

been considered. Moreover, examples of tuberculous disease seen suggest that its general form is naturally self-limiting. Dr. Taylor drew these conclusions from impressions gained from seeing cases during his visit, and states they can only be proved correct by the results of detailed surveys and the keeping of proper records, the methods for which he outlined. As a result of his recommendations, steps are being taken to amend the regulations providing for the registration of births and deaths of Samoans to require a death-certificate showing the cause of death to be furnished by a European or Native medical practitioner. In his final conclusions Dr. Taylor did not consider that any large expenditure on the provision of tuberculosis wards should be contemplated until more accurate information was available.

ORGANIZATION

Apia Hospital consists of a European hospital, Samoan hospital including a number of *fales*, leper compound, Chinese ward, dispensary and out-patients department, laboratory and x-ray department, office, laundry, and store. Various improvements and alterations have been made to the buildings during the year, and a forward programme is in hand designed to improve the general lay-out and to provide additional permanent structures.

There are 13 medical out-stations, each with a Native medical practitioner in attendance assisted by a qualified Native nurse, while two out-stations are under the control of Native nurses only.

Considerable help in the care of the sick is afforded by the women's committees, which are established in all the main villages. Qualified Samoan nurses regularly visit and lecture to these committees, and at the same time inspect the babies and school-children. In his recent report the Inspector-General, South Pacific Health Service, comments that Western Samoa has the most highly organized system of women's committees in the south-west Pacific.

HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY STATISTICS

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Admissions to hospitals—								
Apia Hospital—								
Europeans	..	..	..	531	711	596	632	573
Samoans	..	..	..	1,139	1,694	1,063	910	1,016
Chinese	..	..	..	102	142	93	86	106
Melanesians	..	..	..	5	6	55	7	3
Tokelaus and Niueans	..	..	..	..	79	..	31	25
				1,777	2,632	1,807	1,666	1,723
Tuasivi Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	88	240	147	100	171
Aleipata Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	220	243	187	151	127
Fagamalo Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	193	246	161	141	174
Sataua Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	106	114	112	99	125
Mulifanua Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	170	230	115	75	61
Poutasi Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	164	287	231	238	115
Leulumoea Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	10	..	..	208	248
Sa'anapu Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	153	119	105	41	68
Fagaloo Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	151	288	188	83	52
Sala'ilua Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	214	129	94	104	104
Satupa'itea Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	115	75	70	59	95
Safotu Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	317	208	259	182	284
Lufufu Hospital (Samoans)	..	..	..	..	..	62	207	284
Total in-patients				3,678	4,811	3,538	3,354	3,631
Out-patients, hospitals and dispensaries				74,111	57,303	69,939	77,214	99,104
Totals				77,789	62,114	73,477	80,568	102,735
Deaths in hospitals				177	227	158	153	142