

APPENDICITIS.

There were 66 deaths ascribed to this cause in 1909, the average number for five years being 71.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE AND NEPHRITIS.

Of the 261 deaths last year 209 were certified as Bright's disease and 52 as acute nephritis. The rate per 10,000 living for 1909 was 2.69, against an average of 2.77 for the last five years.

PUERPERAL DISEASES.

In 1909 the deaths certified to these causes number 135. Included in the number were : Accidents of pregnancy, 31 ; puerperal Septicæmia, 33 ; other accidents of childbirth, 71. The number of deaths to every 1,000 confinements for each of ten years is show.

Year.	Deaths of Mothers to every 1,000 Confinements.	Year.	Deaths of Mothers to every 1,000 Confinements.
1900	3.84	1905	4.22
1901	4.39	1906	3.91
1902	5.33	1907	4.62
1903	5.86	1908	4.64
1904	4.66	1909	5.14

VIOLENCE.

The deaths from external violence, apart from suicide, numbered 660 in 1909—males 528, females 132. The rate per 10,000 living was 6.03 in 1905, 6.42 in 1906, 6.65 in 1907, 6.03 in 1908, and 6.79 in 1909. Drowning caused 35 per cent. of the total, and 36 per cent. of the male deaths by accident. The various forms of accidental deaths in 1909 are shown in the following table :—

Accidental Deaths, 1909.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Fractures	25	8	33
Shooting	19	1	20
Other accidental injuries ..	208	15	223
Burns, scalds	30	25	55
Insolation	1	1	2
Electric shock	1	..	1
Accidental drowning	189	45	234
Inanition	1	1	2
Inhalation of noxious gases ..	14	3	17
Other accidental poisoning ..	10	10	20
Other external violence	30	23	53
Total deaths	528	132	660

SUICIDE.

The suicidal deaths in 1909 were 118—males 96, and females 22. The rate per 10,000 living was 1.21 in 1909, against an average of 1.07 for the past five years.

LOCAL VITAL STATISTICS.

[From the Reports of the District Health Officers.]

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The statistics, as they relate to births and deaths, including those of infants, are taken from the returns of the Registrar-General, and deal only with the City of Auckland and the surrounding boroughs, Birkenhead, Devonport, Newmarket, Grey Lynn, Parnell, Mount Eden, and Northcote, and cover, as in previous years, the period from the 1st January to the 31st December.

Population.

The mean population for the year 1909 in the above-mentioned boroughs, upon which statistics referred to are based, is—

Auckland City	43,021
Suburban boroughs	34,075
	77,096

The inclusion of other contiguous boroughs and road districts—Arch Hill, Eden Terrace, Epsom, Mount Albert, Mount Roskill, One-tree Hill, Point Chevalier, Remuera, Ellerslie, Onehunga, and the Hospital Reserve—all of which are to be regarded as comprised in the area which may be known as “ Greater Auckland,” with the addition of 18.07 per 1,000 per annum (the natural increase during 1909) upon