

complex, and the most potent factor is the individual. Hereunder the assigned causations in the table referred to are grouped and shown in their relative proportions :—

						Males.	Females.	Total.
Heredity ..	..	..	..	..	..	15.02	13.21	14.18
Congenital	..	..	..	..	..	12.25	7.97	10.26
Predisposed by previous attack			..	..	..	10.47	18.22	14.18
Critical periods	..	..	..	..	..	18.77	28.92	23.49
Child-bearing (puerperal, non-septic, and lactation)	..				..	..	5.01	2.32
Mental stress	..	..	..	..	..	8.69	11.61	10.05
Physiological defect and error			..	..	..	4.54	4.55	4.55
Toxic, including—		M.	F.	T.				
Syphilis	..	7.11	0.91	4.23	}	15.21	3.19	9.63
Alcohol	..	7.11	1.36	4.44				
Traumatic	..	..	..	..	..	0.98	..	0.52
Disorder of nervous system, including—		M.	F.	T.				
Epilepsy	..	5.13	3.64	4.44		7.31	5.01	6.24
Other bodily affections	..	..	..	..		2.02	0.49	0.77
No definite cause assigned	..	..	..	..		4.74	1.82	3.81
						100.00	100.00	100.00

VOLUNTARY BOARDERS.

Year.	First Admission.			Not First Admission.			Total Admissions.			Transferred to Register of Patients.			Died.			Discharged.			Remaining on 31st December.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1912	6	17	23	0	0	0	6	17	23	1	3	4	0	0	0	4	3	7	1	11	12
1913	18	19	37	0	2	2	18	21	39	2	5	7	0	1	1	12	12	24	5	14	19
1914	17	19	36	3	2	5	20	21	41	7	5	12	1	1	2	11	15	26	6	14	20
1915	15	17	32	1	2	3	16	19	35	3	4	7	0	1	1	8	14	22	11	14	25
1916	13	23	36	5	8	13	18	31	49	4	4	8	1	2	3	14	14	28	10	15	25
1917	14	21	35	1	13	14	15	34	49	6	6	12	0	1	1	10	23	33	9	19	28
1918	23	38	61	5	11	16	28	49	77	1	4	5	2	2	4	15	30	45	19	32	51
1919	31	39	70	5	19	24	36	58	94	3	3	6	0	2	2	26	42	68	26	43	69
1920	26	38	64	16	12	28	42	50	92	3	4	7	1	2	3	33	33	66	31	54	85
1921	39	39	78	11	15	26	50	54	104	2	3	5	5	1	6	38	41	79	36	63	99
1922	47	38	85	10	16	26	57	54	111	6	5	11	4	4	8	40	48	88	43	60	103
1923	44	50	94	15	21	36	59	71	130	3	6	9	3	3	6	47	47	94	49	75	124
1924	38	44	82	16	20	36	54	64	118	4	8	12	6	3	9	39	48	87	54	80	134
1925	64	59	123	15	34	49	79	93	172	10	15	25	6	3	9	60	63	123	57	92	149
1926	71	60	131	11	29	40	82	89	171	10	11	21	7	2	9	49	71	120	73	97	170

It will be noted that there were 171 voluntary admissions in the year under review, that 120 were discharged, and that 21 boarders, representing 6.56 per cent. of the total under care, had to be transferred to the register of patients (having shown mental disorder in degree sufficiently pronounced and sustained to render it improper for them to be continued as voluntary boarders), while the proportion of deaths on average number resident was 5.92 per cent. The column devoted to "Not First Admissions" records readmissions on a return of illness in those previously treated to recovery as voluntary boarders. The figures above are an indication of public confidence and of good work being done. The average daily number of voluntary boarders in 1926 was 152 (m. 61, f. 91).

MENTAL NURSES.

In December the usual examination was held for the registration of mental nurses, when the following passed :—

Auckland: First Grade—Edward Barraclough, Douglas Henry Kirkland, Oliver Nicklinson, Margaret Reid; Second Grade—William Wallace Adams, Robina Blair, Daisy Ethel Parker, Henry Edmund Shaw.

Tokanui: First Grade—Paul Helwig; Second Grade—Robert Bourke, Edward Croasdale, Alastair Henry Kinghorn.

Porirua: Second Grade—Arthur Barstow, James Brown, Stanley Bertram Brown, Andrew Gibb, Carl Otto Hasse, Elsie Storeys Hodgins, Harold Jarvis, Peter Andrew Lambert, Frederick John Oliver, Alexander Smith, Annie Cullen Wardrop, Julia Wallace.

Nelson: Second Grade—Gladys Lilian Allport, Olive Hannah Bell, Naomi Mary Brown, Ida Emily Eyles, William Gourlay Gorman.

Hokitika: First Grade—Wreford Jack Carter, William Henderson, Mary Jane Rosevear; Second Grade—Imelda Agnes Mary Martini, Ernest Edward Oliver.

Christchurch: First Grade—George Bell Browning, James Callaghan, Ngaio Madeline Carter, Alexander Park Craig, Victor Hugh Drain, Myrtle Evelyn Ferguson, Florence Isabel Hodges, Arthur Sylvester Preston, Bessie Watson, John Edward Willis; Second Grade—Charles Edward Davies, John William Hartley, Thomas Arthur Turnbull, William Welton.

Seacliff: First Grade—Doris Alice Guild, Clorine Gladys Smith, Mary Isabella Westwood; Second Grade—Henry Dickson, Annie Hyde, Olga Law, Arthur Little, Williamena Frances Lobb, Malcolm McDougall, Bridgie O'Connor, William Simmons, James Hyslop Wilson.