

impossible to carry on a hospital for medical and surgical cases only, and consideration has been given to this fact.

The licenses of four private maternity hospitals were cancelled for 1911—in one case on account of suspected illegal work; another on account of repeated cases of puerperal sepsis having occurred, and the midwife showing culpable ignorance of aseptic methods; the other two on account of their premises not being kept in a fit state to receive patients. None of the licensees of these places were trained midwives.

REPORTS ON THE STATE AND OTHER MATERNITY HOSPITALS.

St. Helens Hospital, Wellington.

Stipendiary Medical Staff: Agnes Bennett, M.B., Mast. Surg., Univ. Edin.

Matron: E. B. Brown.

From the 1st April, 1910, to 31st March, 1911, 166 cases were confined; 161 children were born, and there were 7 stillbirths. There was 1 maternal death; there were 4 deaths of infants. 78 patients were attended in their homes, and 78 babies were born.

The property rented last year has been purchased, and the new hospital is now in course of erection, and should be ready for occupation at the end of the year. The plan provides for thirty beds, and can be extended. The nurses' quarters are in a separate house, and will accommodate a sufficient staff very comfortably.

As is the case with all the St. Helens Hospitals, I do not consider that a very large establishment is needed, but rather, where necessary, the establishment of out stations in working-men's quarters, to be worked from the main hospital.

The excellent staff of the St. Helens, Wellington, has been unchanged during the year, but in April Dr. Agnes Bennett left on leave for nine months, and Dr. Elizabeth Gunn was appointed to take temporary charge. The sub-matron, Miss Clarke, left to be married, and Miss Warnock was appointed. Ten pupils were trained during the year.

Notes by Medical Officer.—The work of the year has come more in rushes than usual, and, unfortunately, several patients who came in with false pains at these times of pressure felt the lack of comfort and refused to return. Eight country patients failed to get to the Hospital in time. Several mothers who had previously nursed on one breast on account of contracted nipples were discharged with both glands functioning.

St. Helens Hospital, Auckland.

Stipendiary medical staff: Tracy R. Inglis, Bach Med., Univ. Melb.

Matron: C. Ludwig.

From the 1st April, 1910, to the 31st March, 1911, 242 patients were admitted, and 241 children born. There were 2 maternal deaths; there were no deaths of infants. 167 patients were attended outside the Hospital in their homes, and 164 children were born alive. There was 1 maternal death and 1 death of infant.

The work of the Hospital has gone on very steadily throughout the year. At times the accommodation has been severely taxed, and several of the nurses have to live in rooms outside the Hospital. It will be necessary to build new wards in the near future. The present building would then serve very well for administration and nurses' quarters. It is shortly to be painted and thoroughly renovated. A new laundry was built during the year.

Dr. Tracy Inglis is the Medical Officer, and Miss Ludwig and Sister Paul, the Matron and sub-matron, continue to carry on the work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

Twelve pupils were trained during the year—several for country work—and there are now twelve in training.

Report of Medical Officer.—Scopolamine and morphia were used in eighteen cases, all primiparæ, and with good results—no bad effects on babies. The morbidity list is bigger this year, due mainly to an outbreak of scarlet fever, also an epidemic of influenza. The Cæsarian section, which is, I believe, the first done in a St. Helens Hospital in New Zealand, was very successful, the mother and child both making an uninterrupted recovery. However, until the Hospital is properly equipped with a modern theatre and an adequate supply of sterilized water, these cases are better done in the District Hospital. Three other cases of Cæsarian section which ought to have been in St. Helens I had to do elsewhere. The training of the nurses has been satisfactory. I should like to express my appreciation of the work of the Matron, Miss Ludwig, and the sub-matron, Sister Paul. The latter, who has been sub-matron since the inception of the Hospital, has now left us, and I should like to place on record her very valuable services to the Hospital. She has been most assiduous and conscientious in the carrying-out of her duties, and her place will be hard to fill.

St. Helens Hospital, Christchurch.

Stipendiary medical staff: William Irving, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.B., Bach. Surg., Univ. Camb.

Matron: M. M. Cameron.

From the 1st April, 1910, to the 31st March, 1911, 245 patients were confined, and 231 children were born. There were no maternal deaths; 6 deaths of infants. 79 patients were attended in their homes, and 79 children were born. There were no maternal deaths; 4 deaths of infants.

There has been nothing special to note of the work during the year. There was one case which needed isolation, and this, after several weeks, was sent to the general Hospital, where an operation was performed.

It has been decided to erect an entirely new St. Helens Hospital at Christchurch, and a property in Addington, within easy distance of train and tramway, has been acquired, and plans are now being prepared.