

NATIVE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

All Native medical practitioners employed by the Administration hold a diploma entitling them to practise medicine and surgery in Western Samoa. This is awarded by the Central Medical School in Suva by examination tests at the end of a three-year course, which since January, 1931, has been extended to four years. The Administration pay all expenses of the students whilst at the Medical School. There are forty students in the school, four being the Samoa quota.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths (Samoans) at Different Ages.

	Number of Deaths.			Percentage of Total Deaths.		
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Under 1 week	25	17	20	5.22	2.89	3.74
From 1 week to 1 month	12	13	16	2.50	2.21	2.99
From 1 month to 3 months	13	14	13	2.72	2.39	2.43
From 3 months to 6 months	9	20	26	1.88	3.40	4.86
From 6 months to 12 months	31	89	79	6.47	15.17	14.77
From 1 year to 2 years	18	42	36	3.76	7.16	6.73
From 2 years to 3 years	13	47	27	2.72	8.00	5.05
From 3 years to 4 years	11	16	14	2.31	2.73	2.60
From 4 years to 5 years	17	15	7	3.54	2.56	1.31
From 5 years to 10 years	15	46	24	3.13	7.83	4.49
Over 10 years	315	268	273	65.75	45.66	51.03
Totals	479	587	535	100.00	100.00	100.00

The infant-mortality rates, per 1,000 registered births, have been as follow :—

Year.	Year.	Year.	Year.
1923 .. 200	1926 .. 106	1929 .. 70	1931 .. 111
1924 .. 153	1927 .. 101	1930 .. 61	1932 .. 121
1925 .. 186	1928 .. 58		

During the years 1926 to 1930 notifications of births and deaths were neglected by the Natives, and it is a likely corollary of this deficiency that infant deaths would have escaped registration in greater proportion than all others. In consequence, though the rate of infant-mortality is serious, it shows no definite evidence of increase, while the Native population generally is increasing at the rate of over 3 per cent. per annum (see Population, Chapter XXIII). The matter is engaging the earnest attention of the Administration.

PARTICIPATION BY MISSIONS IN MEDICAL WORK.

All the missions of different denominations purchase stocks of drugs and dressings at the Apia Hospital dispensary from time to time, and use them in their schools.

LABORATORY.

Specimens examined numbered 900, and 633 Kahn tests for yaws were carried out.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Month.	Pressure.	Temperature.	Rainfall.	Humidity.	Sunshine.	Wind.
	In.	°F.	In.	Per Cent. (9 a.m.)	Hours.	Miles per Hour.
1932.						
January	29.743	79.8	21.34	82	157.5	3.4
February	29.780	79.8	13.70	78	193.1	3.7
March	29.783	79.7	14.20	77	210.6	3.4
April	29.770	79.2	12.81	83	158.8	2.7
May	29.856	80.6	3.80	76	251.1	4.2
June	29.867	78.3	1.31	76	239.1	2.3
July	29.836	79.2	2.42	76	247.7	3.4
August	29.880	78.8	5.99	77	254.4	3.4
September	29.865	78.6	6.27	74	231.1	3.5
October	29.857	79.7	6.77	73	248.1	4.6
November	29.800	79.6	20.09	79	191.6	3.0
December	29.756	80.2	15.24	79	215.8	2.8
Mean or total ..	29.82	79.5	123.9	77	2598.9	3.4