

In medical and surgical hospitals, owing to the economic conditions being more satisfactory and to the higher standard demanded by surgeons and physicians of such hospitals, I have little difficulty in seeing that the necessary efficiency in the conduct and equipment of these hospitals is maintained. With a few exceptions their efficiency reaches a high standard, and I have found the equipment in all cases is sufficient and usually maintained in good order. I have, however, found it advisable to point out the necessity of periodical testing of dressing-sterilizers, which, being in many instances somewhat complicated pieces of machinery, are apt, like other machinery, to occasionally get out of order.

Ante-natal Clinics and Lectures in Maternal Welfare.—Returns from public ante-natal clinics are available in most cases, and the following table shows an extension in the number of clinics and a satisfactory increase in the attendances.

Ante-natal Clinics.

Health District.	New Cases.	Total Attendances.	Outfits sterilized.
<i>Wellington.</i>			
St. Helens Hospital, Wellington	504	2,176	55
Plunket Clinic, Wellington	558	3,157	13
Plunket Clinic, Lower Hutt	122	829	..
Plunket Clinic, Petone	161	919	4
Alexandra Home, Wellington	331	1,456	54
Salvation Army Home, Wellington	83	187	..
St. Helens Hospital, Wanganui	130	413	4
Totals, 1928	1,889	9,137	130
Totals, 1927	1,615	6,917	139
Totals, 1926	1,257	5,152	122
Totals, 1925	975	3,531	..
Increase for last twelve months	274	2,220	—9*
<i>Central Auckland.</i>			
St. Helens, Auckland	798	2,948	71
Plunket Society, Auckland	356	1,761	82
Salvation Army, Auckland	81	176	53
St. Mary's Homes	26	122	59
Totals, 1928	1,261	5,007	265
Totals, 1927	1,237	4,971	202
Totals, 1926	1,105	4,295	119
Totals, 1925	517	1,603	..
Increase for last twelve months	24	36	63
<i>Canterbury.</i>			
St. Helens, Christchurch	612	2,431	320
Plunket Society, Christchurch	204	1,379	2
Essex Home, Christchurch	197	573	..
Salvation Army, Christchurch	79	259	..
Totals, 1928	1,092	4,642	322
Totals, 1927	1,067	3,518	174
Totals, 1926	876	3,107	160
Totals, 1925	797	2,682	..
Increase for last twelve months	25	1,124	148
<i>Otago.</i>			
St. Helens, Dunedin	129	367	..
Plunket Society, Dunedin	34	134	..
Totals, 1928	163	501	..
<i>East Cape.</i>			
St. Helens, Gisborne	128	262	9
<i>Taranaki.</i>			
Stratford Maternity Annexe	153	305	..
<i>North Auckland.</i>			
Whangarei Maternity Annexe	143	344	..
<i>Southland.</i>			
St. Helens, Invercargill	221	542	2
Totals, New Zealand	5,050	20,740	728

* Decrease only apparent, and due to Taranaki Health District being shown separately.