

There were twenty-five patients in Hospital on the first occasion, four of whom were in the infectious-diseases hospital. There was no one in the consumptive-shelter. On the second visit there were twenty-four patients in.

The lavatory-accommodation is still inadequate, but it is probable that a septic-tank system will be installed in the course of the year.

The new operating-theatre is finished, and appears to be well done. It is paved with tiles, and lined partly with white tiles and Wunderlich metal.

The verandah and additions to the women's ward are very great improvements.

Dr. Bennett takes a great deal of pains in training the nurses, and a trained nurse from this Hospital took first place in the State examination in December last.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Board, takes a great interest in this Hospital.

24. WALLACE AND FIORD HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Wallace and Fiord Hospital Trust.

Usual date of meeting : Thursday preceding third Friday of each month.

Secretary : George C. Cassels.

Stipendiary medical staff : N. G. Trotter, M.D. Edin.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss Charlotte M. Bird, and 1 registered nurse and 5 probationers.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress, 1 gardener, 1 kitchen-maid.

Number of beds available for males, 18 ; for females, 14 ; isolation and infectious, 4 : total, 36.

Average number of patients per diem, 17.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 2.4.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 13 ; admitted during year, 189 ; discharged during year, 155 ; died during year, 20 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 27. Sex—Male, 127 ; female, 75 : total, 202. Collective days' stay, 6,531 ; individual average days' stay, 32 ; average daily cost per head, 6s. ; average daily payment per head, 11½d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. 0½d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 5.2.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Wellington, 1 ; Tuapeka, 2 ; Awarua, 2 ; Clutha, 1 ; Mataura, 1 ; Wallace, 195.

Nationalities of patients : New Zealand, 97 ; Victoria, 11 ; Denmark, 2 ; England, 27 ; Scotland, 33 ; Ireland, 20 ; Canada, 1 ; India, 1 ; Tasmania, 4 ; Austria, 2 ; Sweden, 3 ; America, 1 : total, 202.

Number of out-patients treated during year, 40 ; number of attendances of such out-patients, 128.

Visited in December, 1908, and 2nd March, 1909.

On the first occasion there were twenty-three patients in Hospital, a good many being chronics ; on the second visit there were eighteen patients. The Hospital on both occasions was in very good order.

A somewhat elaborate infectious-diseases ward had just been built—two wards with bathrooms and lavatories, a little kitchen, and quarters upstairs for nurses.

There is a good kitchen-garden which supplies vegetables for the Hospital, and the provision bill of this hospital is low.

The kitchen and the patients' dining-room were recently painted.

The two Government probationers who were allotted to this Hospital have completed their training, and are registered. These nurses are the only ones who have gone through their training on this experimental scheme of State-aided extra probationers. Of the twelve who started, one only is now in training.

25. WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Buller Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting : Third Monday in month.

Secretary : Robert F. Mullen.

Honorary medical staff : E. Dacre Dunn, L.R.C.S. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasgow, L.S.A. Lond. ; James Simpson, M.B., B.S. Glasgow.

Stipendiary medical staff : Guy Hallwright, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss M. McMillan and 1 registered nurse and 6 probationers.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 2 housemaids, 1 laundress, 1 porter.

Number of beds available for males, 20 ; for females, 8 ; children's cot, 1 : total 29.

Average number of patients per diem, 17.

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

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 9 ; admitted during year, 241 ; discharged during year, 194 ; died during year, 23 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 33. Sex—Male, 173 ; female, 77 : total, 250. Collective days' stay, 6,478 ; individual average days' stay, 26 ; average daily cost per head, 7s. 6½d. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. 1d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 6s. 5½d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 5s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 5.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Buller County, 132 ; Westport Borough, 110 ; Greymouth, 2 ; Reefton, 3 ; Wellington, 3.