

Year.	Death of Mothers of every 1,000 Confinements.	Year.	Death of Mothers of every 1,000 Confinements.
1899 .. .. .	.. 4.57	1904 .. .. .	.. 4.66
1900 .. .. .	.. 3.84	1905 .. .. .	.. 4.22
1901 .. .. .	.. 4.39	1906 .. .. .	.. 3.91
1902 .. .. .	.. 5.33	1907 .. .. .	.. 4.62
1903 .. .. .	.. 5.86	1908 .. .. .	.. 4.04

VIOLENCE.

The deaths from external violence, apart from suicide, numbered 570 in 1908—males 448, females 122. The rate per 10,000 living was 7.08 in 1904, 6.03 in 1905, 6.42 in 1906, 6.65 in 1907, and 6.03 in 1908. Drowning caused 23 per cent. of the total, and 25 per cent. of the male deaths by accident. The various forms of accidental deaths in 1908 are shown in the following table :—

Accidental Deaths, 1908.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Fractures	35	14	49
Shooting	9	1	10
Other accidental injuries..	223	36	259
Burns, scalds	22	31	53
Insolation	4	1	5
Electric shock	1	..	1
Accidental drowning	113	19	132
Inanition	2	..	2
Inhalation of noxious gases ..	4	3	7
Other accidental poisoning ..	15	4	19
Other external violence	20	13	33
Total deaths	448	122	570

SUICIDE. ~

The suicidal deaths in 1908 were 103—males 89 and females 14. The rate per 10,000 living was 1.09 in 1908, against an average of 1.07 for the past five years. The means most frequently resorted to by males was shooting, and by females, poison and hanging. The following table shows the means of self-destruction employed :—

Suicides, 1908.

Mode of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Poison	14	4	18
Hanging or strangulation ..	18	4	22
Drowning	9	2	11
Firearms.. .. .	27	1	28
Cutting-instruments	15	3	18
Other modes	6	..	6
Total suicides	89	14	103

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Dr. Purdy reports as follows :—

Zymotic Diseases.

Auckland and suburban boroughs—

Diarrhoeal diseases	99
Influenza	4
Typhoid-fever	21
Scarlet fever	2
Diphtheria	4
Whooping-cough	5
Croup	1
Measles
Other zymotic diseases	3

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Eleven of the deaths from enteric fever occurred in the last three months of the last departmental year, 5 in April, and 3 in May. Thus, 19 of the 21 deaths are the aftermath of the epidemic which was fully reported upon in last annual report. It is noticeable also that of the 99 deaths from diarrhoeal diseases all but 11 occurred within the same period.

Phthisis and other Tubercular Diseases.

The record for five years is as follows :—

1904	55 deaths.
1905	49 "
1906	52 "
1907	66 "
1908	52 "