

HOKITIKA MENTAL HOSPITAL

Dr. CHILDS reports :—

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1946.

The number of cases under care during the year was 562 (276 males and 286 females.)

The admissions numbered 18 (11 males and 7 females), there were 34 transfers (23 males and 11 females), and 6 voluntary boarders (5 males and 1 female).

Patients discharged were 8 (5 males and 3 females), voluntary boarders 5 (4 males and 1 female), while there was 1 transfer, a male.

There were 34 deaths (10 males and 24 females). At the end of the year 6 males and 4 females remained on probation.

The health of the patients generally has been satisfactory.

Dr. Hay was in charge of the hospital during the month of January.

The Grey River Hospital clinic has been held monthly, visits have been paid to the Westland Hospital, and consultations held here.

There has been an acute shortage of staff on the female side, and this has curtailed the activities of the patients in various ways. Occupational therapy, outings for the patients, social activities, and supervision generally have all been interfered with to some extent.

The clergy have made frequent visits and held regular services. Mrs. Fane is a most helpful Official Visitor.

The usual routine of farming and gardening has been carried on in the usual satisfactory manner. Maintenance work has been in progress during the year, but, owing to the shortage of artisan staff and difficulty in obtaining material, maintenance is in arrears.

A new lavatory has been added to the day-room of "Tui" and "Temaire." The Medical Officers' cottage, started on 11th June, 1946, is not yet completed.

As usual, recreations and amusements have played as prominent a part in hospital life as possible.

Thanks are due to the various local societies, especially the Hokitika Band (which played for the dances), for entertaining the patients, and also the racing club and the various ladies' committees, who invited the patients to outside functions.

Mr. Atkinson, who has given long and efficient service as Farm-manager, retired at the end of the year. He deserves a well-earned retirement.

I wish to thank the members of the staff generally for their co-operation and good work during the year.

SUNNYSIDE MENTAL HOSPITAL

Dr. McKILLOP reports :—

I have the honour to forward my report for the year ending 31st December, 1946.

The total number of cases under care during the year was 1,671 (858 men and 813 women). During 1946, 214 patients (97 men and 117 women) were admitted, and 10 men and 6 women were transferred from other institutions. Forty-one men and 60 women were discharged, 65 patients were transferred, and at the end of the year 738 males and 698 females (inclusive of 198 patients absent on probation) remained in the hospital. In addition, 233 voluntary boarders (122 men and 111 women) were treated, 158 (83 men and 75 women) being admitted in 1946. One hundred and forty-five voluntary boarders (79 men and 66 women) were discharged, 2 women were committed as ordinary patients, and 6 (4 men and 2 women) died, leaving 80 (39 men and 41 women) receiving treatment at the end of the year.