

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 5½.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Waitaki County, 106 ; Oamaru, 75 ; Otago, 4 ; South Canterbury, 7 ; Hampden, 5 ; North Canterbury, 1 ; no home, 9 ; shipping, 1 ; Hawke's Bay, 1.

Nationalities of patients : New Zealand, 102 ; Scotland, 35 ; England, 32 ; Ireland, 22 ; Australia, 8 ; Wales, 3 ; Canada, 2 ; Continent of Europe, 5.

Number of out-patients treated during year, 54 ; number of attendances of such out-patients, 806.

Visited 10th December, 1908.

There were twelve patients in Hospital—four women and eight men. The children's ward was empty.

The wards were in good order, and the old male ward has been provided with better top lights, as suggested on my previous visit. The whole place is in excellent order, and apparently exceedingly well managed. With the exception of the Mercury Bay Hospital, this is the only separate institution in the Dominion which exists independently of the rates.

Miss Desmond, the Matron, who has been in charge for twenty years, resigned her position early in the year, and Mrs. Hicks, an English-trained nurse, was appointed.

## 28. HAWERA HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Hawera District Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting : Third Monday in each month.

Secretary : C. L. Parrington (part time non-resident).

Stipendiary medical staff : Thomas Arthur MacGibbon, B.A., B.S., M.B.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss Gertrude Clapcott, and 2 registered nurses and 4 probationers.

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

Number of beds available for males, 19 ; for females, 12 ; children's cots, 2 ; isolation and infectious, 6 : total, 39.

Average number of patients per diem, 13.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 1·8.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 12 ; admitted during year, 237 ; discharged during year, 219 ; died during year, 14 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 16. Sex—Male, 176 ; female, 73 : total, 249. Collective days' stay, 4,906 ; individual average days' stay, 19 ; average daily cost per head, 9s. 7½d. ; average daily payment per head, 2s. 2½d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 7s. 5d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £2 2s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 15.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Hawera, Okaiawa, Manaia, Opunake, Eltham, and Kaponga.

Nationalities of patients : English, 177 ; Irish, 40 ; Australian, 8 ; Danish, 1 ; Tasmanian, 3 ; Scotch, 15 ; Swiss, 2 ; Chinese, 1 ; Indian, 2.

Visited on 4th January and 3rd June, 1909. There were only fifteen patients in.

The Hospital was in good order, but the grounds were not well kept.

The drugs and dressings are obtained locally, and consequently a higher price is paid for many articles than is necessary.

Some indignation has been caused in the district by the refusal to admit a case of puerperal eclampsia. Under the circumstances, this was a sad error of judgment on the part of the staff. No urgent cases should ever be refused unless such are likely to be a source of danger to the other patients.

I am afraid that the public of Hawera do not take the same interest in this Hospital as was formerly the case.

## 29. DANNEVIRKE HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Dannevirke District Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting : Last Monday of each month.

Secretary : W. A. Ryan (part time).

Stipendiary medical staff : T. Macallan, M.B., C.M. Aberd. ; W. H. Dawson, M.B., D.P.H., F.R.C.S. Edin. ; F. R. Mackay, M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss L. C. Godfray, and 2 registered nurses and 3 probationers.

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

Number of beds available for males, 14 ; for females, 4 ; children's cots, 2 : total, 20.

Average number of patients per diem, 12.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 2.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 13 ; admitted during year, 175 ; discharged during year, 156 ; died during year, 17 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 15. Sex—Male, 146 ; female, 42 : total, 188. Collective days' stay, 4,694 ; individual average days' stay, 23 ; average daily cost per head, 6s. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 1s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 6.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Dannevirke County, 145 ; Weber, 25 ; Woodville, 2 ; Masterton, 4 ; Palmerston North, 2 ; Taihape, 3 ; Pahiatua, 2 ; Akitio, 3 ; Waipawa, 1 ; Gisborne, 1.