per 1000 exclusive of Maories, and 3·35 inclusive of Maories. It is an unfortunate fact that while the native-born inhabitants of New Zealand contribute considerably more than two-thirds of the population, they contribute less than one-third to the number of the insane. It would appear that the colony is thus burdened with the support of the majority of the insane, who were born outside its borders. One in a thousand of all immigrants, tourists, etc., became insane within the year in which they arrived (1905), and contributed 4·7 *per cent.* of the admissions (659) for that year. Dr. Hay finds that there is a remarkably low incidence of insanity among the New Zealand born, and suggests that the conditions of colonial life awaken the prepotencies of the race and assist the environment to triumph over evil heredity.

The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was—males 39·75; females 47·73; total 42·94 for the year 1906. The percentage of deaths on the average number resident was—males 8·1; females 6·71; total 7·48. Only 13 deaths were due to tubercular disease, and there were no dysenteric disorders.

Dr. Hay refers to the training and registration of mental nurses, and hopes to have the support of the department for general hospitals in their receiving mental nurses for further training and special certification, without loss of seniority in their own sphere.

In conclusion, he expresses general satisfaction with the year's work, and closes a most interesting report which is indicative of real progress.

AUSTRALASIAN MEDICAL CONGRESS, MELBOURNE, 1908.

We are glad to observe that our colleagues in Australasia have arranged for an Inter-State Medical Congress to be held this year in Melbourne, from October 19th till the 24th. The Section of Neurology and Psychiatry will be served as Secretary by Dr. Beattie Smith, 4, Collins Street, Melbourne. Dr. Truby King, of Seaclill, New Zealand, has been elected President. In addition to the usual dfscussions there will be a Museum of Pathological Work, and the Section will visit the new Receiving House and the Acute Mental Hospital. Contributions to the Congress will be welcomed by Dr. Beattie Smith, and we hope this new venture will be a great success.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meeting.—The next meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Miller, at Hatton Asylum, Warwick, on Thursday, February 20th, 1908.

South-Eastern Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Seward, at Colney Hatch Asylum, on April 28th, 1908.

South-Western Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Soutar, at Barnwood House, Gloucester, on April 24th, 1908.

Northern and Midland Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Adair, at Storthes Hall Asylum, near Huddersfield, on April 30th, 1908.

Irish Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Leeper, at St. Edmundsbury, Lucan, on April 30th, 1908.

Scottish Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held on March 20th, 1908.

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