

Table II.—*St. Helens Hospitals Statistics*—continued.

	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Invercargill.	Totals.	Percentage to Total Deliveries.
A. INTERN DEPARTMENT— <i>continued.</i>						
Lacerations of genital tract—						
Perinæum	98	72	41	37	248	13.18
Cervix	..	..	3	1	4	0.21
Uterus	..	..	..	..	..	..
Contracted pelvis, inlet	..	..	3	1	4	0.21
Contracted pelvis, outlet	..	..	5	1	6	0.32
Prolapse of cord	1	2	4	1	8	0.43
Complications of puerperium—						
Sepsis, local	7	7	..	7	21	1.12
Sepsis, general	..	4	..	2	6	0.32
Pulmonary embolism	..	..	..	..	..	..
Insanity	..	1	..	..	1	0.05
Crural phlegmasia, venous	..	..	..	..	..	..
Crural phlegmasia, lymphatic	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mastitis	13	10	3	2	28	1.40
Operations—						
Induction of labour	31	1	8	30	70	3.72
Episiotomy	4	22	3	..	29	1.54
Complications—						
Impacted shoulders	..	1	2	..	3	0.16
Suture of perineal lacerations	..	..	..	..	..	..
Incomplete	98	72	41	35	246	13.08
Complete	..	..	..	2	2	0.11
Forceps	28	18	23	8	72	4.09
Version, external	..	1	4	..	5	0.27
Version, internal	..	3	3	1	7	0.37
Version, combined	1	1	..	..	2	0.11
Manual removal of placenta	3	3	1	5	12	0.64
Cæsarean section	7	..	3	..	10	0.53
Craniotomy	..	..	..	1	1	0.05
Cleidotomy	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decapitation	..	..	..	..	..	..
Morbidity	41	50	31	18	140	7.44
Mortality	..	3	2	..	5	0.27
Infant statistics—						
Total births	669	556	377	295	1,897	100.85
Premature—						
Alive	21	21	13	5	60	3.19
Dead—						
Recent	4	3	4	1	12	0.64
Macerated	1	1	1	3	6	0.32
Putrid	..	..	1	..	1	0.05
Full term—						
Alive	636	535	350	285	1,806	96.01
Dead—						
Recent	8	6	4	1	19	1.01
Macerated	2	..	4	..	6	0.32
Putrid	..	..	..	..	..	..
Children born alive who died in hospital	7	8	6	4	25	1.33
Total born dead or died in hospital	22	18	20	9	69	3.67
B. EXTERN DEPARTMENT.						
Total attended	53	15	53	1	122	..
Primiparae	..	..	1	..	1	0.81
Multiparae	53	15	52	1	121	99.19
Forceps	..	..	4	..	4	3.28
Morbidity	4	..	..	..	4	3.28
Mortality	..	..	..	..	..	..
C. ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.						
First visits—						
Primiparae	271	140	115	73	599	..
Multiparae	571	428	319	211	1,528	..
Return visits	4,275	2,821	2,809	939	10,124	..
Outside visits	202	375	767	..	1,344	..

Special Investigations into Obstetrical Problems.

Thanks to the great interest taken by the staff of these hospitals into problems concerning obstetrics, much valuable clinical research work is being undertaken.

In 1937 a special investigation was made into the treatment of toxæmias of pregnancy by progesterone, and during the past year each of these hospitals has been active in investigating the best method of relieving the pains of labour.