

Table III.—*Maternity Hospital Statistics, 1935, 1939, 1943-46*

	1935.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Number of hospitals	274	272	297	287	275	263
Number of beds	*	1,680	2,108	2,078	2,066	2,249
Admissions for ante-natal treatment	*	1,299	2,403	2,448	2,741	2,930
Admissions for delivery	*	27,083	32,287	34,621	38,360	42,641
Confined at full term	18,175	25,521	30,549	32,629	36,405	40,416
Confined 7-9 months	859	1,285	1,696	1,881	1,955	2,005
Per 1,000 confinements	45.1	47.9	52.6	54.5	51.0	47.3
Total confined	19,034	26,806	32,231	34,533	38,360	42,421
Per bed	*	16.0	15.3	16.6	18.6	18.9
Abortions	118	165	196	243	194	165
Per 1,000 confinements	6.2	6.2	6.1	7.0	5.1	3.9
Instrumental deliveries	1,690	2,672	3,149	3,248	3,634	4,602
Per 1,000 confinements	88.8	99.7	97.7	94.1	94.7	108.5
Manual removal of placenta	166	187	185	217	243	279
Per 1,000 confinements	8.7	7.0	5.7	6.3	6.3	6.6
Hæmorrhage: Accidental	66	91	113	108	167	153
Per 1,000 confinements	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.1	4.4	3.6
Hæmorrhage: Placenta prævia	93	113	166	172	194	216
Per 1,000 confinements	4.9	4.2	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.1
Hæmorrhage: Post-partum	256	330	431	463	436	539
Per 1,000 confinements	13.4	12.3	13.4	13.4	11.4	12.7
Eclampsia	77	81	84	78	86	92
Per 1,000 confinements	4.0	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2
Infant deaths	303	414	462	491	487	533
Per 1,000 confinements	15.9	15.4	14.3	14.2	12.7	12.6
Still-births	545	749	746	709	801	824
Per 1,000 confinements	28.6	28.0	23.1	20.5	20.9	19.4

* Not available.

CÆSAREAN SECTION

The steady increase in the percentage of deliveries by Cæsarean Section is indicated by the following figures:—

Percentage of Cæsarean Sections
to Total Deliveries.

1940	0.71
1942	0.77
1944	0.84
1945	0.93
1946	1.15

DIVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENE

The year ended 31st March, 1947, has been notable for the introduction as from the 1st February, 1947, of the dental service for adolescents. This represented the culmination of a long period of planning and negotiation with the dental profession. It is gratifying to be able to record that this new service has been launched with the complete approval and full co-operation of the profession as represented by the New Zealand Dental Association. Following is a detailed review of the activities of the Dental Division during the year.