

- (5.) Urinalysis and blood-pressure.
- (6.) Signs, symptoms, and diagnosis of pregnancy.
- (7.) Abdominal palpation.
- (8.) Presentations.
- (9.) Pelvimetry and conclusions drawn from measurements ; diagnosis of contracted pelvis ; abnormalities of the pelvis and treatment of same.
- (10.) General diseases of pregnancy ; toxæmias of pregnancy ; abnormalities of pregnancy.
- (11.) Advice to give a mother regarding preparation for labour ; sterilized maternity outfit.
- (12.) Aseptic technique of labour.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

Clinics established.—Clinics have been established in Wellington District at (1) St. Helen's Hospital ; (2) Plunket Society, Kent Terrace ; (3) Alexandra Home ; (4) Salvation Army Maternity Hospital ; (5) Plunket Society, Lower Hutt ; (6) Plunket Society, Petone. In the Auckland District at (1) St. Helen's Hospital ; (2) Salvation Army Maternity Hospital ; (3) St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu ; (4) St. John Ambulance ; (5) Rotorua (conducted by St. Helens District Nurse). In the Christchurch District at (1) St. Helens Hospital ; (2) Plunket Society ; (3) Plunket Society, New Brighton ; (4) Essex Home ; (5) Salvation Army Maternity Hospital.

Figures relating to Wellington and Christchurch clinics are for the year ending 31st March, 1926, whereas those relating to Auckland and Rotorua clinics are taken from August, 1925, when the clinics were established.

The following table summarizes the year's work of the ante-natal clinics established by the Department of Health, and enables a rapid survey to be made of the activities of the clinics :—

Figures relating to the Work accomplished.

	Wellington.	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Rotorua.	Opunake.	Total.
First visit of primiparæ	459	208	289	13	3	972
First visit of multiparæ	516	309	508	15	8	1,356
Return visits	2,556	1,086	1,885	50	7	5,584
Total	..	..	..	..	..	7,912
Number of visits paid to homes ..	23	127	78	24	..	252
Number of maternity outfits sterilized ..	67	19	101	9	..	196
Accidental and unavoidable hæmorrhage ..	7	1	13	..	..	21
Abortions	1	..	1	..	..	2
Miscarriages	5	..	..	..	..	5
Premature labours	18	4	19	1	..	42
Still-births	35	9	14	..	..	58
Puerperal septicæmia	1	2	..	..	..	3
Maternal mortality	3	..	..	..	..	3
Eclampsia	4	6	..	..	..	10
Albuminuria	45	77	104	1	..	227
Hyperemesis	2	2	6	..	..	10
Hydramnios	4	8	..	..	1	13
Multiple pregnancy	5	8	4	..	..	17
Malpositions	32	37	73	..	..	142
Contracted pelvis	2	7	22	..	..	31
X-ray	4	6	3	..	..	13
Version	4	14	6	..	..	24
Induction	3	1	7	..	..	11
Forceps	35	21	15	..	..	71
Operations	2	4	2	..	..	8
Dental treatment	204	232	296	7	4	743
Goitre treated	43	34	137	..	..	214
Gonorrhœa treated	1	3	13	..	..	17
Syphilis treated	1	..	2	..	..	3
Skin-diseases treated	7	6	24	..	..	37
Diabetes treated	3	7	1	..	..	11
Pruritis vulvæ treated	14	11	67	..	..	92
Varicose veins treated	159	159	259	5	..	582
Wassermann tests	4	15	6	..	..	25
Cervical swabs	11	3	8	..	..	22
Urethral swabs	11	3	8	..	..	22
Enlarged tonsils treated	3	1	17	..	..	21

The attendances at the clinics in the three centres show a satisfactory increase for the last nine months, as follows : Wellington—261, 272, 314, 321, 318, 304, 324, 323, 389 ; total, 2,826. Auckland (eight months)—18, 87, 196, 221, 310, 267, 245, 259 ; total, 1,603. Christchurch—199, 211, 264, 232, 184, 196, 181, 260, 258 ; total, 1,988. Total number of attendances at all clinics (including Rotorua and Opunake) for the last year was 7,912.

Chief Conditions diagnosed and requiring Prompt Treatment.—(1) Albuminuria (nephritis, pyelitis, cystitis) ; (2) toxæmias of pregnancy ; (3) malpositions ; (4) contracted pelvises ; (5) septic infection, including otitis media, tonsillitis, pharyngitis, pyorrhœa, dental caries, septic vaginal discharge, skin-diseases ; (6) goitre ; (7) diabetes ; (8) venereal disease.

Albuminuria.—227 cases of albuminuria were treated during the last year, with satisfactory results. Since albuminuria is so frequently a sign of pre-eclamptic toxæmia and is often associated