

GRAPH 1.—QUINQUENNIAL MORTALITY-RATES FROM GASTRO-ENTERITIS AND DIARRHŒA PER THOUSAND BIRTHS.

The rates for New Zealand and Tasmania are for the last twenty years, and those for Dunedin and Hobart for the last ten years only, the earlier figures for the two cities not being available. Note that the figures for the whole countries (New Zealand and Tasmania) show deaths from infantile diarrhœa occurring in the first year of life; while the city rates are for similar deaths occurring in the first two years. This makes all the more striking the reduction of the average rate for Dunedin for the last five years to less than one per thousand births (compared with three per thousand for New Zealand as a whole); indeed, in two of the years (viz., 1918 and 1922) not a single child below two years of age died in Dunedin of gastro-enteritis and diarrhœa (see Graph 3).

