

Table II.—*St. Helens Hospitals.—General Statistics, 1931—continued.*

	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Gisborne.	Invercargill.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Total.	Percentage to Total Confinements.
A.—INTERN DEPARTMENTS— <i>continued.</i>									
Operations—									
Internal pelvimetry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Induction of labour	11	4	3	..	..	..	9	27	1.19
Forceps	40	12	3	9	3	10	26	103	4.55
Version	10	3	..	2	1	1	2	19	0.84
Manual removal of placenta	..	..	..	3	3	3	9	18	0.80
Cæsarian section	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Abdominal conservative	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0.09
Abdominal radical	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pubiotomy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Craniotomy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cleidotomy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decapitation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Morbidity—Total	17	10	2	3	6	9	19	66	2.92
Mortality—Total	2	..	..	..	..	1	3	6	0.27
Infant statistics—									
Total births	582	328	180	207	245	196	550	2,288	..
Premature—									
Alive	8	8	3	7	6	2	13	47	2.08
Dead	5	..	..	3	..	3	1	12	0.53
Full term—									
Alive	552	307	175	197	234	185	531	2,181	96.42
Dead	15	13	..	1	5	5	14	53	2.34
Children born alive who died in hospital	4	4	..	3	3	2	8	24	1.06
Total born dead or died in hospital	20	17	2	7	8	10	21	85	3.76
B.—EXTERN DEPARTMENTS.									
Total attendances	177	156	34	3	4	17	77	468	..
Primiparæ	..	5	1	1	..	1	..	8	3.08
Multiparæ	177	150	29	2	4	12	77	451	96.37
Forceps application	8	6	2	..	..	..	..	16	3.42
Total morbidity	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	9	1.92
Total mortality	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.21
C.—ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.									
First visits—									
Primiparæ	207	135	34	42	51	40	166	675	..
Multiparæ	563	381	151	149	178	102	516	2,040	..
Return visits	3,326	2,038	398	352	570	343	2,802	9,829	..
Outside visits	121	158	14	15	10	8	193	519	..
Obstetrical outfits sterilized	155	..	25	1	14	9	96	300	..

Table II and Group III of Table I show the tabulated results of these hospitals. The number of deaths was six, of which four were attributable to puerperal causes, namely: 1 eclampsia, 1 embolism, 1 post partum hæmorrhage, 1 to status epilepticus (? eclampsia), and two to non-puerperal causes—namely, advanced phthisis.

The forceps rate was 4.55.

DISTRICT NURSING DEPARTMENT :—

These Departments attached to the Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch St. Helens Hospitals have done useful work and been most helpful in giving medical attention to the poorer classes and at the same time preventing overcrowding of these institutions which was always a difficult matter to deal with, especially during times of economic stress.