

Analysis of Deaths of Infants under One Month of Age, 1928.

The following table gives the causes of these deaths during the year :—

Cause of Death.					Under One Day.	One Day and under One Week.	One Week and under Two Weeks.	Two Weeks and under Three Weeks.	Three Weeks and under One Month.	Total.
Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Syphilis	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3
Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Convulsions	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	7
Broncho-pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	3	1	9
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	4
Diarrhoea and enteritis	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	6
Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	22	61	14	5	6	108
Congenital debility	..	..	..	..	6	21	8	2	3	40
Injury at birth	..	..	..	..	23	51	8	..	1	83
Premature birth	..	..	..	..	149	120	25	10	10	314
Other diseases	..	..	..	..	24	46	6	1	..	77
Accidental mechanical suffocation	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
Other causes	..	..	..	..	5	12	9	6	3	35
Totals	..	..	..	..	230	325	80	30	27	692

Thus 555 of a total of 692 infant deaths in the first month of life occurred during the first week, and may be regarded as mainly due to pre-natal influences. It is also of interest to record that well over half of the infant deaths (in the first twelve months of life) occurred in this first week—*i.e.*, 555 in a total of 984.