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NUMBERS AND RATES OF BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, STILL-BIRTHS AND MATERNAL DEATHS, 1935 TO 1947 (EUROPEANS ONLY)

Year.	Live Births.	Birth-rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.	Infant Deaths.	Infant Death-rate per 1,000 Live Births.	Still-births.	Still-birth Rate per 1,000 Total Births.	Maternal Deaths.		Maternal Death-rates per 1,000 Live Births.	
							(a) Including Septic Abortion.	(b) Excluding Septic Abortion.	(a) Including Septic Abortion.	(b) Excluding Septic Abortion.
1935	23,965	16.17	773	32.26	738	29.87	101	78	4.21	3.25
1936	24,837	16.64	769	30.96	732	28.63	92	78	3.70	3.14
1937	26,014	17.29	812	31.21	761	28.42	94	70	3.61	2.69
1938	27,249	17.93	971	35.63	743	26.54	111	81	4.07	2.97
1939	28,833	18.73	898	31.14	900	30.27	105	85	3.64	2.95
1940	32,771	21.19	990	30.21	965	28.60	96	82	2.93	2.50
1941	35,100	22.81	1,045	29.77	971	26.92	118	94	3.36	2.68
1942	33,574	21.73	964	28.71	891	25.85	85	58	2.53	1.73
1943	30,311	19.70	951	31.37	817	26.25	67	52	2.21	1.72
1944	33,599	21.59	1,012	30.12	799	23.23	91	72	2.71	2.14
1945	37,007	23.22	1,036	27.99	865	22.84	83	72	2.24	1.94
1946	41,871	25.24	1,093	26.10	931	21.75	86	74	2.05	1.76
1947	44,816	26.42	1,122	25.04	911	19.92	48	38	1.07	0.85

No. 1—TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND STANDARDS OF CARE FOR MOTHERS AND INFANTS IN STATE AND PRIVATE MATERNITY HOSPITALS, WARDS, AND ANNEXES

1. Since 1927 the Department of Health has published Instructions by way of Pamphlets entitled :—

- (a) " The General Principles of Maternity Nursing, including the Management and Aseptic Techniques of Labour and the Puerperium " (H-Mt. 20).
- (b) " The Technique of Isolation. Medical Asepsis, and Disinfection of Maternity Hospitals " (H-Mt. 18).

2. There have been revised from time to time by an Obstetrical Nursing Committee, the last edition being published in March, 1945. A further revised edition is at present in the hands of the printer, corrected proofs having been returned to him.

3. On each occasion of the revision of these pamphlets professional advice has been sought from Dr. Corkill, Chairman of the Wellington Branch of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society, and by Dr. Ewart, Medical Superintendent, St. Helens Hospital, Wellington, as to obstetric nursing care ; Dr. Helen Deem, Medical Adviser to the Plunket Society, as to infant care ; and Dr. Muriel Bell, Nutritionist to the Department of Health, as to nutrition for the mother.