

MATERNITY HOSPITALS UNDER BOARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

Hospital.	Births.	Deaths of Mothers.	Deaths of Infants.	Attended Outside.	Pupils trained.
Batchelor	169	..	1	25	8
Lawrence	40	..	..	..	..
McHardy Home	111	..	..	..	5
Wairau	154	..	3	2	7
Picton	35	..	3*	..	..
Alexandra Home	174	..	2	117	12
Essex Home	110	..	4	..	2
Cromwell	43	..	1 and 4*	..	1
Mangonui	24	..	1	..	..
Hokianga	42	..	3*	..	1
Whangarei	182	..	4 and 4*	..	7
Kawakawa	63	..	3*	..	1
Kaikoura	68	1	2*	2	2
Oxford	25	..	1	..	1
Waikari	34	..	2 and 1*	6	2
Naseby	44	..	2*	3	2
Masterton	50	1	..	3	3
Rangiora	95	..	2 and 3*	1	2
Methven	59	..	..	..	1
Ashburton	94	1	4	..	..
Geraldine	46	..	1	..	..
Te Puke	50	1	..	..	..
Whangaroa	26	..	2	2	..
Rakaia	22	..	1*	3	..
Waiuku	31	..	..	..	..
Salvation Army—					
Dunedin	81	..	2	..	..
Christchurch	56	..	4 and 2*	..	..
Wellington	65	..	7	..	1
Gisborne	60	..	3	..	..
Auckland	66	..	3	..	..
Napier	89	..	2	..	1

* Still-births.

Special provision for treatment of maternity cases has also been recently provided by Hospital Boards at Stratford, Opunake, Matamata, and Roxburgh. At Ellesmere, Akaroa, Milton, Owaka, Tolaga Bay, and Otamatea accommodation will be available at an early date.

SECTION 3.—PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

There are now 295 licensed private hospitals. Of the fifty-eight new licenses issued forty-six were for maternity, eight for medical and surgical, and four for medical, surgical, and maternity cases.

I endorse Miss Maclean's remarks in her last annual report with regard to the existing law which allows of one case at a time being treated in unlicensed premises. With the increasing demands made upon licensees in the interests of the public safety it will soon be very difficult for private hospitals to exist, while these unqualified women can still carry on in unsuitable and often insanitary premises, and medical practitioners are content to have it so. The very efforts made to secure greater efficiency and better equipment may have the effect of constituting a further hardship to the public, by making it impossible for qualified nurses to compete with these unlicensed homes.

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PART V.—SCHOOL HYGIENE.

SECTION 1.—ADMINISTRATION AND MEDICAL INSPECTION.

I have the honour to report upon the work of the School Hygiene Division to the end of March, 1924.

(1.) STAFF.

There are at present eleven school medical officers and twenty-seven school nurses on the permanent staff. Dr. Baker has been on leave since August, 1923. Dr. Henderson has been on leave since the end of February, his place being taken by Dr. Mary Wilson (appointed in a temporary capacity). Dr. Helen Bakewell was appointed to the Wellington District in August, 1923. Drs. Marjorie Barclay (Wellington) and Kathleen Todd (Dunedin) have been acting as junior school medical officers (temporary appointments).