

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Christchurch, 104; Selwyn (old county), 16; Timaru, 1; Woolston, 1; Lyttelton, 3; Kaiapoi, 1; Rangiora, 1; Akaroa, 1; Amuri, 2; Ashley County, 3; other districts, 21; committed by Magistrate, 10; unascertained localities, 8.

The Samaritan Home was visited on 12th July. There were 27 in—2 waiting confinement. It is expected to move these to the Linwood Refuge shortly, and the place is to be taken over as a reformatory by the Justice Department. The men's part of the Home has practically been closed.

*Taurangi Old Men's Home, Hampstead.*

Stipendiary medical staff: G. Lyon, M.B., C.M.

Master: F. H. Knight.

Matron: Mrs. F. H. Knight.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Christchurch, 69; Selwyn (old county), 5; New Brighton, 1; Lyttelton, 4; Ashley, 2; Rangiora, 3; Waipara, 2; Akaroa, 1; Amuri, 2; Kaikoura, 2; Waimariri, 2; Ashburton district, 24.

Visited 27th October.

There were 56 inmates, some forty beds being vacant. There were only four beds unoccupied in the chronic ward, but it was obvious that a large number of those patients could be looked after in other parts of the institution, as they were not suffering from complaints of such an incurable or chronic nature as these wards were erected to receive.

I was sorry to hear—but it was not by any means unexpected—that there had been friction between the master and the trained nurse in charge of the chronic wards. This is what is always occurring in similar institutions where an untrained person is in control. The master is constantly on the lookout for an infringement on his authority, and the trained nurse is intolerant of any assumption of authority—imaginary or real—on the part of a person untrained in sick-nursing.

I reported this trouble to the Chairman of the Institution's Committee, Mr. Sorenson, who I am sure will know how to put a stop to the trouble that has arisen.

With this exception, the place was in excellent order; but I had occasion to point out to the Manager that, as compared with institutions of a similar size, the cost per bed was very high, especially under the items "Salaries" and "Domestic."

[NOTE.—Later reports show that now the chronic wards are under the control of the nurse in charge entirely, and supervised by the Lady Inspector of the Christchurch Hospital, everything is working most satisfactorily.]

*Armagh Street Depot.*

Stipendiary medical staff: J. F. Duncan, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.

Master: Andrew Russell.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Undefined—patients mostly itinerant.

*Waltham Orphanage.*

Stipendiary medical staff: J. F. Duncan, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.

Matron: Jean Donaldson.

Locality, broadly, from which children came: North Canterbury Hospital District.

*Female Refuge, Linwood.*

(See under "Maternity Homes," page 84.)

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Matron: Rose Macdonald.

Localities, broadly, from which patients came: Dunedin and suburbs, 1,486; Balclutha, 25; Catlin's, 59; Clinton, 10; Green Island, 45; Hindon, 1; Henley, 17; Lawrence, 31; Middlemarch, 26; Milton, 39; Mosgiel, 114; Palmerston, 65; Port Chalmers, 55; shipping, 29; Seacliff, 28; Kaitangata, 30; Roxburgh, 10; Auckland, 2; Christchurch, 4; Canterbury South, 3; Lake County, 1; Maniototo, 5; Nelson, 1; Oamaru, 13; Queenstown, 1; Southland, 21; Tapanui, 9; Taranaki, 1; Vincent, 13; Westland, 6; Wellington, 4.

Visited in October and January.

Owing to somewhat sensational statements which appeared in the Press in the early part of December, I instructed Miss Maclean to make an inquiry into matters connected with the nursing department of this Hospital. Though there were grounds for complaint as regards the