

Localities from whence patients came : Hobson, 164 ; Dargaville, 29 ; Otamatea, 10 ; Auckland, 4 ; Shipping, 2 ; Whangarei, 1 ; Hokianga, 1.

Not visited since last report.

During the year this Hospital—formerly known as Te Kopuru or Northern Wairoa Hospital—has been separated from the Marsden-Kaipara or Whangarei Hospital, and a separate hospital and charitable aid district formed.

*Whangarei Hospital.*

Medical staff, stipendiary : J. L. Frazer-Hurst, B.A., M.D., &c.

Matron : D. E. Giffney, R.N., R.M.

Localities from whence patients came : Whangarei County, 282 ; Whangarei Borough, 92 ; Bay of Islands, 63 ; Hikurangi, 38 ; Auckland, 8 ; Hobson, 4 ; Otamatea, 2 ; Hawke's Bay, 2 ; Shipping, 2 ; Wellington, 1 ; Waikato, 1 ; Rodney, 1 ; Palmerston North, 1.

Visited on 7th February, 1914.

There were 32 patients in the Hospital, 6 of these being women ; no cases in the isolation ward.

The new ward is for sixteen beds. There is a day-room attached which will serve for a reception-room for ambulance patients and a dressing-room for surgical cases that are up and for small operations, and a wide veranda on which patients can be put. The rest of the Hospital will require to be painted to be in accordance with this addition.

The accommodation for the staff is now quite satisfactory.

The laundry is not quite adequate for present requirements, and additions are under consideration. With the great increase of work the nursing staff has been increased and is now eleven including the Matron ; there are three Sisters and seven probationers.

The Hospital was in good order.

*Cottage Home, Whangarei.*

Medical staff, stipendiary : J. L. Frazer-Hurst, B.A., M.D., &c.

Master : J. Harker.

Matron : F. Harker.

Localities from whence patients came : Whangarei, 27 ; Hobson, 7 ; Otamatea, 6 ; Bay of Islands, 13.

Visited on 7th February, 1914.

There were 27 men in, and 1 woman.

The place was, as usual, in excellent order.

THAMES HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting : First Wednesday in month.

Chairman : William J. McCormick.

Secretary : Richard R. Lloyd.

Public Health Inspector : Bernard A. Franklin, Thames.

Institutions under Board's control : Thames Hospital, District Home.

*Thames Hospital.*

Medical staff, stipendiary : D. B. Walshe, M.B., Ch.B. (Melb.).

Matron : M. Wilson, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came : Thames Hospital District, 642 ; Auckland, 14 ; Waikato, 29 ; Whangarei, 2 ; Bay of Plenty, 8 ; Coromandel, 1 ; Waipatu, 1 ; Waihi, 7.

Visited on 13th January.

There were 50 patients in.

The Board has decided upon considerable building extensions and renovations. Plans for the additions to the nurses' quarters and kitchen have been approved, and also a special ward for D.T. cases, and finally the Board has just acquired from the District High School land immediately adjoining the Hospital which should be of great value to the institution, as the site on which the Hospital stands is very limited in size.

As usual, the institution and grounds were in excellent order.

*District Home, Tararu, Thames.*

Medical staff, stipendiary : D. B. Walshe, M.B., B.Ch. (Melb.).

Master : R. Hay Chapman.

Matron : Mrs. Hay Chapman.

Localities from whence patients came : Waihi, 1 ; Waikato, 1 ; Thames and Ohinemuri, 35.

Considerable improvements had been effected at this institution since my last visit, but female inmates could be accommodated with more safety on the ground floor. I wrote to the Chairman to this effect.

COROMANDEL HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting : Third Monday in each month.

Chairman : Samuel James.

Secretary : Richard Simmonds.

Public Health Inspectors : William Lee, Mercury Bay ; Frederick Franklin, Coromandel.

Charitable Aid Inspector : Philip J. Brown.

Institution under Board's control : Coromandel Hospital.