2,403	8	..	3	15	74	49	488	2,794

The particulars regarding parentage were as follows: 161 children had no parents, 179 had only mother living, and 690 had only father living.