

Localities from whence patients came: Wanganui Borough, 524; Wanganui County, 78; Waimarino County, 12; Waitotara County, 7; Rangitikei County, 23; Marton Borough, 69; Taihape Borough, 5; Ohakune Borough, 14; Gonville Town District, 22; Castlecliff Town District, 22; Hunterville Town District, 23; Bull's Town District, 27; Mangaweka Town District, 17; Shipping, 2; other places, 53; total, 898.

Visited on 18th February, 1914.

There were 68 patients.

The Department has agreed to alterations in the new ward, which the staff did not consider altogether adapted for the accommodation of patients in cold weather.

The women's ward has just been repainted. The two new theatres are now completed. The small one intended for septic cases has not been used, and does not appear to have been urgently needed. A sterilizing-room has been added to the main theatre. In it is a huge sterilizer, far too large, and a great expense, as it requires to be boiled by a special furnace, while there is no means of providing sterilized water for operations except in jugs. A proper sterilizer for hot and cold water is needed.

The Hospital was in good order.

Taihape Hospital.

Medical staff, honorary: T. B. Whitton, M.D., L.R.C.S.; R. B. Turnbull, M.B., C.B., D.P.H.; H. E. Owen, L.R.C.P.

Medical staff, stipendiary: E. C. Barnett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; R. J. Boyd, M.D., C.M.

Matron: E. Southall.

Visited on the 10th March, 1914.

There were 11 patients in—4 men, 4 women, and 3 children.

Though early in the morning, the Hospital was in excellent order. The grounds have been laid out and much improved since last visited.

Jubilee Home Charitable Institution.

Medical staff, stipendiary: H. Hutson, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.

Master: Samuel J. Allen.

Matron: Mrs. C. H. Allen.

Visited on 18th February, 1914.

There were 31 inmates. The Home, as usual, was in excellent order.

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting: Second Thursday in month.

Chairman: James Glenny Wilson.

Secretary: William Stubbs.

Public Health Inspector: Morgan O'Brien, Palmerston North.

Charitable Aid Inspector: Frederick Aisher.

District Nurse: Maud Eliza Lloyd, R.N.

Institutions under Board's control: Palmerston North Hospital, Awapuni Old People's Home.

Palmerston North Hospital.

Medical staff, stipendiary: A. A. Martin, M.D., F.R.C.S.; P. T. Putnam, M.D., Ch.B.; C. W. Peach, M.D.

Matron: Mary McLagan, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came: Palmerston North, 377; Kairanga County, 124; Feilding, 65; Oroua, 61; Foxton, 44; Manawatu, 66; Kiwitea, 43; Pohangina, 19; Rongotea, 26; Wellington, 47; Wanganui, 20; other districts, 23.

Visited on 2nd March, 1914.

There were 26 male patients—19 women and 3 children; 1 patient in the consumptive annexe.

The new ward is almost completed. The kitchen has been enlarged and made more convenient.

A new Nurses' Home is to be erected, and many other improvements are being considered by the Board.

Everything was in excellent order.

The price paid for imported beds (£5 2s. 6d.), and for cots (£6 3s. 2d.), for the new wards is far too much. Equally good beds can be obtained in the Dominion at less cost.

WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting: Second Wednesday in alternate months.

Chairman: Edgar George Eton.

Secretary: F. Fitzherbert Green.

Public Health Inspectors: James Cairns, Masterton; Harry H. Keay, Greytown.

District Nurses: S. Carrie Jones, R.N., R.M., Nellie Nickless, R.N., R.M., Sadie E. Warnock, R.N., R.M.

Institutions under Board's control: Masterton Hospital, South Wairarapa Hospital, Pahiatua Hospital, Buchanan Home, Renall-Solway Home.

Pahiatua Hospital.

Medical staff, honorary: Hugh Paterson, M.B.; J. P. Jamieson, M.B., Ch.B.; W. A. Dunn, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.); P. H. Mules, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.).