

and the most potent factor is the individual. Hereunder the assigned causations in the table referred to are grouped and shown in their relative proportions :—

					Males.	Females.	Total.
Heredity	..	..	..	..	11·64	7·17	9·54
Congenital	..	..	..	..	20·46	10·96	16·00
Predisposed by previous attack	..	..	..	..	10·41	13·15	11·70
Critical periods	..	..	..	..	10·23	20·12	14·88
Child-bearing (puerperal, non-septic, and lactation)	..	..	..	..	..	3·78	1·78
Mental stress	..	..	..	..	14·81	21·12	17·77
Toxic, including—			M.	F.			
Syphilis	..	..	3·88	1·00	7·41	1·79	4·77
Alcohol	..	..	2·82	0·20			
Traumatic	..	..	..	..	0·35	..	0·18
Disorder of nervous system, including—			M.	F.			
Epilepsy	..	..	4·94	5·58	7·23	6·57	6·92
Other bodily affections	..	..	..	..	6·17	2·59	4·49
Senility	..	..	..	..	11·29	12·75	11·97
					100·00	100·00	100·00

VOLUNTARY BOARDERS.

Year.	First Admission.			Not First Admission.			Total Admissions.			Transferred to Register of Patients.			Died.			Discharged.			Remaining on 31st December.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1912	6	17	23	0	0	0	6	17	23	1	3	4	0	0	0	4	3	7	1	11	12
1913	18	19	37	0	2	2	18	21	39	2	5	7	0	1	1	12	12	24	5	14	19
1914	17	19	36	3	2	5	20	21	41	7	5	12	1	1	2	11	15	26	6	14	20
1915	15	17	32	1	2	3	16	19	35	3	4	7	0	1	1	8	14	22	11	14	25
1916	13	23	36	5	8	13	18	31	49	4	4	8	1	2	3	14	14	28	10	15	25
1917	14	21	35	1	13	14	15	34	49	6	6	12	0	1	1	10	23	33	9	19	28
1918	23	38	61	5	11	16	28	49	77	1	4	5	2	2	4	15	30	45	19	32	51
1919	31	39	70	5	19	24	36	58	94	3	3	6	0	2	2	26	42	68	26	43	69
1920	26	38	64	16	12	28	42	50	92	3	4	7	1	2	3	33	33	66	31	54	85
1921	39	39	78	11	15	26	50	54	104	2	3	5	5	1	6	38	41	79	36	63	99
1922	47	38	85	10	16	26	57	54	111	6	5	11	4	4	8	40	48	88	43	60	103
1923	44	50	94	15	21	36	59	71	130	3	6	9	3	3	6	47	47	94	49	75	124
1924	38	44	82	16	20	36	54	64	118	4	8	12	6	3	9	39	48	87	54	80	134
1925	64	59	123	15	34	49	79	93	172	10	15	25	6	3	9	60	63	123	57	92	149
1926	71	60	131	11	29	40	82	89	171	10	11	21	7	2	9	49	71	120	73	97	170
1927	70	70	140	25	32	57	95	102	197	8	6	14	5	12	17	75	58	133	80	123	203
1928	120	94	214	37	39	76	157	133	290	8	10	18	10	8	18	102	97	199	117	141	258
1929	102	63	165	50	43	93	152	106	258	11	3	14	9	9	18	119	110	229	130	125	255
1930	152	84	236	41	35	76	193	119	312	15	9	24	8	6	14	130	79	209	170	150	320
1931	166	98	264	43	36	79	209	134	343	11	14	25	11	7	18	159	102	261	198	161	359
1932	150	85	235	50	40	90	200	125	325	24	32	56	14	5	19	190	108	298	170	141	311
1933	112	109	221	53	52	85	165	141	306	11	14	25	5	4	9	121	107	228	198	157	355
1934	132	90	221	56	33	89	188	123	311	7	11	18	10	6	16	152	99	251	217	164	381
1935	130	87	217	40	55	95	170	142	312	18	20	38	19	10	29	151	116	267	199	160	359

It will be noted that there were 312 voluntary admissions in the year under review, that 267 were discharged, and that 38 boarders, representing 12·18 per cent. of the admissions, had to be transferred to the register of patients (having shown mental disorder in degree sufficiently pronounced and sustained to render it improper for them to be continued as voluntary boarders), while the proportion of deaths on average number of resident was 7·63 per cent. The column devoted to “Not First Admissions” records readmissions on a return of illness in those previously treated to recovery as voluntary boarders. The average daily number of voluntary boarders in 1935 was 380.

MENTAL NURSES.

In December the usual examination was held for the registration of mental nurses, when the following passed :—

- Passed top for Dominion : Nurse M. A. McFarlane (Christchurch).
Auckland : Attendants—K. J. Brown, F. L. Irving, T. J. R. Trotter. Nurses—H. M. Hunter, M. E. Little,* I. K. O. Lowe, I. P. Milton, D. Thomas, I. P. Thomasen, C. E. Young.
Te Awamutu : Attendant—C. E. Shanaghan. Nurses—A. G. Goddard, J. M. Gray, I. D. Haining, J. R. MacKenzie, H. P. Nicoll.
Porirua : Attendants—B. W. Fisk, M. A. Lucas. Nurses—A. M. Brown,* J. B. Doyle, E. M. Harris, J. L. Harris,* M. A. McIntosh, L. A. Scott,* M. F. Squire,* K. E. Woodcock.
Nelson : Nurses—E. T. Lynch, M. T. McCluskey, B. A. McNamara, A. A. Walsh.*
Hokitika : Nurses—M. C. Buckland, J. Masterson.
Christchurch : Attendants—A. K. Asher, L. A. Mahoney, A. R. Rowe. Nurses—S. R. T. Aitcheson,* H. Clark, M. M. Depree, M. A. McFarlane,* B. M. Obery, R. M. Paul, M. G. Shearer,* A. A. T. Spink, V. M. Stevens, I. M. V. Waters.
Seachiff : Nurses—S. R. Allison, K. C. Cornish, E. I. Kay,* R. R. Kelly,* T. Sutherland.*

* Passed with distinction.