

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	...	...	83
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,054
Total under treatment	...	...	1,137
Discharged	...	...	932
Died	...	...	106

Remaining on 31st March, 1898 ... 99

Sex.—693 males, 444 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Dunedin and suburbs, 696; Allanton, 5; Burnside, 5; Brighton, 5; Christchurch, 4; Clinton, 9; Clutha, 12; Catlin's, 8; Clyde, 2; Green Island, 9; Gore, 6; Hyde, 5; Hindon, 6; Inchelutha, 3; Kaitangata, 12; Lawrence, 5; Milton, 14; Mosgiel, 22; Middlemarch, 4; Maungatua, 4; Outram, 7; Port Chalmers, 22; Palmerston, 9; Peninsula, 12; Roxburgh, 6; Ravensbourne, 13; Seacliff, 9; East Taieri, 9; Waikouaiti, 15; Waitati, 9; shipping, 22; others, 168.

Country.—New Zealand, 484; Scotland, 198; England, 197; Ireland, 127; Victoria, 30; New South Wales, 9; South Australia, 5; Tasmania, 5; Canada, 4; China, 21; Jersey, 5; Shetland, 5; Norway, 4; Sweden, 7; Germany, 7; United States, 4; France, 3; East Indies, 2; Denmark, 2; Finland, 2; Russia, 2; others, 14.

Religion.—Presbyterian, 408; Church of England, 318; Roman Catholic, 207; Baptist, 44; Confucian, 21; Congregationalist, 14; Church of Christ, 18; Church Brethren, 5; Freethinker, 1; Greek Church, 1; Jewish, 6; Lutheran, 13; Methodist, 5; Mahometan, 1; Primitive Methodist, 5; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Salvationist, 10; Wesleyan, 46; Society of Friends, 1; Latter-day Saints, 1; no religion, 7.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 36,688; individual average days' stay, 32.26. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,918; attendances, 6,943.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
From Government	2,972	11	8	Rations	1,866	18	2
Local bodies	2,700	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	150	14	6
Subscriptions and donations	216	9	2	Surgery and dispensary	888	2	6
Patients' payments	1,168	14	8	Fuel and light	784	6	7
Other sources	321	16	6	Bedding and clothing	59	1	6
Balance from last year	81	3	7	Furniture, earthenware, &c.	285	3	9
				Salaries and wages	2,307	14	9
				Water-supply	105	1	0
				Funerals	6	15	0
				Repairs	305	14	10
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	66	1	2
				Interest	1	0	6
				Insurance	24	4	0
				Commission	11	2	6
				Honorary medical staff	110	5	3
				Other expenses	256	4	4
Total	£7,460	15	7	Total	£7,228	10	4

Mrs. Neill and myself have made several visits to this hospital during the year. The management is good, the Trustees keenly interested in all that concerns the welfare of the patients and the staff, Mr. Burns is an excellent steward, the nursing staff is efficient, while the medical and surgical work is kept up to date by the stimulating influence of the Medical School. The Nurses' Home is a building admirably designed for comfort and stability. The one drawback to this hospital is that it never as a whole can be anything but an unsystematic collection of incongruous and experimental excrescences from an administrative centre designed originally for a radically different purpose. The money that has been spent here since the Commission of 1890 would have gone far towards providing a modern hospital on a healthy site.

The new operating theatre is an up-to-date feature of this hospital, and the most perfect of its kind in New Zealand. A new kitchen is being built to replace the former unsatisfactory quarters allotted to the culinary department, and the foundations of a new children's ward cover a portion of the space between the Nurses' Home and the main building.

DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	45
Total under treatment	...	...	48
Discharged	...	...	42
Died	...	...	4
Remaining on 31st March, 1898	...	...	2