

I hope earnestly that officials concerned will somehow be made to realise the necessity of such centres as we have commenced here. This important branch of preventive medicine, the proper care of infants and growing children is no less important in urban districts as it is in Native reserves.

Most willingly, quite a good number of serious cases were kept here free of charge for a considerable time. But unfortunately, during the past year, we were obliged, for lack of funds, to discharge many children who were far from fit and whose parents or guardians would willingly have let them continue with treatment, had they been able to afford the fees. For the medical and nursing profession that is a most distressing state of affairs.

Most sincerely we hope that 1943 will bring aid and improvement so that we may be able to help many of these little ones.

Return of Patients for the Year ended 31st December, 1942

Patients	Male	Female	Total
Patients in hospital, 1/1/42	9	24	33
Admissions during year	134	193	327
Total	143	217	360
Discharges during year	124	188	312
Died during year	6	7	13
Remaining at the end of the year	13	22	35
Total	143	217	360

Daily Averages of Occupied Beds

January	31.0	July	24.5
February	32.7	August	23.3
March	25.0	September	25.2
April	25.0	October	27.4
May	19.0	November	28.2
June	25.7	December	35.7

Return of Diseases of In-Patients

1. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases:

Dysentery	80
Syphilis	62
Gonorrhoea	14
Bilharzia	2
Influenza	29
Whooping Cough	19

Meningitis	1
T.B. (Pulmonary)	27
T.B. (other than Pulmonary)	1
Erisipelas	1
Typhoid Fever	4
Scabies	4
Malaria	9
Ophthalmia	11

2. Affections of Nervous System and Sense Organs:		Pneumonia	10
Epilepsy	1	Broncho-Pneumonia .	8
Sciatica	1	Asthma	1
Conjunctivitis	2	Pleurisy with Effusion	1
Otitis Media	4		
3. Diseases of Digestive System:		6. Diseases of Genito-Urinary System:	
Dyspepsia	2	Cystitis	3
Diarrhoea	15	Metritis	3
Enteritis	5	Nephritis	1
Hepatitis	1	Salpingitis	4
Marasmus	1	7. Various:	
Liver Abscess	1	Rheumatism	1
4. Diseases of Circulatory System:		Rickets	11
Myocarditis	1	Tetanus	1
Endocarditis	1	Jaundice	3
Angina Pectoris	3	Round Worms	4
Anaemia	5	Tape Worms	12
5. Diseases of Respiratory System:		Abscesses	2
Acute Bronchitis	4	8. Injuries and Surgical Cases	23
Chronic Bronchitis	5	9. Disturbances of Pregnancy:	
		Abortions	2
		Deliveries	65

ST. BENEDICT'S HOSPITAL, NKANDLA

Annual Report

The Hospital suffered the inevitable drawback connected with frequent changes of staff. Circumstances necessitated two changes of Sister-in-charge of the hospital. On account of weak health, Sr. F. Frey wished for a lighter post than hers at Mbongolwane. Consequently she was transferred to Nkandla on April 10th, taking the place of Sr. W. Winter, who in turn took up work on the staff at Nongoma Hospital. After the short space of 10 days, on April 20th, Sr. F. Frey, of noble memory, was suddenly overtaken by death whilst attending to a patient. We refer the reader to a note of tribute to the self-sacrificing devotion of the dear departed in last year's annual report of the St. Francis' Hospital, Mahlabatini. The loss of Sr. F. Frey is keenly felt by all who knew her. She was an excellent nurse, well liked and appreciated by all the patients at Mahlabatini and Mbongolwane who ever experienced the com-

fort of her friendly ways and selfless devotion to her duty; and we shall always bear her a grateful memory.

Sr. R. Bertsche, who followed Sr. F. Frey as Sister-in-charge, took up her post with the best will to do her best for the benefit of her patients.

The daily average of in-patients has slightly increased; the number of maternity cases rose from 37 in 1941 to 49 in 1942.

We thank the Native Recruiting Corporation for a donation of £25 and Mr. Harvey for a donation of £5.

The Hospital continues its fierce struggle, being without financial support from Government Departments. But we sincerely hope that some assistance will be given to us in the course of 1943, in order, somewhat, to relieve the heavy burden that rests upon us in the form of cares and anxieties as to how to find the means to continue the work

ALAN GEIGER,
Secretary.

Nongoma,
19th January, 1943.

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Staffs of the four Hospitals.

Nongoma:

Resident Medical Officers	Dr. A. Ruben
	Dr. E. Katz
Visiting Surgeons	Dr. F. Kevekordes
	Dr. T. McHugh
Honorary Consultant, Tuberculosis	Dr. B. A. Dormer
Matron	Sr. J. S. Kafer
Sister in charge (Maternity)	Sr. F. R. May
Sister in charge (European wards)	Sr. M. Edmara
Laboratory Assistant	Mrs. K. Ruben
X-Ray Technician	Sr. D. Bonnenberg
Three Sisters and 24 Probationers	

Mahlabatini:

Resident Medical Officer	Dr. F. Kevekordes
Matron	Sr. A. Rougé
Staff Nurses	Vera Nomadolo
	Christine Masondo

Mbongolwane:

Medical Officer	Dr. T. McHugh
Matron	Sr. S. Hooper
Staff Nurses	Sr. Macaria Seul
	Therese Leeuw

Five Probationers.

Nkandla:

Medical Officer	Dr. G. Abel
Sister in charge	Sr. R. Bertsche
Secretary and Treasurer for all Hospitals	Alan Geiger
Address: Benedictine Mission Hospital, Nongoma.	

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