

MATERNITY HOSPITALS UNDER BOARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

Hospital.	Births.	Still-births.	Deaths of Mothers.	Deaths of Infants.	Cases attended outside.
Timaru	65	2*	1	1†	..
Batchelor	206	8	1	2	10
Stratford	156	3	..	..	..
Lawrence	31	1	..	2	..
McHardy Home	177	8	2	3	..
Wairau	163	1	1	5	..
Picton	46	1	..	1	..
Denniston	41	..	..	2	..
Alexandra Home	184	10	..	1	84
Essex Home	141	5	..	5	..
Havelock	27	..	..	..	..
Cromwell	44	1	..	..	..
Motueka	43	2	..	3	2
Mangonui	42	3	..	..	..
Hokianga	49	3	..	..	..
Whangarei	203	11	..	3	..
Kawakawa	59	2	..	..	11
Kaikoura	49	1	1	1†	..
Oxford	10	..	..	..	..
Waikari	54	2	..	2	2
Naseby	50	..	..	1†	..
Opunake	41	1	..	1	5
Masterton	64	2	..	1	..
Rangiora	106	3	..	1	..
Methven	44	..	..	..	..
Ashburton	110	2	..	2	..
Geraldine	56	3	..	2	..
Te Puke	55	2	..	1	..
Thames	45	1	..	1	..
Whangaroa	29	..	..	..	4
Rakaia	56	1	..	1	1
Waiuku	61	2	..	1	..
Taumarunui	134	2	..	4	..
Matamata	75	3	..	2	..
Kawhia	8	1	..	..	..
Otahuhu	17	1	..	1	..
Whakatane	63	2	..	1	..
Raetihi	4	..	..	..	..
Waiuku	13	..	..	1	..
Amuri	15	1	..	2	..
Roxburgh	21	..	..	..	..
Leeston	62	3	..	..	..
Akaroa	34	1	..	2	..
Totals	2,953	95	6	56	119
<i>Salvation Army.</i>					
Bethany Home	93	..	..	..	..
Christchurch	50	2	..	..	..
Wellington	56	..	..	1	..
Auckland	53	3	..	..	..
Dunedin	122	4	1	2	..
Gisborne	102	7	..	2†	..
Russell	4	1	..	..	..
Totals	480	17	1	5	..

* One full-time, one premature.

† Premature.

Owing to the coming into force of the Nurses and Midwives' Registration Act, 1925, the staffs of all these State maternity hospitals, as well as those of other institutions which are recognized as training-schools for midwives as well as for maternity nurses, have had a most difficult task in adjusting themselves to the new conditions. While sympathizing fully with their perplexities, as only one can who knows the strain and stress of carrying out maternity training in this most difficult (because most irregular) branch of nursing, I should like to place on record my appreciation of the loyal way in which they have endeavoured to co-operate with the Department in its efforts towards improvement. Especially are thanks due to officers of many years' service whose proved good work might have been thought sufficient to warrant a feeling of resentment at such radical changes.

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