

NATIVE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

For the greater part of the year under review the Native medical practitioners were so occupied in coping with measles and whooping-cough that they were not able to pay as many regular visits to the villages for ordinary health instruction as desirable. However, 15,000 native *fales* (houses) were visited during 1,800 village inspections, while many sick were treated in their own homes.

The Native medical practitioners responded splendidly to the extra strain thrown upon them, and gave admirable service to their own people. There are at present seven students attending the Suva Medical School, and one Native medical practitioner undergoing a refresher course.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEES.

At the 31st March, 1937, there were women's committees in 122 villages, and they have all rendered excellent service, particularly during the outbreaks of whooping-cough and measles. In this connection it was observed that the death rate was higher in those villages which did not possess women's committees.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths (Samoans) at Different Ages.

	Number of Deaths.			Percentage of Total Deaths.		
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Under 1 week	32	27	26	7.24	5.75	1.87
From 1 week to 1 month	17	17	24	3.85	3.63	1.72
From 1 month to 3 months	17	17	66	3.85	3.63	4.76
From 3 months to 6 months	20	20	120	4.53	4.26	8.65
From 6 months to 12 months	65	86	239	14.70	18.34	17.22
From 1 year to 2 years	42	35	271	9.50	7.46	19.53
From 2 years to 3 years	12	26	122	2.72	5.55	8.79
From 3 years to 4 years	11	15	70	2.48	3.20	5.04
From 4 years to 5 years	5	7	45	1.13	1.49	3.24
From 5 years to 10 years	14	22	74	3.17	4.69	5.33
Over 10 years	207	197	331	46.83	42.00	23.85
Totals	442	469	1,388	100.00	100.00	100.00

The infant-mortality rates per 1,000 registered births have been as follow :—

Year.	186	Year.	58	Year.	111	Year.	104.8
1925 ..	186	1928 ..	70	1931 ..	121	1934 ..	97.0
1926 ..	106	1929 ..	61	1932 ..	114	1935 ..	291.77
1927 ..	101	1930 ..		1933 ..		1936 ..	

PARTICIPATION BY MISSIONS IN MEDICAL WORK.

All missions purchase stocks of drugs and dressings at the Apia Hospital Dispensary from time to time, and use them in their schools.

METEOROLOGICAL.

(Readings taken at Apia Observatory, Mulinu'u Point, at Sea-level.)

Month.		Pressure.	Temperature.	Rainfall.	Humidity.	Sunshine.	Wind.
		In.	°F.	In.	Per Cent. (9 a.m.)	Hours.	Miles per Hour.
January	1936.	29.719	80.1	14.78	82	164.1	6.1
February	..	29.743	80.3	11.72	81	166.7	5.3
March	..	29.805	79.7	10.92	79	201.7	3.9
April	..	29.805	80.4	8.70	79	197.8	5.6
May	..	29.823	79.8	7.21	79	223.7	5.1
June	..	29.878	78.4	4.10	75	218.9	7.9
July	..	29.882	78.4	3.15	79	234.1	9.6
August	..	29.844	77.2	7.64	75	234.7	8.8
September	..	29.884	78.3	4.72	74	242.9	9.4
October	..	29.857	79.2	12.97	79	185.7	9.5
November	..	29.778	78.7	7.85	77	222.8	5.3
December	..	29.752	79.5	11.38	79	181.7	6.7
Total	..	..	..	105.14	..	2,474.8	..
Mean	..	29.814	79.2	..	78	..	6.9