

*Table No. I.—Number of Births P.A., Birth-rates, Neo-natal Death, Still-birth, and Maternal Death-rates*

(Average rates for each year from 1943 to 1947)

|                                                                              | 1943.  | 1944.  | 1945.  | 1946.  | 1947.  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of live births per annum .. .. E.                                     | 30,311 | 33,599 | 37,007 | 41,871 | 44,816 |
| M.                                                                           | 4,440  | 4,508  | 4,644  | 5,776  | 4,988  |
| Live-birth rate .. .. E.                                                     | 19.70  | 21.59  | 23.22  | 25.24  | 26.42  |
| M.                                                                           | 45.78  | 45.32  | 46.09  | 56.49  | 46.86  |
| Combined .. ..                                                               | 21.25  | 23.01  | 24.58  | 27.05  | 27.63  |
| Still-birth rate per 1,000 total births .. E.                                | 26.25  | 23.23  | 22.84  | 21.75  | 19.92  |
| Neo-natal death-rate per 1,000 live births .. E.                             | 21.28  | 20.60  | 19.59  | 19.08  | 18.08  |
| M.                                                                           | 18.92  | 19.30  | 26.05  | 18.35  | 17.84  |
| Still-birth rate and neo-natal death-rate combined per 1,000 total births E. | 46.97  | 43.35  | 41.98  | 40.42  | 31.63  |
| Maternal-mortality rate (including septic abortion) per 1,000 live births E. | 2.21   | 2.71   | 2.24   | 2.05   | 1.07   |
| Maternal-mortality rate (excluding septic abortion) per 1,000 live births E. | 1.71   | 2.14   | 1.94   | 1.76   | 0.85   |

E. = European ; M. = Maori.

*Table II.—Puerperal Mortality, 1947 (European), showing Number of Deaths and their Proportion to Live Births*

|                                                            | Number<br>of<br>Deaths. | Death-rate<br>per 1,000<br>Live Births. |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------|
| Septic abortion .. .. .                                    | 10                      | 0.22                                    |      |
| Puerperal sepsis following childbirth .. ..                | 3                       | 0.07                                    |      |
| Accidents of labour—                                       |                         |                                         |      |
| Placenta prævia .. .. .                                    | 2                       | 15                                      | 0.34 |
| Post-partum hæmorrhage .. .. .                             | 2                       |                                         |      |
| Puerperal embolism and thrombosis without puerperal sepsis | 3                       |                                         |      |
| Other—                                                     |                         |                                         |      |
| Obstretrical shock and heart-failure .. ..                 | 5                       |                                         |      |
| Ruptured uterus .. .. .                                    | 3                       |                                         |      |
| Toxæmia of pregnancy—                                      |                         |                                         |      |
| Eclampsia .. .. .                                          | 5                       | 12                                      | 0.26 |
| Puerperal toxæmia (pre-eclamptic) .. ..                    | 6                       |                                         |      |
| Acute yellow atrophy of liver .. .. .                      | 1                       |                                         |      |
| Accidents of pregnancy—                                    |                         |                                         |      |
| Abortion (non-septic) .. .. .                              | 2                       | 7                                       | 0.16 |
| Ectopic gestation .. .. .                                  | 5                       |                                         |      |
| Ante-partum hæmorrhage, without delivery .. ..             | ..                      |                                         |      |
| Parturition (unspecified) .. .. .                          | 1                       |                                         | 0.02 |
| Total maternal deaths—                                     |                         |                                         |      |
| Excluding septic abortion .. .. .                          | 38                      |                                         | 0.85 |
| Including septic abortion .. .. .                          | 48                      |                                         | 1.07 |