

Honorary medical staff: P. H. Mules, M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin.; G. F. Chadwick, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edin.

Stipendiary medical staff: H. T. Dawson, M.B. Aberd.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss E. M. Davis, and 1 registered nurse and 2 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 housemaid, and 1 gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 9; for females, 5; children's cots, 1; isolation and infectious, 4: total, 19.

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, 8; admitted during year, 111; discharged during year, 107; died during year, 3; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 9. Sex—Male, 87; female, 32: total, 119. Collective days' stay, 2,623; individual average days' stay, 22; average daily cost per head, 9s. 3d.; average daily payment per head, 1s. 11½d.; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 7s. 3d.; weekly fee charged for maintenance, £1 5s.

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance-expenditure, 8·08.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Eketahuna, Masterton, Pahiatua, Kaitawa, Ballance, Mangatiti, Hamua, Woodville, Makuri, Konini, Nikau, Palmerston North, Pongaroa.

Nationalities of patients: New Zealand, 67; England, 15; Scotland, 11; Ireland, 11; Sweden, 4; America, 2; India, 1; Australia, 6; Tasmania, 1; Heligoland, 1.

Visited on 12th August, and on 11th November, 1908, by Miss Maclean.

On the first occasion there were only five patients in the male ward, and on the second visit eight.

The additions to the Hospital have been completed, and the improvement to the nurses' quarters is great. The small room intended for a special ward for women still has to be used for a nurse's bedroom, and there is no room for the doctor or the Matron to transact any business but the general nurses' dining-room and sitting-room.

The new theatre is a fine room, but spoilt by the partition, full of ledges and corners, dividing off the basins and sterilising apparatus.

The Hospital has also been provided with a four-bedded infectious-ward, built of brick, and well found.

Dr. Dawson, who was away on leave, returned early in the year.

Miss Miller resigned her position as Matron, and Miss Davis, late of Nelson Hospital and Cambridge Sanatorium, was appointed.

### 39. NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Naseby Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting: Last Tuesday in month.

Secretary: John W. Reed.

Stipendiary medical staff: William Crawford MacKnight, M.B., C.M. Edin. (non-resident).

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Elizabeth Scolan, and 3 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 laundress, 1 porter, 1 gardener (casual).

Number of beds available for males, 11; for females, 8: total, 19.

Average number of patients per diem, 6.

Average number of patients to each of nursing staff, 1·5.

In-patients: Number of patients on 31st March, 1908, 7; admitted during year, 103; discharged during year, 87; died during year, 10; in hospital on 31st March, 1909, 13. Sex—Male, 82; female, 28: total, 110. Collective days' stay, 2,441; individual average days' stay, 22; average daily cost per head, 9s. 8½d.; average daily payment per head, 2d.; average daily cost per head after deducting in-patients' payments, 9s. 6½d.; weekly fee charged for maintenance, 17s. 6d., £1, and £1 5s., according to subscriptions.

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

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

Nationalities of patients: New Zealand, 48; England, 22; Scotland, 18; Ireland, 16; Australia, 14; Malta, 1; China, 1.

Number of out-patients treated during year, 82; number of attendances of such out-patients, 170.

Visited on 24th February, 1909.

There were eleven patients in—three recent operation cases.

There is no fever ward, and the dining-room attached to the women's ward—which is never used for that purpose—had recently been used for a scarlet-fever patient. There are very rarely any infectious cases here, and no special provision has been made.

The wards and the whole Hospital were in excellent order.

The admission of maternity cases, for which a room on the first floor was adapted, has been discontinued, and the room utilised for two nurses. A bathroom and lavatory have been provided upstairs for the nurses by converting the store-rooms next to the dispensary.

The sceptic tank has been built, and is on the whole satisfactory.

The prices for provisions are high, especially for meat, owing to the lack of competition and the expense of carriage.

The expenditure generally of this Hospital is high, and recoveries from patients too low.