

16. GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Gisborne Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting : Third Friday in each month.

Secretary : E. G. Matthews (non-resident).

Stipendiary medical staff : W. Carlile Wilson, F.R.C.S. Eng., M.B., B.Ch. Edin. (non-resident) ; B. Moore Sampson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Eng., Resident House Surgeon.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss Godfray, and 3 registered nurses and 9 probationers.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 wardsmaid, 1 wardman, 2 laundresses, 1 porter and gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 29 ; for females, 16 ; isolation and infectious, 8 : total, 53.

Average number of patients per diem, 33.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 2.5

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 41 ; admitted during year, 374 ; discharged during year, 344 ; died during year, 24 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 47. Sex—Male, 309 ; female, 106 : total, 415. Collective days' stay, 12,189 ; individual average days' stay, 29 ; average daily cost per head, 6s. 0½d. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. 0½d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 8s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 3½.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : County of Cook, 174 ; Borough of Gisborne, 241.

Nationalities of patients : New Zealand, 201 ; Australasian, 48 ; British, 150 ; European, 9 ; Asiatic, 2 ; Canadian, 3 ; American, 2.

Visited on 2nd December, 1908, and 6th and 7th March, 1909. On the latter date there were fifty-four patients in, twenty-nine being typhoids, which disease has been endemic in the district for years. A tent for the typhoid patients had very properly been erected in the grounds.

The Trustees recognise the need for a new Hospital. This old building is very difficult to administer with satisfaction.

There have been some additions to the Nurses' Home, which is very comfortable.

The junior resident's quarters are not at all suitable.

Miss Stewart, after nearly twenty years' devoted service, resigned her position in January, and Miss Godfray, late Matron of Dannevirke Hospital, was appointed.

17. WAIHI HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Waihi Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting : First Monday in every month.

Secretary : W. H. Toy (non-resident).

Honorary medical staff : Hon. anaesthetists, G. Craig, M.B., M.S. Edin., and E. J. Deck, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond. (non-resident).

Stipendiary medical staff : Medical Superintendent, C. H. Robertson, F.R.C.S. Eng., M.B. Lond. (non-resident).

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss Janet McGregor, and 5 registered nurses and 8 probationers.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 wardsmaid, 2 laundresses, 1 porter, 1 gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 17 ; for females, 17 ; isolation and infectious, 2 : total, 36.

Average number of patients per diem, 30.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 2.1.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 23 ; admitted during year, 421 ; discharged during year, 392 ; died during year, 26 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 26. Sex—Male, 255 ; female, 189 : total, 444. Collective days' stay, 10,673 ; individual average days' stay, 24 ; average daily cost per head, 6s. 7¼d. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. 6d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. 1¼d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 1s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 3.3.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Waihi, 264 ; Thames, 154 ; Bay of Plenty, 11 ; Te Aroha, 6 ; Waikato, 3 ; Auckland, 3 ; Rotorua, 1 ; Victoria, 1 ; South Africa, 1 : total, 444.

Nationalities of patients : New Zealand, 269 ; Australia, 69 ; England, 56 ; Ireland, 29 ; Scotland, 8 ; Tasmania, 5 ; America, 2 ; Germany, 1 ; other nationalities, 5 : total, 444.

Visited on 18th August, 1908.

The work of this Hospital has proceeded very quietly and satisfactorily since the installation of Dr. Robertson as Superintendent and Miss McGregor as Matron. The whole tone of the Hospital was excellent, and the nurses were content and working well.

A new theatre, with modern furnishings, was added during the year.

The septic tank, which was not satisfactory, was altered.

The ward near the Hospital originally built for typhoid was used for scarlet-fever cases. It was found to be too near the main building, but a new ward has been erected.

There is a largely increased demand for admission to the Hospital, so much so that the Trustees were desirous of building new wards. Nothing in this direction has so far been done.

18. KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Kumara Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting : First Tuesday in every month.

Secretary : W. B. Gilbert.