

RECOVERIES.

The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was—Males, 39·06; females, 46·64: total, 42·17, as compared with 39·64 for the previous year.

FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

The following table gives the gross and net cost per patient for the year 1901, as compared with the previous year:—

Asylum.	1901.		1900.		1901.	1901.
	Total Cost per Patient.	Total Cost per Patient, less Receipts for Maintenance, Sales of Produce, &c.	Total Cost per Patient.	Total Cost per Patient, less Receipts for Maintenance, Sales of Produce, &c.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ...	24 6 0	17 6 2	25 0 1	18 2 9½	...	0 16 7½
Christchurch ...	26 6 4½	17 12 11¾	26 19 9	20 7 5¾	...	2 14 6
Seacliff ...	28 13 1¾	19 17 8	27 3 1	20 13 8	...	0 16 0
Hokitika ...	26 16 9	24 18 2	25 15 5	23 4 2	1 14 0	...
Nelson ...	33 12 11½	26 16 4½	31 10 11¾	24 14 7¾	2 1 8½	...
Porirua ...	27 19 0	22 18 6¼	27 6 11	23 18 9	...	1 0 2¾
Wellington ...	36 6 3½	28 6 0	33 19 2	24 19 10	3 6 2	...
Averages ...	28 1 11½	20 16 11½	27 11 11¾	21 9 5¼	..	0 12 5¼

The total receipts for the sale of produce, &c., from the farm for 1901 amounted to £3,178 10s. 3d., as against £2,498 1s. 10d. for the previous year.

ENTRIES OF VISITS TO THE DIFFERENT ASYLUMS.

AUCKLAND ASYLUM.

14th November, 1901.—To-day and yesterday I have been engaged in examining this Asylum. The accommodation on the female side is now full up, and overcrowding must be the result from this date. The Government not having seen their way to agree to my urgent appeal for a new asylum, I am now reduced to fall back on an alternative proposal—namely, to build a new laundry, so as to enable us to put a second story on the old laundry; when on, the two floors thus set free, we could accommodate forty more female patients. This we could do ourselves, at a cost of £750, as estimated by Mr. Vickerman, and that without the necessity of employing any outside labour. I strongly urge the Minister to relieve the department of the threatened dangers by getting at once authority for this expenditure under Mr. Vickerman's supervision. The £750 is for the new laundry alone; the second story I will get an estimate for. The patients this day number—males, 321; females, 192. I examined the food, clothing, bedding, &c., and found everything in a most satisfactory state. The new hospital wing on the male side is an excellent building, and is an immense advantage in the working of the institution. Dr. Beattie is carrying out the ventilation of the buildings, which was very much needed; on the female side an immense improvement has been already effected. I found four men and two women only confined to bed, all under proper care. Since Dr. Webster left, Dr. Beattie has carried on the institution single-handed, and it is only due to him that I should record my admiration for the results of his admirable energy, care, and devotion to duty. The whole staff appears to be animated by an excellent spirit. Mr. Newport has gone back to his old asylum at Sunnyside. His work at this institution was excellent in all respects. He has been succeeded by Mr. Farrant, whose work at Mount View Asylum for many years marked him out for promotion. I hope he will fully justify the responsibility which has been cast on him by his promotion to Auckland.

Visited by Deputy Inspector, 30th May, 1901, and 6th February, 1902.