

The 115 deaths from zymotic diseases may be analysed as follows :—

	Deaths in the Four Centres.	Auckland and Suburbs.	Auckland Proportion. Per Cent.
Diarrhoeal diseases	44	21	48
Influenza	13	3	23
Typhoid	10	7	70
Scarlet fever	5	2	40
Diphtheria	8	3	38
Whooping-cough	2	0	..
Other zymotic diseases	33	9	27
	115	45	39

Thus Auckland centre had far more than its share in deaths from zymotic disease as compared with the other centres, and especially so in the case of diarrhoeal diseases, typhoid, scarlet fever, and diphtheria. Still the actual number of deaths from these causes compares favourably with that of previous years, and maintains the improvement commented upon in last year's report as having characterized 1904. The atmospheric conditions then alluded to as probably being largely responsible for the smaller number of cases and lower death-rate in zymotic cases have continued with remarkable uniformity, as the following meteorological table exhibits :—

This table gives the rainfall and mean temperature as recorded in Auckland for the year ending the 31st March last :—

	Rainfall.		Mean Temperature.	
	1905.	Average.	1905.	Average.
April	3.20	3.15	59.4	61.4
May	2.29	4.21	56.3	57.1
June	6.00	4.79	53.2	53.8
July	3.88	4.86	50.1	52.0
August	3.05	4.22	51.6	52.4
September	4.48	3.39	54.0	54.8
October	5.87	3.34	55.3	57.0
November	2.20	3.23	59.3	60.4
December	2.96	2.64	61.9	62.4
	1906.		1906.	
January	1.17	2.69	62.7	67.1
February	2.25	3.50	63.0	67.4
March	1.80	2.36	62.1	64.3
	39.15	42.37	57.4	59.2

It is noticeable that only in June and October was there anything like excess of rain, and upon the whole year some 3.22 in. less than the average. The lower mean temperature is observable in every month of the past year. The previous year (1904-5) presented the same feature, every month except March, 1905, when the temperature was 0.1 above the average, showing a lower mean temperature than the average for the corresponding month during the past thirty-five years.

Deaths from Phthisis and other Tubercular Diseases.

The total deaths are as follows :—

	Auckland and Suburbs.	Total in the Four Centres.	Auckland Proportion. Per Cent.
1905	49	211	23

Auckland has fewer deaths by 9 than in the previous year, and the four centres 48 fewer.

Deaths from Cancer.

The total deaths are :—

	Auckland and Suburbs.	Total in the Four Centres.	Auckland Proportion. Per Cent.
1905	35	191	18

Deaths from cancer show a steady increase during the past five years, when the totals for the four centres are taken, though the figures for Auckland and its suburbs in 1905 are below the average for the five years.

Plague.

Bubonic plague has not made its appearance in 1905-6.

[N.B.—From this point the statistics are those covering the Department's year—1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906.]