

*Armagh Street Depot.*

Medical staff, stipendiary : J. F. Duncan, M.D. (Edin.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.)

Matron : M. Reeves.

Master : William Reeves.

Localities from whence patients came : Christchurch City, 38; Paparua County, 1; Cheviot County, 1; no address, 11.

*Tuarangi Home, Ashburton.*

Medical staff, stipendiary : G. Lyon, M.B., C.M. (Aberdeen).

Master : F. H. Knight.

Matron : E. Knight.

Localities from whence patients came : Christchurch, 81; Waimairi, 3; Kaikoura, 3; Kaiapoi, 6; Akaroa, 2; Halswell, 2; Lyttelton, 4; New Brighton, 1; Rangiora, 5; Riccarton, 1; Malvern, 3; Woolston, 2; Ellesmere, 2; Tawera, 1; Spreydon, 1; other districts, 19.

Visited on 6th April, 1914, with Mr. Turnbull, the Chairman of the Institution's committee.

Considerable additions and renovations had been made since my last visit, notably increased accommodation for nurses. There had recently been some difficulty with the electric-light apparatus.

The Home and grounds were in good order.

*OTAGO HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.*

Usual date of meeting : Alternate Thursdays.

Chairman : James Hamlin Walker.

Secretary : John Jacobs.

Public Health Inspectors : James Craighead, Dunedin; William Armour, Dunedin.

Inspector, Inquiry Officer, and Collector : Michael Fraer.

Inspector : Mrs. Flora Darroch.

Controller of Stores : Walter Downs.

Institutions under Board's control : Dunedin Public Hospital; Dunedin Chronic Hospital, Caversham; Otago Benevolent Institution; Forth Street Maternity Hospital; Infectious Diseases Hospital, Lake Logan; Port Chalmers Cottage Hospital; Tuapeka Hospital, Lawrence; Pleasant Valley Sanatorium, Palmerston; Tapanui Hospital, Tapanui.

*Dunedin Hospital.*

Medical staff, honorary : D. Colquhoun, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Lond.); M. Macdonald, B.Sc. (N.Z.), M.B., C.M. (Edin.); F. Fitchett, M.D., M.S. (Edin.); L. E. Barnett, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng.); F. S. Batchelor, F.R.C.S. (Eng.); E. J. O'Neill, M.B. (N.Z.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.); H. L. Ferguson, M.D., F.R.C.S. (I.); F. R. Riley, F.R.C.S. (Eng.); W. S. Roberts, M.R.C.S. (Eng.); W. Newlands, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.); H. P. Pickerill, M.B., Ch.B., L.D.S. (Eng.); W. A. Fleming, M.B., C.M. (Edin.); S. C. Allen, M.D. (N.Z.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.); E. H. Williams, M.B., Ch.B. (Eng.), D.R.H. (Cantab.); S. A. Moore, M.D., C.M. (Edin.); Charles North, M.B., Ch.B.; Winifred I. Bathgate, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc.; R. Ritchie, M.B., M.R.C.S. (Eng.); A. J. Hall, M.B., B.Ch. (N.Z.); S. Chamtaloup, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc. (P.H.); T. Fergus, M.B., B.Ch. (N.Z.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.); masseur, Mr. D. E. Booth; masseuses, Misses Lawson and Armstrong.

Medical staff, stipendiary : A. R. Falconer, M.B., Ch.B.; C. A. V. Baigent, M.B.; R. R. H. Fulton, M.B.; H. Short, M.B.

Matron : Margaret Myles, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came : Dunedin and Suburbs, 1,937; Balclutha, 35; Catlin's, 36; Clinton, 18; Green Island, 40; Henley, 11; Middlemarch, 19; Lawrence, 28; Milton, 26; Taieri, 109; Palmerston, 48; Port Chalmers, 58; Roxburgh, 12; Kaitangata, 41; Seacliff, 16; Tapanui, 4; Shipping, 29; outside districts, 109.

Visited several times: On each occasion the Hospital was full, all veranda-space being made use of, including the balconies for consumptive patients. Ward I has been renovated and provided with lavatories, which were badly needed.

The Board has decided to erect a new home for nurses on a site recently purchased in King Street, at an estimated cost of £13,700. On this site it is proposed to erect other buildings, such as the residents' quarters, &c., but these might well be provided in the present Nurses' Home when the new Home is ready. Part of the present home could be converted into wards for special cases at a comparatively moderate cost, and this would appear to be the best use to make of the present Home.

These matters were discussed, with many others, on those occasions when I interviewed the Board, and also the system of keeping accounts. On examination the apparent reduction in the cost per bed of the Hospital appearing in last year's report could not be substantiated, and the Chairman frankly admitted that a mistake had been made. Emulation between Hospital Boards in the efficient and economical management of their institutions is much to be desired, but a great and sudden reduction in the cost per bed which cannot be verified by examination is, to put it mildly, somewhat inartistic.

*Pleasant Valley Sanatorium.*

Medical Staff, stipendiary : C. E. W. Lyth, M.B., B.S. (Lond.).

Matron : Mabel Valentine, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came : Dunedin and suburbs, 49; Timaru, 14; Oamaru, 9; Taieri, 8; Riverton, 7; Otago Central, 6; Port Chalmers, 5; Temuka, 4; Ashburton, 4; Invercargill, 4;