**WHOOPING-COUGH, 17; MEASLES, 1.**

The year 1929 was a light one for both whooping-cough and measles. Epidemics of these two diseases tend to recur every few years. But the death-rate over the last fifty years has reduced greatly. The death-rate from both these diseases during 1929 was extremely low. I present two columnar graphs showing the death-rates annually since 1872. They illustrate two interesting points: (1) That New Zealand is about due for a measles and whooping-cough epidemic (it usually occurs in the spring); (2) that the resultant death-rates from such epidemics have reduced very greatly.