

The King George V Coronation Memorial Hospital for Consumptives, forming an important addition to the Sanatorium of the North Canterbury Hospital Board, was opened by the Minister of the Department in June last. The campaign has been rigorously carried on in the Canterbury District under the able direction of Dr. Blackmore, assisted by Miss Rochfort, late Matron of the Te Waikato Sanatorium, who has been entrusted with much of the work of the Christchurch Tuberculosis Dispensary.

A report by the Medical Superintendent of Te Waikato Sanatorium (Dr. Alfred Bernstein) will be found on page 13.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

A very considerable amount of work has been involved in the administration of the regulations under the above Act, gazetted in 1912. On the whole it may be said that manufacturers and sellers have shown readiness to conform thereto. It is, as yet, too early to say what amendments may be required to render these regulations still more effective. So far, however, there has been little or no adverse criticism. In the matter of the adulteration of milk by the addition of water, prosecutions have been frequent; nevertheless the continuation of interference with this most important of food-stuffs appears to demand still more stringent measures. It is hoped that the more recent infliction of severe penalties for such adulterations will have a salutary effect.

#### HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE AID.

##### *Receipts.*

The total amount received by Boards, separate institutions, and Government institutions for the past year on account of hospitals, charitable aid, and public health was £660,464, an increase of £76,791 over the previous year, the receipts for the past four years being—

	£
1910-11 .. .. .	494,985
1911-12 .. .. .	556,108
1912-13 .. .. .	583,673
1913-14 .. .. .	660,464

The receipts from the principal sources of revenue were as follows:—

##### Government contributions—

1910-11 .. .. .	167,941
1911-12 .. .. .	189,011
1912-13 .. .. .	200,256
1913-14 .. .. .	219,520

##### Levies on local authorities—

1910-11 .. .. .	131,524
1911-12 .. .. .	149,203
1912-13 .. .. .	166,281
1913-14 .. .. .	175,120

##### Voluntary contributions—

1910-11 .. .. .	35,433
1911-12 .. .. .	31,656
1912-13 .. .. .	25,930
1913-14 .. .. .	49,856

##### Payments by persons relieved—

1910-11 .. .. .	61,983
1911-12 .. .. .	64,138
1912-13 .. .. .	77,369
1913-14 .. .. .	84,026

Voluntary contributions, though fluctuating considerably, show, in relation to the total expenditure, a downward tendency. Last year, however, the amount was swelled substantially by the gift of £15,000 from Mr. Cawthron, of Nelson.

Payments by persons relieved last year exhibit an increase of £6,657 over those for the previous year, payments by hospital patients almost wholly accounting for the increase.

Year.	Payments by Hospital Patients.	Payments by Inmates of Charitable Institutions.	Total.*
	£	£	£
1910-11 .. .. .	42,714	14,028	56,742
1911-12 .. .. .	47,338	16,698	64,138
1912-13 .. .. .	56,255	20,888	77,369
1913-14 .. .. .	62,680	20,987	84,026

\* Includes also district nursing fees.