

TABLE 5.—PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED TO AND REMOVED FROM LICENSED FOSTER-HOMES DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1937.

	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, 1936	85	75	139	124	114	105	116	72	830
Placed in foster-homes or transferred from other districts during 1937	228	58	85	57	53	43	25	..	549
Totals	313	133	224	181	167	148	141	72	1,379
Removed from homes during 1937—									
By parents or guardians ..	32	26	66	47	48	27	22	10	278
Deaths	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
Adopted without premium ..	37	27	18	20	13	4	4	2	125
In homes to which exemption was granted	..	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	7
Brought under operation of Child Welfare Act	4	12	3	2	3	..	..	2	26
For various other reasons ..	3	3	6	1	5	4	2	73	97
Total withdrawals ..	78	70	94	71	72	35	30	87	537
On the books at 31st December, 1937	105	97	123	123	134	97	95	68	842

ADOPTIONS.

By an arrangement with the Department of Justice, applications for adoption are investigated by Child Welfare Officers before being dealt with by Magistrates. During the year ended 31st December, 1937, 406 children were adopted (34 of these being State wards), and in 14 of these cases premiums were approved by the Courts. Of the total number of children adopted, 78 were under the age of 6 months, 59 between the age of 6 and 12 months, 135 between the age of 1 and 5 years, 73 between the age of 5 and 10 years, and 61 between the age of 10 and 15 years.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENCE IN CHILDREN'S HOMES REGISTERED UNDER PART I, CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENT ACT, 1927.

The following information supplied by the authorities gives particulars of the private admissions to such homes during the year:—

TABLE 6.

Denomination.	Number of Orphanages.	Admissions during 1937.				Deaths during 1937.				In the Homes at 31st December, 1937.			
		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	14	29	50	227	..	1	1	3	11	15	103	583
Roman Catholic	12	36	9	161	376	1	1	1	6	17	18	163	836
Salvation Army	13	730	5	75	1,022	13	1	..	15	82	7	116	479
Presbyterian	17	..	..	52	205	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	447
Methodist	4	..	..	9	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	183
Plymouth Brethren	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Baptist	1	..	..	14	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	46
Masonic	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	19
Undenominational	16	16	16	397	1,020	..	..	..	..	7	18	75	381
Totals	86	796	63	758	2,946	14	3	2	24	117	64	561	2,989

The particulars regarding parentage were as follows: 204 children were orphans, 294 had only mother living, and 664 had only father living.