

36. TUAPEKA HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Tuapeka Hospital Board.

Usual date of meeting : Second Friday of alternate months.

Secretary : J. J. Woods.

Stipendiary medical staff : William Sutherland, M.B., M.R.C.S.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss J. Drew.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 wardsman, 1 gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 18 ; for females, 6 ; isolation and infectious, 3 : total, 27.

Average number of patients per diem, 7.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 7.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 5 ; admitted during year, 110 ; discharged during year, 100 ; died during year, 8 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 7. Sex—Male, 83 ; female, 32 : total, 115. Collective days' stay, 2,651 ; individual average days' stay, 23 ; average daily cost per head, 6s. 6½d. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. 5¼d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 5s. 1½d. Weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 1s. ; 3s. per diem.

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

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Tuapeka County.

Nationalities of patients : New Zealand, 54 ; Ireland, 27 ; England, 14 ; Scotland, 10 ; Germany, 3 ; China, 2 ; Wales, 1 ; Finland, 1 ; Victoria, 2 ; Tasmania, 1.

Number of out-patients treated during year, 40 ; number of attendances of such out-patients, 60.

Visited on 22nd February by Miss Maclean.

There were eight patients in—three women and five men. Only one male ward was occupied ; the other has not been used for a long time, and is used as a lumber-room. The other wards and offices were clean and tidy.

There seems need of a trained Matron to take charge of the whole place ; but, as the man who has for a long time combined the offices of master, dispenser, and male nurse does very good work, and the woman who cares for the female patients is kindly and conscientious, it is perhaps wiser not to disturb existing arrangements. The difficulty of getting a well-trained Matron for so small a place, where there is little nursing to do, must be taken into consideration.

The patients in Hospital were proper cases for hospital treatment.

The small isolation ward had not been used for years.

37. SOUTH WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL.

Governing body : South Wairarapa Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting : Second Wednesday in each month.

Secretary : A. L. Webster.

Honorary medical staff : David Gibb Johnston, M.B., C.M. ; William Hosking, M.R.C.S.

Stipendiary medical staff : William Bey, M.B., C.M.

Nursing staff : Matron, Miss Florence Derry, and 2 registered nurses and 1 probationer.

Domestic staff : 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 engineer and stoker.

Number of beds available for males, 10 ; for females, 3 ; isolation and infectious, 8 : total, 21.

Average number of patients per diem, 7.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 1·7.

In-patients : Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 9 ; admitted during year, 85 ; discharged during year, 79 ; died during year, 11 ; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 4. Sex—Male, 78 ; female, 16 : total, 94. Collective days' stay, 2,471 ; individual average days' stay, 26 ; average daily cost per head, 11s. 3d. ; average daily payment per head, 1s. 6d. ; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 9s. 9d. ; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1.

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

Localities, broadly, from which patients came : Martinborough, 41 ; Carterton, 18 ; Featherston, 14 ; Gladstone, 7 ; Greytown, 6 ; other places, 8.

Nationalities of patients : New Zealand, 50 ; England, 15 ; Ireland, 10 ; Scotland, 6 ; Australia, 5 ; Wales, 3 ; Norway, 2 ; France, 1 ; Jamaica, 1 ; Canada, 1.

Visited on 14th November, 1908.

Only three patients in—all surgical cases.

Nothing so far has been done towards the proposed additions and alterations. The Hospital was in fair order, but is difficult to keep very well, owing to many inconveniences. The proportion of the Hospital which it is proposed to rebuild is becoming very shabby, but in view of alterations no money is being spent on it.

There were no patients in the fever wards.

The cost of maintenance is high, and might be reduced.

38. PAHIATUA HOSPITAL.

Governing body : Pahiatua Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting : Second Tuesday each month, at 8 p.m., in Borough Council Chambers.

Secretary : G. L. Hawley Drew.