

There were 171 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four metropolitan and nine suburban areas during the month of December, 1917, as against 193 in the previous month. The following table shows the classification :—

Age.	METROPOLITAN AREA.								NINE SUBURBAN AREAS.		Total.	
	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.				
65	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	
66	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	5	3	
67	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	1	2	5	
68	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	
69	4	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	2	7	6	
70	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	3	2	
71	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	2	3	
72	..	3	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	5	4	
73	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	
74	3	..	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	8	1	
75	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	
76	2	1	1	..	1	5	1	1	2	7	8	
77	2	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	2	6	2	
78	4	4	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	8	6	
79	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	3	3	
80	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	3	5	
81	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	
82	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	3	4	
83	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	3	1	
84	1	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	4	
85	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	
86	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	4	
87	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	3	
88	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	5	1	
89	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	
91	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	
92	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
101	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Totals ..	29	27	15	11	23	19	9	14	15	9	91	80

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Metropolitan Areas, and Total for Nine Suburban Areas, registered during December, 1917.

Causes of Death.	Auckland Metropolitan Area.		Wellington Metropolitan Area.		Christchurch Metropolitan Area.		Dunedin Metropolitan Area.		Nine Suburban Areas.		Total.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
	<b>I.—GENERAL DISEASES.</b>										
<i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i>											
1. Typhoid Fever .. ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
6. Measles .. ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
8. Whooping-cough .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
9. Diphtheria .. ..	2	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	1	1	11
14. Dysentery .. ..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>											
20. Purulent Infection, Septicæmia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
28. Pulmonary Tuberculosis .. ..	..	5	..	5	..	4	..	4	..	2	20
29. Acute Miliary Tuberculosis .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
30. Tuberculous Meningitis .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	4
31. Abdominal Tuberculosis .. ..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
32. Caries of Spine .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
33. Hip-disease .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
35. General Tuberculosis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
37. Syphilis .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
38. Gonococous Infection .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
39. Cancer of Buccal Cavity, &c. ..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	6
40. " Stomach, Liver, &c. ..	..	6	..	2	..	8	..	2	..	4	22
41. " Intestines, Rectum .. ..	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	8
42. " Female Genital Organs .. ..	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	2	8
43. " Breast .. ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
44. " Face .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
45. " Abdomen .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
45. " Thyroid .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
45. " Bladder .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
45. " Larynx .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
45. " Prostate .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
45. " Neck .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
45. " Aural Region .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
45. Disseminated Cancer .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
45. Cancer (organ not stated) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
46. Mediastinal Tumour .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1