

Hookworm.—This is endemic. Mass treatment by carbon tetrachloride, oil of chenopodium, and magnesium sulphate has been carried out during the year wherever opportunity offered. Most of the islands were so treated.

Tuberculosis.—This is prevalent in the Lower Group, more particularly in Rarotonga and Mangaia, and to a less extent at Manihiki in the Northern Group.

Mumps and Chicken-pox.—Cases of these were seen in Rarotonga in July, and in Aitutaki in August. In neither case did the diseases show any tendency to assume an epidemic form.

Influenza.—An epidemic of mild influenza made its appearance in Rarotonga in November, and spread round the islands of the Lower Group. The disease was mild in nature, and was not responsible for any deaths, except of a few persons who were in a debilitated state from other causes.

Vital Statistics.

“The following table shows the births and deaths in each island of the group for the year:—

Name of Islands.	Births.				Deaths.				Marriages.	
	European.		Maori.		European.		Maori.		European.	Maori.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Rarotonga	..	3	76	59	1	1	38	23	..	32
Aitutaki	..	..	32	20	..	..	16	8	..	11
Mangaia	..	1	22	25	..	..	15	11	2	17
Atiu	..	..	12	23	1	..	11	9	..	4
Mauke	..	..	12	12	..	..	4	8	..	6
Mitiaro	..	..	36	23	..	..	3	7	..	4
Manihiki	..	..	8	12	..	..	6	7	..	2
Rakahanga	..	..	12	9	..	..	10	14	..	4
Penrhyn	..	..	17	5	..	..	1	3	..	2
Pukapuka	..	1	8	3	..	..	9	6	1	5
Palmerston	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	1	4	235	191	2	1	113	96	3	87

“Total births, 431 ; total deaths, 212.

“Of the 212 deaths recorded, 52 were under the age of 1 year (including still-births).

“Annexed hereto is a table showing deaths at different ages throughout the Group during the year:—

Islands.	Under 1 Year.		Under 5 Years.		Under 10 Years.		Under 15 Years.		Under 20 Years.		Over 20 Years.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Rarotonga ..	13	5	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	2	19	11	39	24
Aitutaki ..	3	2	2	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	10	2	16	8
Mangaia ..	4	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	9	8	15	11
Atiu ..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	11	6	12	9
Mauke ..	..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	2	4	8
Mitiaro ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	3	7
Manihiki ..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	4	6	7
Rakahanga ..	3	6	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	6	10	14
Penrhyn ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	3
Pukapuka ..	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	9	6
Palmerston ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	26	26	7	7	4	4	3	6	3	6	72	48	115	97

Migration.

“The following returns show the migration to and from Rarotonga from the 1st April, 1928, to the 31st March, 1929:—

“*Arrivals*.—Europeans: Adults—80 males, 59 females ; children—9 males, 2 females. Natives: Adults—40 males, 36 females ; children—9 males, 7 females.

“*Departures*.—European: Adults—73 males, 53 females ; children, 8 males, 7 females. Natives: Adults—28 males, 20 females ; children—8 males, 11 females.

Cook Islands Hospital.

“During the year the hospital buildings have been painted and repairs effected by the Public Works Department. The road through the hospital-grounds also has been remade.

“The following table shows the nature of the cases admitted to the hospital during the year.

“In addition to admitted cases, the following are the figures for the year: Attendances (Maori) at out-patients, 8,234 ; visits paid to Maori patients at their homes, 853 ; Maori confinements attended, 38 ; European out-patients and patients visited, 456 ; European confinements attended, 3.