

## RETURN OF DISEASES OF IN-PATIENTS

### 1. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases

Scabies	2
Typhoid Fever	4
Dysentery	45
Syphilis	83
Gonorrhoea	12
Bilharzia	1
Influenza	36
Whooping-cough	4
T.B. Pulmonary	29
Chickenpox	1
Erysipelas	2
Ophthalmia	41

### 2. Nervous System and Sense Organs

Epilepsy	2
Neuralgia	1

### 3. Diseases of digestive System

Dyspepsia	2
Diarrhoea	20
Enteritis	3
Hepatitis	1
Marasmus	1
Gastritis	1
Chronic appendicitis	1
Accidents and Injuries	14
Deliveries	90

### 4. Diseases of Circulatory System

Myocarditis	1
Mitralstenosis	3
Endocarditis	1

### 5. Diseases of Respiratory System

Tonsillitis	1
Quiusy	1
Pneumonia	51
Bronchitis	12
Pleurisy	1
Asthma	1

### 6. Diseases of Genito-Urinary System

Metritis	1
Cystitis	4
Salpingitis	1
R. P. C.	2

### 7. Other various Diseases

Rheumatism	5
Tape worms	3
Rickets	2
Threed worms	1
Round worms	5
Haemorrhage (uterine)	1
Haemorrhage (placenta-praevia)	2
Vincent's Angina	1
Urticaria	1
Eczema	1

## RETURN OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

*(Figures of 1940 in brackets)*

<i>Patients</i>	<i>Natives</i>		
	Male	Females	Total
Patients in hospital at beginning of year	7 ( 1)	8 ( 7)	15
Admissions during year	139 (71)	366 (209)	505
Total	146	374	520
Discharges during year	133	341	474
Died during year	4 (4)	9 (2)	13
Remaining at the end of the year	9	24	33
Total	146	374	520

*In-patients*

DAILY AVERAGES FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS IN 1941

(Figures of 1940 in brackets)

January	13.7	(10.5)
February	17.1	(11.4)
March	21.1	( 7.7)
April	24.8	(10.0)
May	27.8	( 9.0)
June	31.0	(13.7)
July	27.8	( 9.7)
August	28.4	(11.0)
September	27.4	( 7.5)
October	30.8	(11.4)
November	31.7	(15.3)
December	41.2	(12.7)
Daily average of occupied beds	26.9	(10.8)
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# St. Benedict's Hospital, Nkandla

## ANNUAL REPORT

Although the cause of much worry and anxiety, Nkandla Hospital has progress to record which may be on a smaller scale than the other hospitals, yet not of less merit. The number of admissions rose in the course of the year from 88 to 142 including 37 maternity cases. The Return of Diseases shows that the hospital played its part nevertheless, nobly giving relief in proportion to its strength under abnormally difficult circumstances. Credit is first and foremost due to the Sister-in-charge for her magnificent and untiring efforts. We express our gratitude to Dr. G. Abel for his services to the hospital.

During 1941 a Hospital Board was founded and the Magistrate of Nkandla was duly elected chairman. This honour is due to him since, from the very beginning he urged the necessity of building district hospitals and encouraged us to meet this demand by erecting a hospital.

The hospital is still a private establishment without any assistance whatsoever. Neither the Native Affairs Department nor the Provincial Administration nor

Public Health Department could see a way of giving financial support to our hospital. Therefore we are all the more grateful for a donation of £25 from the Native Recruiting Corporation and £5 from Mr. Harvey, Nkandla. The running of the hospital has been a heavy burden; for to continue hospital work for the natives without receiving support from the Government is a serious problem. But it is a painful, not to say a bitter feeling to know that we are neglected for reasons not in keeping with the professed aim of aiding the suffering, a principle held in common by all interested in health and social welfare.

I hope that our efforts and endeavours will be increasingly fruitful and will also be acknowledged and appreciated by all and as far as possible materialised.

Eshowe, 21st January, 1942.

*Alan Geiger*

*Secretary*

## RETURN OF DISEASES OF IN-PATIENTS

Abcess	1	Septic wounds	1
Eczema	1	General debility	5
Enteritis	10	Otitis media	1
Dysentery	2	Intestinal Parasites	3
Influenza	11	Scabies	3
Tuberculosis	1	Liver abcess	1
Bronchitis	13	Tumor	2
Pneumonia	18	Metritis	2
Pertussis	4	Syphilis	3
Tonsillitis	2	Meningitis	1
Neurosis	1	Disturbances of pregnancy	9
Hernia	1	Snake bite	1

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