

## ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDA.

By the Authors of "Endemic Goitre in New Zealand," etc. which appeared Dec. 1925 in *The Journal of Hygiene*, vol. xxiv, pp. 321-412.

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WHILE the above paper was in the press, further studies of the incidence of goitre in the North Island of New Zealand were being made by Dr Baker-McLaghlan, who had previously been responsible for a large part of the work in the South Island. As doubt existed as to whether the standards formerly adopted by the medical officers in the districts of Hawke's Bay, Gisborne, Waikato and Piako, Rotorua and Te Kuiti, were the same as those employed during the rest of the investigation, Dr McLaghlan's figures are substituted in the table below for those previously given for these districts, while in the remaining districts of the North Island they have been added to former figures.

The results for the North Island up to December 10, 1925, may now be stated as under:

*Wellington, Taranaki and East Coast.*

District	Examina- tions	Goitrous	
			%
Wellington	2633	657	25
Hutt Valley	2343	968	41
Wairarapa and Dannevirke	5684	1596	28
Hawke's Bay	2513	912	32
Gisborne	1257	427	34
Horowhenua	1111	137	12
Palmerston	8829	2910	23
Wanganui	5397	2422	46
Taranaki	5493	381	7
Main Trunk	2570	611	24
Taumarunui	359	132	36
	38099	10253	28

*Auckland Province.*

District	Examina- tions	Goitrous	
			%
West Coast and Te Kuiti	574	65	11
Waikato and Piako Valleys	2973	896	30
Taupo and Rotorua	280	78	28
Bay of Plenty	2000	625	31
C. Colville P'n.	220	199	15
Auckland	7598	821	11
N. Auckland	4950	247	5
	18595	2931	16

If the foregoing figures are plotted on the Graph (Fig. 2, p. 36) it will be seen that they fall nearer to the curve than did the former figures for the districts in question, and thus strengthen the relationship between the amount of soil iodine and incidence of goitre we have shown to exist.

These figures may be taken as final since with the realisation of the value of iodine in the prophylaxis of goitre and the growing use of iodised salt our soil iodine-goitre ratio, based as it is on the assumption that no extraneous iodine enters into the diet, is completely disturbed.