

It will be noted that there were 303 voluntary admissions in the year under review, that 285 were discharged, and that 21 boarders, representing 6·93 per cent. of the admissions, 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 of resident was 4·62 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 average daily number of voluntary boarders in 1937 was 346.

MENTAL NURSES.

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

Passed top for Dominion : Nurse G. M. Brown (Seacliff).

Auckland : Attendants—A. J. K. Baxter, N. O. Fairlie, D. J. Hill, H. M. Ross, F. E. Watt.

Nurses—A. M. Goodall, M. I. G. Inkpen, J. G. Johnston, N. E. I. Mills, E. M. Randall, V. K. Sheahan.

Kingsseat : Attendant—H. D. Simpson. Nurses—L. C. R. Roswell, K. M. Johnstone, N. M. Quigley.

Tokanui : Attendant—G. D. Thompson. Nurses—M. Casey, D. Cran, J. A. Elmsley,* M. E. Fordham.

Porirua : Attendants—A. C. Lassen, J. P. Duncan, J. J. Clark. Nurses—J. A. Baucke, M. B. Duncan, M. A. Pohl, E. T. Wholey, E. Willetts.

Nelson : Attendants—J. J. R. Cussen, A. A. McLean, R. L. D. Powrie. Nurses—N. I. Carter, M. R. Duffy, L. A. Kelly, M. A. Sowman.*

Hokitika : Nurse—J. Ward.

Christchurch : Attendants—G. J. Howell,* G. N. Newton. Nurses—N. Adam, N. I. Cameron, M. M. E. Clarke, M. M. Davidson, A. P. Gow, M. V. Hallins,* M. M. Nelson, N. W. Pounsford, M. Roberts, M. F. Sim, I. J. Woods. Institution Officers : Templeton

Farm—G. B. Grose, A. L. M. Anderson, M. K. Dwyer,* A. C. M. Murphy, A. R. Marshall.

Seacliff : Nurses—G. M. Brown,* U. M. Charteris, T. E. Corkin, W. M. Edwards, J. W. R. Haywood, L. M. King, J. M. E. P. Madell, R. M. Millar, N. M. M. Townsend, M. I. Tully.

* Passed with distinction.