

30. OTAKI HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Wellington District Hospital Board.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Huthwaite.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Sealey; 2 registered nurses and 1 probationer.

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

Number of beds available for males, 9; for females, 8: total, 17.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 92, female 37—total 129; out-patients, nil.

In-patients: Average days' stay, 32; average daily cost per head, 5s. 2½d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 4s. 2d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 61·8.

Localities from which patients came: Otaki, 19; Manakau, 13; Ohau, 8; Levin, 41; Shannon, 19; Te Horo, 8; Waikanae, 10; Wellington, 8; Foxton, 1; Palmerston, 1; Taihape, 1.

Nationality of patients: New-Zealanders, 85; Maori, 14; English, 6; Irish, 11; Scotch, 4; Australian, 7; Norwegian, 1; Swedish, 1.

Religion: Church of England, 70; Roman Catholic, 34; Presbyterian, 10; Wesleyan, 9; Salvation Army, 1; Adventist, 2; Dutch Church, 2; Baptist, 1.

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

<i>Receipts</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	565	16	10	Rations	...	...	229	7	8
Local bodies	...	...	559	10	10	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	...	1	4	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	14	14	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	57	13	4
Patients' payments	...	...	222	17	6	Fuel and light	...	...	60	14	4
						Bedding and clothing	...	...	19	7	1
						Salaries and wages	...	...	670	15	6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	8	0	0
						Insurance	...	...	16	9	0
						Installation of electric light and water-supply	...	...	239	16	6
						Drainage-extension	...	...	26	14	10
						Other expenses	...	...	32	16	11
Total	...	...	£1,362	19	2	Total	...	...	£1,362	19	2

Visited 22nd April and 5th December, 1907.—There were twelve patients—eight males and four females. The two wards were in excellent order, and are pleasant, well-ventilated rooms, each containing ten beds. The bathrooms were clean and well kept, but the baths are rather worn and old. The lavatories are good and well ventilated. The theatre is small and well equipped.

Otaki Sanatorium.—This is an adjunct of the above, and had only been opened some six months. All the patients spoke highly of the treatment they were receiving. I was much impressed by the cheerfulness of the place. Many of the patients give considerable assistance to the staff in the various domestic arrangements, and also do work in the garden, which is in excellent order. Miss Sealey, the Matron, has interested the patients in beekeeping, and the Government Apiarist had just visited the institution to advise as to the site of the hives and give general directions to the patients as to the management of the bees. The whole place was in excellent order.

31. PICTON HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Redman.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Scott; 1 registered nurse, 2 probationers, and one district nurse with midwifery certificate only.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress (casual), 1 gardener (casual).

Number of beds available for males, 12; for females, 12: total, 24.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 89, female 38—total 127; out-patients, nil.

In-patients: Average days' stay, 14; average daily cost per head, 9s. 10d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 8s. 5½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 32·4.

Localities from which patients came: Picton, 87; Blenheim, 27; Wellington, 5; Nelson, 1; Auckland, 1; Taranaki, 1; Hawke's Bay, 2; Christchurch, 1; Greymouth, 1; shipping, 1.

Nationality of patients: New-Zealanders, 79; English, 25; Scotch, 7; Irish, 4; Australian, 5; Tasmanian, 2; North American, 1; German, 2; Swiss, 1; Italian, 1.

Religion: Church of England, 89; Roman Catholic, 20; Presbyterian, 9; Wesleyan, 7; Lutheran, 1; Free Church, 1.