

### SUNNYSIDE HOSPITAL

I have the honour to forward my report for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The number of cases under care during the year was 1,681 (839 men, 842 women). There were 239 patients committed (93 men, 146 women) and 18 patients were transferred from other institutions. One hundred and four patients (37 men, 67 women) were discharged, leaving 1,457 patients remaining at the end of the year. Of that number, 186 (93 men, 94 women) were absent on probation.

Under the voluntary boarder section, 71 men and 76 women were admitted, 66 men and 71 women were discharged following treatment, 2 patients died, and 4 were committed. The total number of voluntary boarders under care during 1948 was 222.

There were 90 deaths (47 men, 43 women), (including 2 voluntary boarders), the chief cause being senile decay.

Accommodation for patients on the female side is definitely inadequate. An admission block and a villa for female patients are urgently required.

The nurses' sick-room is almost completed, the nurses' dining-room has been extended, and an up-to-date kitchen for the female staff has been provided. Although the programme of building for 1948 included a tuberculosis block, a female villa, nurses' home (Templeton), and an admission block, no work has been carried out in connection with any of the buildings mentioned. Authority was given for the extension of the bowling-green, which has been entirely relaid under expert supervision and will be ready for use next season.

Most of the wards have been refurnished throughout with modern and comfortable furniture, and several wards have been painted and renovated by our own staff.

The weekly allowance granted to patients able to appreciate it has caused much pleasure to them.

The entertainment of the patients has been carried out on the usual lines. The Returned Services Association has provided bus drives regularly for ex-servicemen, and the Mental Welfare Society, the National Council of Women, and the Justices of the Peace Association have been of great assistance to us.

Concerts, dances, and other entertainments have been given frequently at Sunnyside by Mrs. Pearce's party, the Railway Workshops Band, and Skippers Harmonica Band.

Mr. McEldowney, Presbyterian Social Service Association, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce give fortnightly entertainments at Templeton; the Crichton Cobbers Band and the Rotary Club have also given concerts there.

We have deeply appreciated what the various organizations and individuals have done to brighten the lives of our inmates.

The staffing question is still very difficult on the female side, both at Sunnyside and Templeton. Our nurses deserve great commendation for the pleasant and efficient way they have carried out their duties. To the Official Visitors, to the chaplains of all denominations, and to the staff generally I tender my thanks for their co-operation.

A. C. McKILLOP, Medical Superintendent.

### SEACLIFF HOSPITAL

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

During the year there were 1,176 persons (684 men and 492 women) under care. In that period 158 patients were admitted, 77 discharged, and 7 transferred to other hospitals.

In addition to these patients, 76 voluntary boarders were admitted and 83 were discharged.

The number of deaths was 58.

Towards the end of the year it was possible to get the patients into the new day-room built for F.2 Ward. Apart from the very much improved amenities which this provides for the patients, it was a great relief to be able to evacuate the old building, which was such a source of worry. It is hoped that the demolition of the old, unsafe structure will be done speedily.