

The plans and specifications for this work have now been completed, and the women's ward follows the modern principle of arranging the patients in small groups.

*Wairarapa Hospital Board.*—Numerous discussions were held before a suitable plan for extensions and additions to this hospital was decided upon. The building programme is extensive, as accommodation was short in practically every department. The building programme is as follows:—

Masterton Hospital: (1) New Nurses' Home at present under construction.

(2) New theatre block at present under construction.

(3) Remodelled and extended office block to be proceeded with.

(4) Extensions to tuberculosis annexe to proceed almost immediately.

(5) New three-story ward block, for which preliminary plans are at present being considered.

(6) New ante-natal clinic—work to proceed in the near future.

Greytown Hospital: Extensive additions to the accommodation provided for old people are at present under way.

Pahiatua Hospital: Plans and specifications for the installation of a central-heating system have been completed.

*Taumarunui Hospital Board.*—Owing to shortage of accommodation for the nurses, it has become necessary to provide extensions to the Nurses' Home. Plans and specifications for this are at present being prepared.

*Taranaki Hospital Board.*—During the year a large addition to the Nurses' Home was completed, and even now no more than barely sufficient accommodation for the nurses is provided. Plans and specifications for a new two-story tuberculosis annexe were prepared and a tender accepted. This building should proceed in the very near future. Future building operations for this Board include a complete new administration block.

*Stratford Hospital Board.*—The additions to the main hospital to provide out-patient and administration accommodation have been completed, and the Board has at present under consideration a scheme for the complete reorganization of the steam and heating services of the hospital.

*Wanganui Hospital Board.*—After numerous discussions it was decided that the most essential need at this hospital was modern provision for isolation cases. Plans and specifications have therefore been prepared for a complete new block designed on modern principles, and tenders should soon be called. Additions to the Nurses' Home were also completed during the year.

*Palmerston North Hospital Board.*—During the year the new two-story administration block was completed, and the Board is at present considering the following:—

(1) Additions to the laundry, for which plans and specifications are now completed.

(2) Large additions to the Nurses' Home, the preliminary plans of which are at present under discussion.

(3) Remodelling and extension of the two-story ward block, to convert it into a modern children's ward.

*Wellington Hospital Board.*—After careful investigation the Wellington Board have decided to proceed with large additions to the present main hospital. They are fortunate in that the position of existing buildings will allow a complete new block to house about 350 patients being erected without in any way interfering with or demolishing any of the existing buildings. Plans of this block are at present under discussion, and the work should commence during the present year. Plans and specifications for a large addition to the Nurses' Home of about 130 rooms are at present being prepared. Authority has also been granted to the Board to acquire a site for a future hospital in Lower Hutt. The Wellington Hospital during the last two years has been very much overcrowded, the main block having on many occasions at least two hundred extra beds therein. The accommodation for nurses has also been seriously overtaxed, and has been the subject of a report by departmental officers to the Board. The present proposals should, however, overcome their difficulties.

*Nelson Hospital Board.*—The accommodation at Nelson Hospital is also proving insufficient, and the Board is at present considering the erection of extensive additions to the existing hospital. This will include a two-story ward block for medical patients, new accommodation for isolation cases, and new accommodation for tuberculosis patients.

*Inangahua Hospital Board.*—During the year plans and specifications were prepared for an addition to the maternity annexe. A preliminary discussion was also held with the Board to consider future extensions to the existing hospital. Owing, however, to the numerous additions that have been made to this hospital in the past, the only way out of their present difficulties will be to erect a complete new institution.

*Buller Hospital Board.*—During the year new steam and hot-water services were completed, and an additional new boiler added. At present there are under discussion additions to the Nurses' Home and new theatre and out-patient block. A report was also furnished of future extensions to the Kawatiri Maternity Home, but the condition of this building is such that it will probably have to be replaced entirely.

*Grey Hospital Board.*—The plans and specifications for the proposed new two-story ward block and additions to the Nurses' Home were completed and a tender accepted. This work should proceed in the very near future.

*Westland Hospital Board.*—A new Nurses' Home was erected, and is now in occupation. Plans and specifications for a new theatre block and a new children's ward have been completed. Tenders have been called, and the work should commence very shortly. Owing to the increased activity of the Public Works Department in South Westland, considerable discussion has taken place on the question of providing some hospital accommodation in that area.