

A new ironing-room has been added to the laundry, and a morgue built. A small isolation ward is badly needed.

Two small side rooms have been converted into a linen-room and an X-ray room, which seems a pity, as there is now no means of isolation.

The Hospital was in very good order.

Miss Scott took the place of Miss Robinson, who did good work as Matron for some years.

Dr. Ada Paterson assists Dr. Redman in the Hospital work, and is training the probationers.

32. CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Charleston Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting : Last Saturday in each month.

Secretary : A. J. Norris.

Stipendiary medical staff : F. Collins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Nursing staff : Matron, Mrs. O'Donnell.

Domestic staff : 1 wardman.

Number of beds (available for males only), 13.

Average number of patients per diem, 11.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 11.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 7 ; admitted during year, 21 ; discharged during year, 12 ; died during year, 4 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 12 : Sex—Male, 28 ; collective days' stay, 4,111 ; individual average days' stay, 147 ; average daily cost per head, 2s. 9½d. ; average daily payment per head, 9½d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 1s. 0½d. Weekly fee charged for maintenance, 10s. ; old-age pensioners, 8s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 7-3.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Nine-mile Beach, 1 ; Cape Foulwind, 1 ; Brighton, 2 ; Westport, 2 ; Charleston, 22.

Nationalities of patients : English, Irish, Scotch, and New-Zealanders.

Visited 12th May, 1909.

There were eleven patients, their average age being seventy-five years.

33. ROSS HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Westland District Hospitals and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting : First Tuesday in the month.

Secretary : W. J. Caulfield.

Stipendiary medical staff : Dr. Rogers.

Nursing staff : 2 unregistered nurses.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 porter and gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 9 ; for females, 5 ; isolation and infectious, 1 : total, 15.

Average number of patients per diem, 10.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 5.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 9 ; admitted during year, 30 ; discharged during year, 25 ; died during year, 4 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 10. Sex—Male, 36 ; female, 3 : total, 39. Collective days' stay, 3,772 ; individual average days' stay, 97 ; average daily cost per head, 5s. 1d. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 4s. 1d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 4.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Ross Borough, 20 ; Westland County, 17 ; Westport, 1 ; Grey County, 1.

Nationalities of patients : New Zealand, 12 ; Scotland, 7 ; Ireland, 7 ; England, 6 ; France, 3 ; Switzerland, 2 ; Australia, 1 ; Canada, 1.

Visited on 30th September, 1908.

There were nine inmates—all male. Only one of these was a *bona fide* patient ; he had had an accident to his knee. The others were old men and chronic cases.

A young woman who had had some training at Hokitika Hospital was in charge, with another girl to help her. It is unlikely there will be many hospital cases here, as it is so near to Hokitika.

Dr. Telford, who was in charge, has since gone to Greymouth. He has been succeeded by Dr. Rogers.

34. WHANGAREI HOSPITAL.

Governing body : North Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting : Quarterly meetings, December, March, June, and September ; Executive Committee meet third Friday in each month.

Secretary : Charles McKinnon.

Honorary medical staff : T. Hope Lewis, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond. ; T. Copeland Savage, M.B. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng.