G. There is no Native beverage containing alcohol. The Native ceremonial drink, kava, if allowed to stand does not ferment, and after a few hours becomes stale and unpalatable. It is not consumed in sufficient strength or quantity to have any toxic effects.

H. General information with regard to liquor in addition to the above

was given in the eighth report, 1928.

During the year under review there were no offences reported under the Samoa Dangerous Drugs Order 1930.

XVII. MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

STAFF

The staff consists of the Chief Medical Officer and 2 other European medical officers, 22 Native medical practitioners, 1 European dental officer, 5 Native dental officers, 1 European dispenser, 1 qualified bacteriologist of part-Samoan descent, and a nursing staff of a Matron, an Assistant Matron, 9 European Sisters, 118 Native nurses and trainees, and 45 miscellaneous. The complete health staff embraces 17 Europeans, 3 part-Europeans, and 187 Samoans. In addition, there are 6 trainees at the Central Medical School, Suva, taking the Native medical practitioners' course.

Of the 22 Native medical practitioners, 3 are employed at the Apia Hospital, 2 in the Apia district, 13 at out-stations, 2 on relieving duties, 1 at

Niue, and 1 in the Tokelau Islands.

ESTABLISHMENT

Apia Hospital consists of a European hospital, Samoan hospital including a number of fales, Chinese ward, dispensary and out-patients department, laboratory and x-ray department, office, laundry, and store-room.

HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY STATISTICS

	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Admissions to hospitals—					
Apia Hospital—					
Europeans	406	531	711	596	632
	. 935	1,139	1,694	1,063	910
	. 109	102	142	93	86
Melanesians	. 9	5	6	55	7
Tokelaus and Niueans	• • •		79		31
	1,459	1,777	2,632	1,807	1,666
	. 118	88	240	147	100
	. 185	220	243	187	151
Fagamalo Hospital (Samoans) .	. 127	193	246	161	141
Sataua Hospital (Samoans)	. 58	106	114	112	99
Mulifornia Ucanital (Company)	.	170	230	115	75
Poutasi Hospital (Samoans)	. 162	164	287	231	238
Leulumoega Hospital (Samoans) .	. 14	10			208
Cotonomy Usamital (Composite)	. 185	153	119	105	41
Fagaloa Hospital (Samoans) .	. 125	151	288	188	83
	. 167	214	129	94	104
Satupa'itea Hospital (Samoans) .	.	115	75	70	59
Safotu Hospital (Samoans)	. 141	317	208	259	182
Lufilufi Hospital (Samoans)	.			62	207
Total in-patients	. 2,741	3,678	4,811	3,538	3,354
Out-patients, hospitals and dispensaries	76,705	74,111	57,303	69,939	77,214
Totals	. 79,446	77,789	62,114	73,477	80,568
Deaths in hospitals	. 120	177	227	158	153