

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	6,858	7	10	Rations	...	...	3,544	19	0
Local bodies	...	...	6,858	7	9	Nurses' Home, maintenance	...	...	1,460	19	5
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	91	6	2	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	...	175	19	0
Bequests	...	...	3,269	19	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	2,076	11	7
Rents	...	...	288	14	3	Fuel and light	...	...	1,090	3	4
Patients' payments	...	...	3,554	15	1	Bedding and clothing	...	...	555	18	4
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	168	11	1
						Furniture and earthenware for					
						operating theatre	...	...	442	12	6
						Washing and laundry	...	...	456	10	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	4,327	5	11
						Water-supply	...	...	314	9	3
						Funerals	...	...	33	5	6
						Maintenance of grounds	...	...	142	17	6
						Repairs	...	...	417	15	11
						New buildings	...	...	3,869	7	10
						Printing, advertising, postage, and					
						stationery	...	...	97	15	2
						Legal expenses	...	...	17	2	6
						Insurance	...	...	50	3	3
						Proportion of office expenses	...	...	471	16	1
						Purchase of land for road forma-					
						tion and fencing	...	...	702	6	0
						Expenses of Royal Commission...	...	...	373	1	3
						Other expenses	...	...	132	0	4
Total	...	...	£20,921	10	9	Total	...	...	£20,921	10	9

This Hospital was frequently visited during the year. It has been a year of great turmoil and confusion. At length a Royal Commission was appointed, who presented a very drastic report. One good thing has issued from it. The honorary staff has been, with the exception alluded to, reorganized, and Dr. Robertson has been appointed Chairman of the staff. He is determined to do all that in him lies to effect reforms. Of late years the proper training of nurses has been almost entirely neglected. I am glad that Dr. McKellar, to whom the nurses in the past have owed so much, has resumed teaching, and I have no doubt the State examination will in future show great improvements. The Board are very much in earnest in their determination to reform the sanitary arrangements, which have been so often pressed on their notice. The bath-rooms, closets, and urinals are all out of date. The whole space in the corner towers ought to be gutted and the utterly useless back stairs removed. Hot- and cold-water basins should be provided in each of the ward and the whole ground floor renovated and ventilated as I have recommended.

## BLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	20
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	193
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Total under treatment	...	...	...	213
Discharged	...	...	...	176
Died	...	...	...	20
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Remaining on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	17

*Sex.*—150 males, 63 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Marlborough.

*Country.*—England, 34; Scotland, 17; New Zealand, 114; Ireland, 14; Australia, 3; Germany, 1; Wales, 1; Norway, 2; Portugal, 1; Sweden, 3; Canada, 2; India, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 97; Roman Catholic, 45; Presbyterian, 26; Mormon, 2; Jewish, 1; Wesleyan, 11; Salvationist, 2; no denomination, 9.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,656; individual average days' stay, 26.55. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 3d.