

Owing to the present political unrest and the consequent small programme of works to be carried out in the coming year the staff has been reduced to a minimum.

The following is a summary of work carried out by the Department for the year under review :—

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Export Shed.—The erection of a new export shed for the Customs Department is nearing completion, brief particulars of which are as follows: Reinforced-concrete building, 110 ft. by 66 ft., with steel trussed roof, sheathed with Robertson asbestos protected metal. The work is being carried out by the Department with the assistance of local labour. The old export shed was demolished, and on completion of the new building better facilities for the handling of goods will be provided.

Hospital (European).—A new maternity wing in wood, consisting of two 16 ft. by 16 ft. wards, 16 ft. by 16 ft. labour-room, sterilizing-room, sink-room, bathroom, and lavatory was erected. The floors of the labour-room, bathroom, sink-room, and sterilizing-room were all laid with Magnestone patent flooring. Linen and instrument cupboards were built in, and the whole building made mosquito-proof.

In the main hospital the floors of the bathrooms and lavatories were raised to the main-building level, and hot-water service connected to bathrooms. Mosquito-netting on two doors and a portion of the main building was renewed. Several pieces of furniture were repaired, and additional furniture and fittings made. Minor repairs to water fittings, sanitary fittings, and building were also carried out. The skylight of the operating-theatre was enlarged, and alterations made to basins and water-supply. Discharge of septic tank was improved, and new drains were laid down bank on to shingle filtering-bed. The front iron fence was chipped and painted, and new signposts were made. An extension of the gas-supply was made from the laboratory to the operating-theatre, and a new 1½ in. water-main laid to the hospital building to replace old services. The storeroom was enlarged, the floor strengthened, and shelving fitted. Minor repairs to the Chinese quarters were carried out. An extra bathroom with lavatory for the Samoan nurses was completed, and drainage installed. A new *fale* with a concrete floor was erected for the Samoan nurses.

In the Samoan section all *fales* were repaired, and pathway to maternity *fale* improved. The maintenance of *fales* is somewhat expensive, and requires constant attention, mainly due to the high cost of thatches and transport.

Nurses' Home.—New W.C. fitted, taps repaired, and new chip heater installed.

Aleipata Hospital.—Thatches of *fales* repaired and ridging renewed. New 600-gallon tank erected, guttering of residence and dispensary repaired, vent fitted in residence, and new semi-rotary pump supplied.

Tuasivi Hospital.—Minor repairs to residence and dispensary were carried out.

Fagamalo Dispensary.—A dispensary hut was erected at Fagamalo for the use of a Samoan nurse.

Malifa School.—Repairs to thatching of *fales* were carried out, compound gate repaired, school-room painted internally, water-taps and lavatories repaired, and school furniture renovated.

Ifi Ifi School.—Infant-class-room roof ceiled and painted, all furniture renovated, Superintendent's office renovated, and sinks installed for cooking classes. Septic tank, lavatories, and water-taps repaired.

Avele School.—Thatches of all *fales* repaired, and minor repairs to teacher's residence.

Vaipouli School.—Three new *fales* with concrete floors were erected in the compound, four field gates were made and erected, and new dash valve fitted to ram of water-supply. Materials for minor work and repairs were supplied.

Tuasivi School.—Two rooms of the mission building at Tuasivi were renovated for the European teacher, and tank supplied.

Native Department.—One new staff *fale* was built, and thatching of all *fales* repaired. In addition, old posts were renewed and new poles fitted. A damp-proof course of bitumen was laid in one *fale* and the floor covered with fresh pebbles. Minor repairs to office and residence of the Secretary of Native Affairs were effected, *malaga* boxes repaired, and forty staffs made for Faipules.

Administration Offices.—Crown Solicitor's offices rearranged, partition erected, counter fixed with cupboards, and new casement windows fitted in east wall. New wire screen doors made and fitted. The existing partition was cut out and arched. Furniture in Chief Judge's room was renovated, and new book-case made and fitted. A new door was fitted in Director of Agriculture's office, and specimen cupboard strengthened and made vermin-proof. All lavatories at Administration offices were repaired, water-supply regulated, and septic tank cleaned out. Filing-cabinets were made and installed in Secretary's office, and other minor repairs carried out.

Police and Chinese Department.—Extensive repairs to veranda-posts, floor-joists, and flooring carried out, in addition to minor maintenance work. At Vaimea Gaol additional lavatories, extensions to water-supply, and minor repairs were carried out. In addition, a barb-wire fence with apron was erected round a portion of the compound. Material was supplied for Tuvao Prison Farm, and signposts made.

Post Office.—Loading-platform made for new underground telephone-cables, and minor repairs to buildings.

Wireless Station.—New office made in main building, shade fixed over window, and engine-room roof repaired.

Customs Department.—A temporary partition was fixed in bond store, and temporary shelter erected for storage of keged meats. The main gate to yard was repaired, and minor maintenance to roofs of import shed and Customs buildings effected.