

Table VIII—continued.

Group	Reason given for Operation and Parity.			Number of Cases.	Number of Deaths.		Cause of Deaths of Mothers.
					Infants.	Mothers.	
V	Eclampsia—						Eclampsia. Eclampsia.
	1 para .. ..	..	..	5	2	1
	Not stated .. ..	..	..	1	1	1
	Total	6	3	2	
VI	Pre-eclamptic toxæmia—						Toxæmia complicated by placenta prævia and post-partum hæmorrhage.
	1 para .. ..	..	..	7	6	1
	2 para .. ..	..	..	4	1	..
	3 para .. ..	..	..	1	..	..
	12 para .. ..	..	..	1	..	..
	Total	13	7	1	
VII	Other conditions—						Seven-month pregnancy and advanced tuberculosis. Six-month pregnancy.
	Heart-disease (congenital)—						
	2 para .. ..	..	..	1	..	..
	Tuberculosis—						
	1 para and 9 para ..	..	..	2	..	1
	Subarachnoid hæmorrhage—						
	5 para .. ..	..	..	1	..	..
	Acute mania—						
	7 para .. ..	..	..	1	1	1
	Only reason given: "Previous delivery by Cesarean Section" ..	..	..	3	..	..
	Total	8	1	2	
	Total cases	203	37	13	

PART II.—MAORI.

The following table gives the Maori maternal mortality rate on the same lines as Table VI for Europeans. The reason for giving these returns separately is that up to the present a large majority of the Maoris are delivered by Native methods, which must be regarded as extremely crude, and the conditions under which the confinements are conducted in Maori whares preclude any possibility of carrying out asepsis efficiently. Now that the maternity benefits under the Social Security Act are available it may be expected that much better results will be obtained owing to the fact that more Maoris will enter hospitals, the cost of which in the past was quite beyond their means.

Table IX.—Showing the Maori Maternal Mortality by Causes for the Nine Years 1930–39.

Cause of Death.	1930.		1931.		1932.		1933.		1934.		1935.		1936.		1937.		1938.		1939.	
	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.
Puerperal sepsis following childbirth	5	2.35	5	2.16	5	1.82	7	2.37	3	1.01	7	2.15	6	1.65	4	1.01	6	1.62	3	0.73
Accidents of labour (hæmorrhage, thrombosis, phlegmasia, embolism, and following childbirth not otherwise defined)	12	5.65	9	3.89	14	5.10	14	4.75	8	2.68	10	3.07	12	3.31	13	3.27	10	2.70	12	2.92
Toxæmia, albuminaria, and eclampsia	..	..	..	..	1	0.36	1	0.34	..	..	1	0.30	..	..	1	0.25	2	0.54	2	0.49
Accidents of pregnancy ..	3	1.41	2	0.87	1	0.36	..	..	4	1.34	3	0.92	..	..	5	1.26	2	0.54	..	..
Total maternal causes (excluding septic abortion)	20	9.42	16	6.92	21	7.65	22	7.46	15	5.03	21	6.46	18	4.96	23	5.79	20	5.41	19	4.13
Septic abortion .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0.68	3	1.01	3	0.92	2	0.55	3	0.76	..	..	2	0.49