

Notwithstanding its structural defects, this continues to be a well-managed and comfortable not to say luxurious institution. The number of patients treated was 146. All spoke in the highest terms of the treatment they received. There is a good supply of instruments, which are very well kept.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	112
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	856
Total under treatment				968
Discharged	...	...	...	773
Died	...	...	...	101
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				94

Sex.—Males, 694; females, 274.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and Suburbs, 596; Auckland Hospital District, 227; northern districts, 66; southern districts, 38; shipping, 41.

Country.—New Zealand, 329; England and Wales, 272; Ireland, 191; Scotland, 66; Australia, 22; Germany, 17; America, 14; India, 9; Holland, 8; Sweden, 6; France, 4; Fiji, 4; Norway, 3; Africa, 2; Samoa, 2; Denmark, 2; Austria, 2; Mauritius, 2; Azores, 1; Canada, 1; Belgium, 1; Portugal, 1; China, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; unknown, 7.

Religion.—Church of England, 487; Roman Catholic, 250; Presbyterian, 128; Wesleyan, 51; Baptist, 16; Salvationists, 10; Church of Christ, 4; Lutheran, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Jewish, 2; Mormon, 1; Confucian, 1; no religion, 14.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 36,796; individual average days' stay, 38.0. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 413; attendances, 3,285.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	2,012	11	8	Rations	...	1,780	15	10
Local bodies	...	2,012	11	8	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	124	0	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	62	12	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	623	17	5
Bequests	...	1,229	0	0	Fuel and light	...	569	14	3
Rents	...	394	13	3	Bedding and clothing	...	193	15	4
Patients' payments	...	1,880	11	1	Furniture and earthenware	...	292	7	10
Other sources...	...	41	6	5	Washing and laundry	...	184	18	10
					Salaries and wages	...	1,880	5	1
					Fees to consulting staff	...	63	0	0
					Water-supply	...	125	6	5
					Funerals	...	47	19	6
					Repairs	...	116	12	2
					Additions to buildings and drainage	...	702	12	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	39	19	8
					Maintenance of nurses' home	...	609	19	9
					Insurance	...	8	5	0
					Arnaboldi inquiry	...	45	0	6
					Proportion of office expenses	...	166	10	0
					Other expenses	...	58	6	2
Total	...	£7,633	6	1	Total	...	£7,633	6	1

The affairs of this institution have been before the public so much lately that it is not necessary for me to say more here than that the Board have found by experience that it is not prudent to refuse to be guided by the example of similar institutions elsewhere, and have agreed to return to the old system of having an honorary medical and surgical staff. It is to be hoped that the medical profession will admit that they too had been unreasonable in their action, and that henceforth we may see no further difficulties in the working of this Hospital. The evidence given before the Commissioners clearly shows that some change is required in the provisions of the law in the direction of admitting some representatives of the medical staff to the governing bodies, at any rate of our largest hospitals. I am glad to see that an increase of salary has been given to Mr. Schofield, whose general administration of this Hospital has been most careful and economical.

BLLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	20
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	92
Total under treatment				112
Discharged	...	...	...	83
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				21