

residential area. Considerable work has been done on the latter property, including roadmaking, completion of a tennis-court, levelling of a large playing-field: tree-planting for shelter-belts, decorative purposes, and provision for future firewood supplies; preparation of an orchard; and general cleaning, stumping, and draining.

On the farm, which is approximately 550 acres in extent, there now remains only about 80 acres not yet broken in. Three acres are cultivated for vegetable-garden produce. The area set apart for building purposes approximates 100 acres.

Two new villas are in course of construction, and should be ready for occupation in 1933.

A small laundry was built in order to relieve the Auckland Mental Hospital. It is worked by male patients under a nurse, and undertakes practically all washing for the present number of patients during good weather when the clothes can be dried outside.

In spite of the isolated position of the Institution, and its small staff, entertainment has not been neglected. Small dances for the patients are inaugurated from time to time, and many patients and staff have taken advantage of the tennis-court.

In December a ball was held. Many of the nurses from the Auckland Mental Hospital went out and whole-heartedly helped to make this first annual event a great success. Local residents were invited, and those who came seemingly enjoyed the entertainment thoroughly.

The female staff, under Acting-Matron McNoe, deserve credit for the cheerful services they have rendered. I cannot help feeling that the choice of Miss McNoe for the position of Matron was a happy one.

Mr. Fowlie, in charge of the male staff, has co-operated well with the female side, and his enthusiasm for the development of the new Institution has been most helpful and encouraging to me.

My thanks are due to the Rev. G. Jackson, who has held monthly services, which have been well attended by the patients.

I wish to put on record the yeoman service that has been given ungrudgingly by Mr. McFarlane, of the Public Works Department. Fortunately for us, he has taken a keen interest in the development of the new Hospital, and in every way has proved himself a valuable official and true friend.

Finally, I would like to express my great appreciation of the good services performed by the whole staff, whose keenness has rendered the pioneer work of this Hospital a pleasure.

#### TOKANUI MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Dr. PRINS reports:—

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1932.

The total number of cases under care has been 679, with a weekly average of 544. The admissions were 99 (53 males and 46 females) of whom 83 (43 males and 40 females) were admitted for the first time, an increase of 11 over last year. Thirty cases were admitted under section 8, the provisions of which outside the main centres appear to be very little known.

The general health of the Hospital has been good. Deaths numbered 26 (14 males, 12 females), senile decay being the principal cause.

Thirty-nine patients (19 males and 20 females) were discharged recovered.

The number of voluntary boarders under treatment during the year was 31 (16 males and 15 females), 10 (6 males and 4 females) being new admissions. The discharges were 15 (9 males and 6 females).

During the year the alterations to the main kitchen have been completed. A new boiler has been installed in the engine-room and a smaller one is awaiting installation. The sports-ground was sown, a good strike being obtained, and it has already been made use of for cricket. This has much improved the appearance of the Hospital. A number of ornamental trees and shrubs have been planted in the grounds and on the pathway to the Nurses' Home. At present much needed ventilation additions are being made to all the single rooms in the Hospital.

The weekly pictures have unfortunately ceased, but it is hoped that it will soon be possible to convert the machine into a "talkie." Amusements and recreation have consisted of tennis, swimming, bowls, concerts, dances, and bands. Loud-speakers have been fitted to all the wards in the main building. Church services have been held regularly.

Ten candidates were successful in the final examination, three nurses obtaining first-class passes.

Mr. Riordan, who had been many years here, left on promotion to Seacliff, and was succeeded by Mr. Lilly.

Mr. Battson has visited the Hospital frequently.

In conclusion, I have to thank all the staff for their help and co-operation in the work of the Hospital.

#### PORIRUA MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Dr. WILLIAMS reports:—

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1932. The total number under care and observation during the year was 2,013, of whom 1,772 were committed cases, 224 were voluntary boarders, and 17 were admitted on remand.

Under all headings there were 440 admissions for the year, 221 were discharged, 69 were transferred, and 103 died. The total number of certified patients admitted was 302, 70 of these coming in under the provisions of section 8 of the amendment to the Act. The number discharged was 135; 69 were transferred.

One hundred and twenty-one came in as voluntary boarders during the year; 68 were men and 53 women. Fifty-two men and 35 women, a total of 87, were discharged.