

Visited 19th January, 1898. The governing body of this hospital have had cause to regret they did not accept and act on the advice I gave at my last visit about reorganizing their staff. They have at last made up their minds to make an end of the old system, and I think Miss McCarthy will make an excellent matron if properly supported. The male assistant ought to be got rid of, and the "chamber of horrors," as the small lean-to ward is called, ought either to be pulled down or properly cleaned and ventilated.

ROTORUA SANATORIUM.

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1898.

	£	s.	d.
Resident medical officer	400	0	0
Matron	105	0	0
Bath attendants and servants	418	17	0
Rations	249	11	3
Fuel and light	66	14	11
Bedding, &c.	20	4	6
Surgery and dispensary	27	1	4
Wines, &c.	0	19	0
Furniture and crockery	8	3	0
Miscellaneous	32	17	0
	1,329	8	0
Received for maintenance	427	15	6
	£901	12	6

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	13
Admitted during the year	79

Total under treatment	92
Discharged	80
Died... ..	—

Remaining on 31st March, 1898	12
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Localities from which Patients came.—New Zealand, 77; Victoria, 1; West Australia, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 23; England, 19; Scotland, 9; Ireland, 19; Australia, 2; Germany, 2; Isle of Man, 1; India, 1; Holland, 1; Italy, 1; Denmark, 1.

Total collective days' stay in sanatorium, 4,065; individual average days' stay, 44.18. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5d.

The Government have determined to appoint an expert in hydrotherapeutics to take charge of the organization of our thermal springs district. Pending this appointment the Government have contented themselves with carrying out the drainage system so essential for the future development of Rotorua. The other developments in contemplation it was felt ought to be carried out, under the guidance of an officer who had special knowledge of similar undertakings in other parts of the world.

The hospital building at Rotorua must necessarily form an integral part of any scheme that may be adopted for turning to account the marvellous resources of this district; so that before long we may expect to see the chaotic state of things which has hitherto prevailed, owing to divided responsibility, entirely superseded and replaced by an intelligible organization, for which one man shall be responsible. So far as the organization of the hospital itself is concerned, there is little to find fault with. The patients are comfortable and well attended to, and for the matron, Miss Thompson, I have nothing but the highest praise. The bath-keepers also have fulfilled their duties, often very onerous, very creditably.

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