

My visits to this Hospital are always a source of great pleasure to me. Everything about it is satisfactory. Its management is liberal, without being extravagant. The doctor is skilful and most attentive to his work; and the steward and his wife are most satisfactory. There is a good stock of instruments and antiseptic appliances of all kinds. The public, and especially the member for the district, take a very great interest in the Hospital.

#### WANGANUI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	...	...	23
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	172
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Total under treatment ...	...	...	195
Discharged ...	...	...	159
Died ...	...	...	14
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Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	22

*Sex.*—158 males, 37 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Wanganui, 62; district north of Wanganui, 20; district south of Wanganui, 113.

*Nationality.*—English, 67; Scotch, 21; Irish, 47; Colonial, 53; German, 2; Danish, 2; Swedish, 2; American, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 77; Roman Catholic, 48; Presbyterian, 38; Wesleyan, 9; others, 23.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 7,685; individual average days' stay, 39·41. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 52; attendances, 283.

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	...	466	13	8	Rations ...	...	...	279	6	11
Local bodies ...	...	...	418	13	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	...	2	10	7
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	...	6	18	3	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	...	149	0	2
Rents ...	...	...	406	17	10	Fuel and light ...	...	...	97	2	1
Patients' payments ...	...	...	165	2	10	Bedding and clothing ...	...	...	32	8	0
Other sources ...	...	...	20	4	3	Furniture and earthenware ...	...	...	86	5	7
Balance from last year ...	...	...	228	13	4	Washing and laundry ...	...	...	39	1	7
						Salaries and wages ...	...	...	580	10	8
						Water-supply and rates ...	...	...	27	6	3
						Funerals ...	...	...	11	7	0
						Repairs ...	...	...	35	7	4
						Additions to buildings ...	...	...	171	0	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	...	23	9	2
						Other expenses ...	...	...	88	5	2
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Total ...	...	...	£1,713	3	10	Total ...	...	...	£1,623	0	6

I have inspected this Hospital twice during the year, and on each occasion found everything working well. Miss Hope, whom I knew well in the Wellington Hospital as a capable nurse, had her department in thorough order. Her two assistants also I knew as good nurses. I was very disappointed to find the trustees had actually built a new fever-ward at a considerable cost, as a part of the old hospital. This ought to be pulled down as unfitted from its construction for its purposes. It was all very well to put off the building of a new hospital till better times; but to sink more money in a new building, which must either soon be removed or greatly embarrass the planning of a new hospital, or if a new site is chosen must be useless, was to my mind a very great mistake. The labour and trouble caused to doctors, nurses, and patients by the existing building, with its manifold disadvantages, I had hoped would be soon removed, but now I am afraid this new expenditure will perpetuate the evil. I found all the patients were being carefully treated by Drs. Connolly and Innes, and I heard no complaints.

#### WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	...	...	136
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	881
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Total under treatment ...	...	...	1,017
Discharged ...	...	...	812
Died ...	...	...	83
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Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	122

*Sex.*—640 males, 377 females.