

Stipendiary medical staff: Medical Superintendent, H. Hardwick Smith, F.R.C.S. Eng., M.B., B.C., B.A. Cantab.; house surgeons, Messrs. Brown, Simpson, and Foster.

Dispenser: J. E. Watson. Assistant dispenser: A. H. Handcock.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss F. K. Payne, and 15 registered nurses and 61 probationers.

Domestic staff: 4 cooks, 8 housemaids, 8 wardsmajds, wardsmen, 11 laundresses, laundryman, porter, 3 gardeners, 2 engineers and stokers, carpenter, operating-theatre man, driver, 5 handy-men, 2 messengers, junior clerk, nightwatchman, scullery-man, plumber, plumber's assistant, baker.

Number of beds available for males, 143; for females, 129; total, 272.

Average number of patients per diem, 195.

In-patients: Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 257; admitted during year, 2,443; discharged during year, 2,252; died during year, 220; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 228. Sex—Male, 1,480; female, 1,220: total, 2,700. Collective days' stay, 71,200; individual average days' stay, 26. Average daily cost per head, 5s. 11½d; average daily payment per head, 10d.; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. 1½d.; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 10s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 3.12.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Wellington (city), 1,783; Wellington (suburbs), 410; Petone, 131; Lower Hutt, 60; Upper Hutt, 27; Levin, 14; Porirua, 11; sundry small places in district, 77; Wairarapa, 24; Palmerston North, 12; Hawke's Bay, 17; ships in port, 63; Taranaki, 9; Buller, 10; Westport, 5; Marlborough, 6; Auckland, 3; Wanganui, 3; North Canterbury, 3; South Canterbury, 3; Nelson, 3; Sydney, 1; Victoria, 1; not stated, 24: total, 2,700.

Nationalities of patients: Colonials, 1,495; English, 548; Australians, 160; Scotch, 159; Irish, 187; Germans, 18; Danes, 17; Americans, 16; Norwegians, 13; Swedes, 9; Chinese, 11; Italians, 8; South African, 7; Swiss, 5; Welsh, 3; French, 4; Finns, 3; Greek, 3; Spaniards, 3; Austrians, 2; Assyrians, 2; Manx, 2; Russian, 2; Dutch, 2; West Indians, 2; Portuguese, 2; Jew, 1; Belgian, 1; Canadian, 1; Maori, 1; Beyranth, 1; Jersey, 1; Indian, 1; Prussian, 1; not stated, 9: total, 2,700.

Number of out-patients treated during year, 3,970; number of attendances of such out-patients, 14,873.

There has practically been no increase in the expenditure on this institution, but there is a decrease in the number of patients admitted, though the average number under treatment per diem is higher than last year, showing a longer average stay. There is an increase in expenditure of £666 in provisions, £250 in the surgery, £580 for fuel and lighting, and £1,120 in salaries.

The Hospital was visited several times. On each occasion the wards were well filled. The chronic wards, as usual, were quite full; indeed, on several occasions the chronic patients had to be treated in the wards for acute cases.

The consumptive-shelters have also been fully occupied throughout the year. They were repainted and cleaned in July, as were also the quarters for the domestic staff.

The new scarlet-fever hospital, so badly needed, is not yet begun, but it is hoped it will not be much longer delayed. The need for accommodation this year has not been quite so acute, though the ward has always been occupied.

The children's ward is still unsatisfactory and difficult of administration, but, in view of better accommodation being provided, it is not advisable to spend money on the present wards.

The kitchen and all out-offices and yards need closer inspection and supervision.

In May, 1908, Miss Payne, who had been away on nine months' leave of absence, returned from England, and resumed her duties.

Dr. Ewart, who has so ably filled the position of Medical Superintendent for the last twenty-one years, resigned his appointment in September, and his successor, Dr. Hardwicke-Smith, took charge in January, 1909.

The approach to the Hospital was finished during the year, and gives a much better appearance, though somewhat marred by the unkempt state of the two vacant blocks on either side of the entrance.

3. DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Dunedin Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting: Third Wednesday each month; House Committee, every Monday.

Secretary: Hugh Miller (resident). Assistant, 1 (non-resident).

Honorary medical staff: James McPherson, M.B., C.M. Edin.; W. Brown, M.B., C.M. Edin.; F. C. Batchelor, M.D. Durh., M.R.C.S. Eng.; D. Colquhoun, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond.; M. Macdonald, B.Sc., M.B., C.M. Edin.; E. H. Williams, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S. Eng., D.P.H. Cant.; R. Ritchie, M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng.; J. O. Closs, M.D., C.M. Edin.; L. E. Barnett, M.B., F.R.C.S. Eng.; F. S. Batchelor, F.R.C.S.; E. J. O'Neill, M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng., F.R.C.S. Edin.; S. A. Moore, M.D.; H. L. Ferguson, M.D., F.R.C.S.; D. Burt, M.B., C.M. Edin.; F. R. Riley, F.R.C.S. Eng.; F. Fitchett, M.D., C.M. Edin.; W. S. Roberts, M.R.C.S.; W. Newlands, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Edin.; W. A. Fleming, M.D.; J. P. Hastings, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.; W. Butement, M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond.; H. P. Pickerill, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S.; D. Booth (masseur).

Stipendiary medical staff: A. R. Falconer, Resident Medical Officer; Messrs. Crawford and Rogers, Assistant Medical Officers. All resident.

Dispensers: William Stewart (resident); J. Rowley, instrument-cleaner (non-resident).

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Isabella Fraser, and 11 registered nurses and 52 probationers.

Domestic staff: 4 cooks, 4 housemaids, 4 wardsmajds, 4 laundresses, 6 porters, 1 gardener, 3 engineers and stokers.