

As regards the nursing staff, it would tend to increase its efficiency if the Board would but decide to promote no nurse to the position of sister until she has served for one year on the staff after obtaining her certificate, and it would also be to the advantage of the Hospital if two or more sisters could be appointed to the staff who had been trained in other nursing schools. In fact, an occasional draft of nurses from other training schools would be an advantage to all our hospitals.

The Hospital is very well managed, and the Medical Superintendent has effected considerable economies in the several departments.

The Hospital has lost the services of the Hon. C. M. Luke, who for many years proved a most painstaking and efficient Chairman.

In Mr. Kirk the Committee possesses a Chairman who is well experienced in hospital matters, and who is anxious to make this Hospital a model of its kind.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Dunedin Hospital Trustees.

Usual date of meeting: Third Wednesday of each month.

Secretary: Hugh Miller.

Honorary medical staff: James MacPherson, M.B., C.M., Edin.; William Brown, M.B., C.M. Edin.; F. C. Batchelor, M.D. Durh.; D. Colquhoun, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond.; M. MacDonald, B.Sc. N.Z., M.B., C.M. Edin.; F. Fitchett, M.D., C.M. Edin.; L. E. Barnett, M.B., F.R.C.S. Eng.; F. S. Batchelor, F.R.C.S. Eng.; E. J. O'Neill, M.B. N.Z., M.R.C.S. Eng., F.R.C.S. Edin.; H. L. Ferguson, M.D., F.R.C.S. Ire.; F. R. Riley, F.R.C.S. Eng.; J. O. Closs, M.D., C.M., Edin.; W. S. Roberts, M.R.C.S. Eng.; P. C. Cameron, M.D. Edin.; W. Newlands, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin.; H. P. Pickerill, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., L.D.S. Eng.; W. A. Fleming, M.B., C.M. Edin.; S. C. Allen, M.D. N.Z., F.R.C.S. Eng.; E. H. Williams, M.B. Ch.B., M.R.C.S. Eng., D.P.H. Can.; S. A. Moore, M.D., C.M. Edin.; William Butement, M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.; D. Burt, M.B., C.M. Edin.; R. Ritchie, M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng.; D. Edwin Booth (masseur).

Stipendiary medical staff: A. R. Falconer, B.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B. N.Z., D.P.H. Eng.; L. H. McBride, M.B., Ch.B. N.Z.; M. H. Watt, M.B., Ch.B. N.Z.

Matron: Isabella Fraser.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Dunedin and suburbs, 1,199; Clutha, 120; Taieri, 159; Bruce, 49; Waihemo, 54; Waikouaiti, 72; shipping, 19; Peninsula, 20; Australia, 2; Auckland, 3; Buller, 7; Vincent, 39; Maniototo, 7; Oamaru, 23; Southland, 39; Canterbury, 20; Westland, 3; Tuapeka, 31; Wellington, 4; Lake, 4.

Visited frequently during the year.

The new out-patient department and the new operating-theatre were opened in March. The former was much needed.

No provision has yet been made for the patients receiving the benefit of fresh air on balconies or verandahs. This is a blot on the administration of the Hospital.

The cost per bed in provisions and drugs and dressings is lower than last year, but the expenditure under these items can be further reduced. The newly appointed Committee has settled down to its work very well, and I have no doubt that considerable attention will be paid to hospital economies during the coming year.

The wards were very full on each occasion of visiting, and the old wards above the administrative department have had again to be occupied by patients. A portion of these old wards has been renovated and fitted up as a library and study for the students.

The wards and their annexes have always been found in a most satisfactory condition, the staff being assisted in this by proper provision being made for all working-utensils, rubbish, soiled dressings and bed-linen, and excellent arrangements for the bestowal of patients' clothing.

The fever hospital is still being supplied with probationers from the main hospital, and now two or three probationers are sent to the chronic wards at Caversham during a part of their course of training.

FEVER HOSPITAL, DUNEDIN.

Visited on 24th March, 1910.

There was only one patient in—a little girl. A probationer from the Hospital was there, besides the Matron and staff nurse. This was the first time since the Hospital opened that there had been so few patients. Another case came in that night.

Since my last visit a fumigating-room and a morgue have been added, the ground enclosed, and road finished, and a neat gate erected.

The nurses' quarters were also finished, and are very comfortable.

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Governing body: North Canterbury Hospital Board.

Usual date of meeting: Fourth Wednesday in each month.

Secretary: Herbert Wells Wait.

Honorary medical staff: H. T. D. Acland, F.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.; J. A. Terras Bell, M.D. Edin.; J. F. Duncan, M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin.; P. C. Fenwick, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.; H. McLelland Inglis, M.B., C.M. Edin.; M. Louisson, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.; G. M. L. Lester, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.; C. L. Nedwill, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.; J. Stevenson, M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin.; F. G. Westenra, M.B., L.R.C.S. Edin.