

Nationalities of patients: America, 2; Ireland, 26; England, 57; Scotland, 22; Germany, 3; New Zealand, 115; Wales, 4; Australia, 21.

Number of out-patients treated during year, 199; number of attendances of such out-patients, 970. Visited by Miss Maclean on 27th September, 1908.

A great change in the character of work done at this Hospital has taken place since the new Hospital was opened on 11th May, 1908. A large number of surgical cases are admitted, and, owing to the greatly improved facilities for such work, they can now be treated in Westport rather than travelling to other centres.

The dining-rooms and side rooms were in use as wards, and at the time of the visit there was only one empty bed in the Hospital. Both large wards were used for men, and the women were in the dining-rooms, and so had no bathrooms. There were thirty-one patients in, twenty-five being male patients. There were no patients in the fever ward.

The staff was quite inadequate for the work. It is difficult to get trained nurses for the West Coast hospitals, though the Board do their best in the matter.

The lavatories and bathrooms were not satisfactory, and the pipes and drainage system generally need overhauling.

Miss Hayward, who had been Matron for over six years, resigned soon after the opening, and Miss McMillan was appointed.

Dr. McKenzie also resigned, and Dr. Hallwright, who had been acting for some time, was appointed.

## 26. ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Ashburton Hospital Board.

Usual date of meeting: First Friday each month.

Secretary: J. Mainwaring.

Stipendiary medical staff: Hugh Hunter, M.B., B.Ch. (non-resident); Charles E. Maude, M.B., B.Ch. (non-resident).

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Ethel M. Griffiths; 2 registered nurses and 5 probationers.

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

Number of beds available for males, 18; for females, 7; children's cots, 2; isolation and infectious, 12: total, 39.

Average number of patients per diem, 16.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 2.2.

In-patients: Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 17; admitted during year, 202; discharged during year, 184; died during year, 22; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 13. Sex—Male, 157; female, 62: total, 219. Collective days' stay, 6,041; individual average days' stay, 27. Average daily cost per head, 5s. 9d.; average daily payment per head, 1s. 1d.; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 4s. 8d.; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 public ward, £2 private ward.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 7.9.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Borough, 110; county, 100; Town Boards, 9.

Nationalities of patients: New-Zealanders, 102; English, 45; Irish, 40; Scotch, 14; Australians, 12; Danish, 2; Americans, 2; Tasmanians, 2.

Visited on 10th June, 1908.

There were twenty patients in—sixteen men, three women, and a child.

The children's ward is the best in the Hospital, having been added to during the last two years.

The medical ward—so very unsuitable—was still in use, but only for two old chronic cases from the Old Men's Home. The Matron finds it inadvisable to put acute cases into this ward, and it seems a great pity that the convalescent or smoking room cannot be utilised as a medical ward.

The whole place was in excellent order, and is economically run.

One patient was in the isolation ward with scarlet fever. Previous to this seven typhoid patients had been treated here.

## 27. OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Governing body: The Trustees, Oamaru Hospital Contributors.

Usual date of meeting: Third Tuesday in each month.

Secretary: Walter Gibb.

Stipendiary medical staff: Kenneth McAdam, M.B., M.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent; James Whitten, M.D., Albert I. Garland, M.R.C.S., and Alexander Douglas, M.D., visiting staff.

Nursing staff: Matron, Mrs. E. Hicks, and 7 probationers.

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

Number of beds available for males, 24; for females, 11; children's cots, 8; isolation and infectious, 6: total, 49.

Average number of patients per diem, 15.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 1.8.

In-patients: Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 15; admitted during year, 194; discharged during year, 172; died during year, 22; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 15. Sex—Male, 143; female, 66: total 209. Collective days' stay, 5,434; individual average days' stay, 26; average daily cost per head, 6s. 2½d.; average daily payment per head, 1s. 0¼d.; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. 2¼d.; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1.