

Visited 2nd February, 1908.—Nine beds were occupied. There were four patients in the seven-bedded male-ward, which was in excellent order, but poorly ventilated. The operating-theatre is just off this room. There were five patients in the six-bedded female-ward. The bath-room off this ward is not properly trapped, and the water-closet is not provided with a vent-pipe. Another ward, containing two beds, the Trustees propose to use as a maternity ward, and, as there is very poor accommodation for such cases in the district, there is no objection to the scheme, provided the patients are made to pay their full hospital maintenance. The nurses have their quarters on the first floor of the Hospital, but are not provided with a separate water-closet or bathroom: this can easily be remedied by converting a store-room to meet the purpose. This little Hospital is very well managed. Dr. MacKnight, the Medical Superintendent, is District Secretary here, and attends to all the correspondence of the Hospital. His case and other books are well kept.

## 29. PAHIATUA HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Pahiatua Hospital Trustees.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Dawson.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Davis; 1 registered nurse and 2 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress occasionally, 1 porter and gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 12; for females, 8: total, 20.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 88, female 45—total 133; out-patients, nil.

In-patients: Average days' stay, 25·5; average daily cost per head, 6s. 10½d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 5s. 0¾d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 41·9.

Localities from which patients came: Pahiatua, Kumeroa, Woodville, Mangatainoka, Mangatiti, Nikau, Palmerston North, Makuri, Ballance, Eketahuna, Konini, Mangahao, Rakaunui, Mangamaire, Kohinui, Kaitawa, Hukanui, Coonoor, Dannevirke.

Nationality of patients: New Zealand, 83; England, 18; Australia, 6; Scotland, 5; Sweden, 5; Norway, 1; Denmark, 1; America, 4; Ireland, 10.

Religion: Church of England, 83; Roman Catholic, 24; Presbyterian, 19; Salvation Army, 2; Methodist, 4; Lutheran, 1.

### RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March, 1908.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ...	351	0	11	Rations ...	270	8	3
From Government ...	466	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter ...	3	6	0
Local bodies ...	359	0	0	Surgery and dispensary (including instruments) ...	111	12	3
Subscriptions and donations ...	12	11	0	Fuel and light ...	112	9	0
Bequest ...	366	10	0	Bedding and clothing, furniture and earthenware ...	149	3	4
Rents ...	8	0	0	Washing and laundry ...	7	19	0
Patients' payments ...	287	3	9	Salaries and wages ...	541	5	0
Refund ...	2	12	8	Water-supply ...	10	0	0
Sale of cow ...	3	16	9	Funerals ...	6	0	0
				Additions to buildings ...	351	17	6
				Repairs ...	24	3	4
				Printing, advertising, postage, stationery, and telephone ...	22	6	11
				Interest, bank charges, cheque-books, and exchanges ...	11	3	2
				Insurance ...	15	18	5
				Electrical apparatus ...	37	9	10
				Honorary surgeon's travelling-expenses ...	12	12	0
				Painting buildings ...	155	10	0
				Grounds ...	15	0	3
				Cartage ...	2	2	10
Total ...	£1,857	5	1	Total ...	£1,860	7	1

Visited 15th November, 1907.—The new operating-theatre, fever-ward, and nurses' room are now completed. The wards were in good order. In the women's wards were three patients. New beds have recently been provided here. There were five patients in the male-ward. The fever hospital is very complete, but does not give much accommodation for the money expended thereon. The electric-light plant is managed by the Secretary, Mr. Drew. Miss Miller, who has been Matron there for some time, has just resigned.