

Confinements in different Centres.

	Indoor.	Outdoor.	Deaths.	
			Mothers.	Infants.
Auckland	353	247	..	4
Wellington	260	97	2	7
Christchurch	285	153	1	9*
Dunedin	139	78	1	2
Gisborne	78	1	1	2
Invercargill	131	3	1	1

* Including one monstrosity, which lived ten minutes.

OTHER MATERNITY HOSPITALS.
Statistics for Year ended 31st March, 1921.

	Confine-ments.	Children born alive.	Deaths.	
			Mothers.	Infants.
Batchelor Maternity Hospital, Dunedin	181	168	1	1
McHardy Maternity Home, Napier	185	176	1	9
Wairau Maternity Hospital, Blenheim	116	115	..	5
Maternity Home, Picton	44	42	..	1
Alexandra Home, Wellington*	140	142	1	3
Essex Maternity Home, Christchurch	55	48	..	7
Cromwell Hospital Maternity Ward, Cromwell	46	44	..	5
Mangonui Hospital Maternity Ward, Mangonui	36	34	..	1
Hokianga Hospital Maternity Ward, Rawene	40	39	..	1
Whangarei Hospital Maternity Ward, Whangarei	148	144	1	5
Kawakawa Hospital Maternity Ward, Kawakawa	59	61	1	2
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Wellington	58	56	..	4
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Auckland	60	59	..	6
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Dunedin	61	60	..	4
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Gisborne	53	51	..	1
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Napier	57	53	..	1
Salvation Army Maternity Home, Christchurch	39	37	..	2
The Hospital, Kaikoura	53	54	1	..
The Hospital, Oxford	24	24	1	..
The Hospital, Waikari	19	18	..	..

* In addition to indoor cases the Alexandra Home staff attended 134 cases outside.

SECTION 3.—PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

During the year there have been many changes among the licensees of private hospitals throughout the Dominion. Nurses who felt obliged to carry on during the war years have retired, and their places have been taken by returned sisters. Ex military nurses have also opened new hospitals. There have been sixty new licenses issued, twenty-two transferred, and only twenty given up.

With the appointment of additional Nurse Inspectors it is hoped to exercise a closer supervision over the management of private hospitals. Better equipment will be expected, what had to serve during the shortage caused by the war not being considered sufficient now. It is realized that the high cost of living must be taken into consideration, but against this must be placed the increased fees charged. Those who are prepared to pay these fees are entitled to skilled attention in up-to-date hygienic surroundings.

Recent returns from private maternity hospitals show that in 178 of these institutions 15,838 confinements took place during the period 1st July, 1919, to June, 1921, and there were only thirty-eight maternal deaths, a mortality of approximately 2·4 per thousand. Of these deaths six were from septicæmia.

In conclusion I must express my thanks for loyal assistance in the various branches of my division to Miss Bicknell, Miss Willis (of Wellington), Miss Bagley and Miss Mirams (in Auckland), and Miss Wright, with my military-hospital work. The two recently appointed officers at Dunedin and Christchurch will also be of great assistance. I wish also to express my appreciation of the loyal and valuable service of the Matron and staffs of the various St. Helens hospitals, Otaki Hospital, and Te Waikato Sanatorium.

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