

HAWERA HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting: Third Monday in each month.

Secretary: C. E. Parrington.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Thomson.

Matron: Gertrude Clapcott.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Manaia, 27; Hawera, 142; Eltham, 22; Kaponga, 12; Makoia, 15; Okaiawa, 12; other places, 17.

Visited in January and March.

There were twelve patients in Hospital. The wards were in good order, and there has been no trouble this year.

I had occasion to point out to the Board the high cost per bed for provisions (£42).

Dr. MacGibbon has just resigned, and Dr. Thomson, late of the Indian Medical Service, has been appointed.

GORE HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Southland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting: Thursday preceding second Friday in each month.

Secretary: Thomas Pryde.

Stipendiary medical staff: Joseph E. Rogers, M.D.

Matron: Mary Young.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Southland County, 38; Lake County, 3; Clutha County, 1; Borough of Gore, 9; Borough of Mataura, 3; Town District of Wyndham, 3.

Visited on 28th May, 1910, with Committee.

In the six-bedded women's ward were four women and one small boy. Four of the six beds in the male ward were occupied.

There has been a demand to enlarge this Hospital, but I pointed out to the local Committee that the Department would not sanction this—that the Hospital must be reserved for people of the Gore district only, and only those should be admitted who are not in a position to pay the ordinary fees for medical and nursing attendance.

Better arrangements are needed for providing hot water to the bath-room and lavatories.

Miss Young (the Matron) and Dr. Rogers look after this little Hospital very well. They would do well to watch the drug and dressing account.

WHANGAREI HOSPITAL.

Governing body: North Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting: No fixed date.

Secretary: G. 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. Lond.

Stipendiary medical staff: T. G. H. Hall, L.R.C.S. Irel., L.L. Midwif. Irel. (resigned 31st March, 1910); W. W. Baxter, M.R.C.S. Eng.

Matron: F. M. Dickson.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Whangarei, 101; Bay of Islands, 20; Hobson, 5; Otamatea, 3; Hokianga, 1; Auckland, 1; Thames, 1.

Visited on 2nd November, 1909.

There were seven male and four female patients. Three of the cases were major operations, which had been performed by Dr. Savage, from Auckland.

There had been trouble at the Hospital, causing the resignation of the medical staff, and Dr. Hall had only resumed work temporarily, but an agreement had fortunately been arrived at with the Board, and his services were retained.

The new infectious-diseases hospital was completed, with the exception of the installation of a water-service. In the meantime cases of diphtheria had been refused.

This addition is somewhat large for the requirements of Whangarei, as few infectious cases occur, and it is a pity some of the money had not been spent on a necessary store-room and dispensary accommodation, and a room for the gardener, who occupies the laundry.

The place was generally in very good order.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Usual date of meeting: First Wednesday in the month.

Secretary: J. Blizard.

Stipendiary medical staff: William Edward Redman, M.R.C.S. Eng., assisted by Dr. Ada Paterson, M.B., Ch.B.

Matron: Florence Scott.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Blenheim, 5; Australia, 1; Wellington, 2; Havelock, 3; Picton and Sounds district, 195.

Visited in December, 1909, and on 22nd January, 1910.