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STAFF

Among the senior appointments to the staff during the past year have been the following :—

Dr. H. B. Turbott, Deputy Director-General of Health ;
 Mr. J. E. Engel, Deputy Director-General of Health (Administrative) ;
 Mr. A. V. Keisenberg, Chief Executive Officer, Hospitals Division ; and
 Dr. G. A. Q. Lennane, Medical Superintendent, Government Hospital, Rotorua.

Another development of note that took place during the year was the amalgamation of the Mental Hospitals Department and the Department of Health.

I would like to conclude by expressing my thanks for the co-operation of all bodies and organizations with which the Department is associated and also my thanks to members of the staff of the Department for their work and continued support during the past year.

T. R. RITCHIE, Director-General.