

Nationalities of patients : New-Zealanders, 88 ; Australians, 35 ; English, 23 ; Irish, 18 ; Welsh, 4 ; Scotch, 8 ; Danish, 4 ; Swedish, 5 ; French, 2 ; German, 1.

Visited on 13th August, 1908, and by Miss Maclean on 13th November.

There were ten patients in the male ward and four female patients in two small wards—all acute cases ; consequently the accommodation at this Hospital is severely taxed, and justifies the decision of the Trustees to erect another ward for fourteen beds. The present male ward will be given up to women, who so far have had to be put in two very small side rooms, and even upstairs in the nurses' quarters.

The door from the male ward has been enlarged to admit of patients being wheeled out in their beds to get the benefit of the open air.

Miss Godfray, the Matron, was away on nine months' leave, and Miss Gill acted temporarily in her place. Miss Godfray has now resigned, and Miss Hopper, Matron of Mercury Bay Hospital and lately from England, was appointed Matron.

I met the Trustees, and pointed out that economies could be effected in the prices of drugs and dressings.

30. OTAKI HOSPITAL.

Governing body : The District of Wellington Hospital Board.

Usual date of meeting : Third Wednesday in each month.

Secretary : George S. Willis.

Honorary medical staff : Herbert Charles Faulke, F.R.C.S. Edin.

Stipendiary medical staff : William Henry Joseph Huthwaite, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond. (non-resident).

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss Edith M. Sealy, and 2 registered nurses and 1 probationer.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress, 1 porter, 1 gardener, 1 engineer, 1 labourer.

Number of beds available for males, 10 ; for females, 6 ; children's cots, 2 : total, 18.

Average number of patients per diem, 11.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 2·7.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 7 ; admitted during year, 117 ; discharged during year, 112 ; died during year, 6 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 6. Sex—Male, 84 ; female, 40 : total, 124. Collective days' stay, 4,141 ; individual average days' stay, 33½ ; average daily cost per head, 6s. 4d. ; average daily payment per head, 9½d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. 6½d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 5s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 3·4.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Horowhenua County, 110 ; Hutt County, 11 ; Wellington City, 3.

Nationalities of patients : New-Zealanders, 85 ; English, 12 ; Scotch, 4 ; Irish, 5 ; Australian, 4 ; Norwegian, 1 ; Danish, 1 ; Chinese, 1 ; Maori, 11.

Visited on 5th October, 1908, and by Miss Maclean on 22nd June, 1909.

On the first occasion there were eleven patients, on the second fourteen.

The building of the new four-roomed cottage for nurses, which is badly needed, has been begun.

The kitchen-garden which supplies the Hospital and Sanatorium has been extended, but there is still a great deal to do in the grounds.

Both Hospital and Sanatorium were in excellent order.

31. PICTON HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting : First Wednesday in every month.

Secretary : J. Blizzard.

Stipendiary medical staff : William Edward Redman, M.R.C.S. Eng.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss Florence Scott, and 1 registered nurse and 4 probationers.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 housemaid.

Number of beds available for males, 11 ; for females, 11 ; children's cot, 1 ; isolation and infectious, 2 : total, 25.

Average number of patients per diem, 11.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 1·8.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 5 ; admitted during year, 162 ; discharged during year, 155 ; died during year, 2 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 10. Sex—Male, 116 ; female, 51 : total, 167. Collective days' stay, 3,890 ; individual average days' stay, 23 ; average daily cost per head, 6s. 4½d. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. 2d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. 2½d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 6·4.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Christchurch, 1 ; Nelson, 1 ; Queensland, 1 ; Blenheim, 9 ; Wellington, 4 ; Picton and Sounds district, 151.

Nationalities of patients : New-Zealanders, 108 ; Scotch, 11 ; English, 13 ; Tasmanian, 1 ; Danish, 2 ; Swedes, 3 ; Australians, 18 ; Irish, 10 ; American, 1.

Visited on 24th September, 1908, by Miss Maclean, and by myself on 3rd July, 1909.

There were twelve patients in at the time of the first visit—one of these in the consumptive-shelter.