

Administration.—Male cooks were introduced and the female cooks dismissed. This change in personnel has so far proved of distinct advantage. The meals have been cooked much more satisfactorily both for the patients and the staff, and the cleanliness of the kitchen and appointments thereof has shown marked improvement as compared with the condition of affairs under the female cooks. The supervision of the kitchen-garden, consisting of 11 acres, which had previously been the care of the farm-manager, was taken over by the institution on the 1st September, 1922, and a marked increase in production has been thereby effected.

X-ray Department.—The X-ray Department has been in operation during the last six months, and has assisted the professional side of the work of the institution in the matter of taking plates and screening. The return of the work done during the year is as follows: Total number of cases screened, 90; total number of plates taken, 132.

Laboratory.—The laboratory has been in full use throughout the year. The return of the work is as follows: Average number of sputum examinations for T.B. per month, 324; average number of sputum examinations for albumen, 50; average number of urine analyses per month, 70; average number of treatments by tungsten light per month, 165.5. Brief survey of work undertaken in the laboratory for the year, exclusive of above: Urine for T.B.; microscopic examinations and preparation of sections of tissue; cultivations for diagnosis (various pathological material); vomit examination, chemical and microscopic; pus, histological and cultural; veterinary examinations; swabs for gonorrhœa; sputum, histological, &c.; swabs, microscopic and cultural; preservation of specimens; P.M. assistance; examinations of blood for various purposes; preparation of culture media, &c.

Dispensary.—The dispensary has required throughout the year the full-time services of a dispenser. The return of work done is as follows: Average number of prescriptions dispensed monthly, 250; dispensing of stock-mixtures, &c.

Vocational Training.—The vocational workshops have been very satisfactorily attended by the patients, the number of patients attending and the hours attended in each subdivision being as follows —

	Average Number attending.		Average Hours attended per Month.	
Carpentry	11	560		
Leatherwork	22	554		
Basketwork	9	164		
Raffia-work	12	345		
Bed patients (knitting, &c.)	10	..		

In connection with the disposal of the articles made in these workshops, it has been suggested that a change in the policy hitherto adopted should take place. Owing to the existence of a recreational fund, service patients draw a monetary bonus as a result of the sale of work performed both by service and civilian patients. This, in effect, means that in a large percentage of cases the idea of providing occupational work on account of the purely mental benefit to be derived therefrom has been largely lost sight of by the patients, and the idea of personal gain has displaced the therapeutic value of the workshops in a number of cases. It cannot be denied that this is an unsatisfactory factor in the treatment of tuberculous patients, and it further has the disadvantage of making a line of demarcation between service and civilian patients, to the detriment of the latter.

Services.—The medical staff has given entire satisfaction throughout the year in their professional duties. The usual custom of seeing daily all patients before their daily exercise has been continued. Examinations of patients on exercise have been made periodically, and of cot cases frequently.

SECTION 5.—STATISTICS OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1922 AND 1923.

	King George V. Hospital.		Queen Mary Hospital.		Otaki Hospital.		Otaki Sanatorium.		Pukeora Sanatorium.	
	1922.	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	1923.
Number of patients in hospital at com- mencement of year	234	180	80	82	8	9	36	36	137	144
Number of patients admitted during year	633	598	390	379	138	169	71	76	276	273
Total admitted	867	778	470	461	146	178	107	112	413	417
Patients discharged cured	251	177	102	136	..	124	..	..	7	9
Patients discharged relieved	273	349	218	202	103	23	50	57	215	30
Patients discharged unrelieved	116	73	67	14	20	16	17	15	48	240
Patients who died	17	29	1	..	14	11	2	..	13	19
Patients transferred to other hospitals .. .. .	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Patients remaining in hospital at end of year	210	150	82	102	9	4	38	40	130	119
Total patients treated	867	778	470	461	146	178	107	112	413	417
Average daily number of patients treated	189	196	78	90	9.3	7.5	..	..	135	139
Average mean residence (<i>d</i> = days; <i>m</i> = months)	95 <i>d.</i>	73 <i>d.</i>	71 <i>d.</i>	54 <i>d.</i>	24 <i>d.</i>	15.3 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>m.</i>	6½ <i>m.</i>	120.2 <i>d.</i>	118.4 <i>d.</i>
Total number of deaths within 24 hours of admission	2	4	Nil	Nil	3	3	Nil	†	Nil	Nil
Rate of mortality per cent. over total cases under treatment	1.73	3.21	0.21	..	7.5	6.1	1.8	..	3.14	0.04
Total number of operations performed	279	369	Nil	Nil	23	28	Nil	..	Nil	Nil
Rate of mortality per cent. of operations	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4.25	3.5	Nil	..	Nil	Nil

† Number of deaths after discharge, 9.