

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW HOSPITALS.

The following list gives the names and main functions of public hospitals that have been opened since 1914–15 :—

Governing Board.	Hospital.	Number of Beds.
Whangaroa	Whangaroa (General)	10
Kaipara	Otamatea (Maternity and Emergency)	6
Auckland	Alexandra Convalescent Home	13
	Franklin Memorial (Maternity and Emergency)	13
	Warkworth (Maternity and Emergency)	6
Waikato	Kawhia (Maternity and Emergency)	4
	Matamata (Maternity and Emergency)	6
Tauranga	Te Puke (Maternity and Emergency)	6
Bay of Plenty ..	Whakatane (Maternity and Emergency)	33
Matakaoa	Te Araroa (General)	4
Taumarunui ..	Taumarunui (Maternity)	8
Cook	Tolaga Bay (Maternity and Emergency)	9
Hawke's Bay ..	McHardy (Maternity)	20
Taranaki	Opunake (Maternity and Emergency)	6
Wanganui	Raetihi (General)	9
Waipawa	Rathbone (Maternity)	6
Wellington ..	Macarthy Convalescent Home	22
Wairau	Wairau (Maternity)	12
Nelson	Motueka (Maternity)	10
Grey	Rewa (Maternity)	9
North Canterbury ..	Children's Fresh-air Home, Christchurch	32
	Waikari (Maternity and Emergency)	8
	Oxford (Maternity and Emergency)	10
	Amuri (Maternity and Emergency)	9
	Rangiora (Maternity)	10
	Ellesmere (Maternity and Emergency)	9
Ashburton	Malvern (Maternity)	7
	Rakaia (Maternity)	5
	Methven (Maternity)	5
South Canterbury ..	Fairlie (Maternity and Emergency)	6
	Geraldine (Maternity)	4
Otago	Prince Edward Convalescent Home	24
	Middlemarch (Maternity and Emergency)	6
	Roxburgh (Maternity and Emergency)	4
	Waikari (Infectious Disease)	35
South Otago	Milton (Maternity and Emergency)	12
	Owaka (Maternity and Emergency)	12
	Balclutha (General)	34
Southland	Lumsden (Maternity)	4
Mangonui	Kaitaia (Maternity)	5
Waikato	Huntly (General)	15
	Te Kuiti (General)	21
Hawke's Bay ..	Hastings Memorial (Maternity)	20
Palmerston North ..	Palmerston North (Maternity)	12
Buller	Kawatiri (Maternity)	7
North Canterbury ..	Cheviot (General)	7
	Chatham Islands (General)	2
	Darfield (Maternity)	5
	Lincoln (Maternity)	4
	Little River (Maternity)	2
Waitaki	Kurow (Maternity)	5
Otago	Palmerston (Maternity)	7
Thames	Paeroa (Maternity)	7

It will be observed that most of these hospitals are purely maternity hospitals or maternity hospitals with emergency beds, only eight being general hospitals.

There has also during this same period been a tendency towards divisions of hospital districts, and this, as a natural corollary, leads to the establishment of further hospitals. This subdivision is greatly to be regretted, and there is distinctly more need for amalgamation in some areas. This would undoubtedly lead to greater economy and efficiency. As a direct result of subdivision three general hospitals were established.

During the same period four small hospitals—at Arrowtown, Kumara, Otira, and Totara—have been closed.