

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	91
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,461
Total under treatment				1,552
Discharged	...	...	...	1,288
Died	...	...	...	148
Remaining on 31st March, 1905				116

Sex.—935 males, 617 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Christchurch, 794; Suburbs, 237; North Canterbury, 351; Lyttelton, 89; no fixed residence, 81.

Country.—New Zealand, 662; England, 327; Ireland, 158; Scotland, 87; Australia, 85; Wales, 10; Tasmania, 14; Germany, 15; China, 1; Sweden, 3; North America, 4; Austria, 1; Switzerland, 1; Norway, 1; Denmark, 6; Finland, 3; Holland, 1; North India, 1; Belgium, 1; Sweden, 1; France, 2; Greece, 1; Syria, 3; Chathams, 1; unknown, 163.

Religion.—Church of England, 641; Roman Catholic, 244; Presbyterian, 237; Methodist and Wesleyan, 167; Lutheran, 25; Congregational, 8; Baptist, 28; Greek Church, 3; Jewish, 3; Our Fathers, 3; Plymouth Brethren, 15; Church of Christ, 5; Salvation Army, 70; no religion, 103.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 37,520; individual average days' stay, 24.17. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 6d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Attendances, 10,996.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	5,721	12	10	Rations	2,472	12	11
Local bodies	5,233	14	1	Wines, spirits, &c.	63	19	7
Subscriptions and donations	62	0	6	Surgery and dispensary	906	6	10
Bequest	250	0	0	Fuel and light	1,328	6	4
Patients' payments	1,011	18	10	Bedding and clothing	321	12	11
Other sources	16	19	0	Furniture and earthenware	351	13	3
Balance from last year	470	12	0	Salaries and wages	4,135	17	0
				Funerals	26	5	0
				Repairs	283	1	8
				New buildings	1,412	3	4
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	71	15	4
				Insurance	87	2	10
				Commission	2	10	9
				Casual Ward, Lyttelton	148	0	11
				Other expenses	251	18	4
Total	£12,766	17	3	Total	£11,863	7	0

Hospital Boards seem often to think that because things are smooth on the surface the management of their Hospital is all that could be desired. This is only the smooth surface of stagnation, allowing an accumulation of weeds to check progress. Such has been the condition of Christchurch Hospital for the last few years, but the present Board have had details of inefficient internal management placed before them in plain terms by the honorary staff and this by Department, and seem willing to do what lies in their power to remedy the errors of former Boards.

COROMANDEL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	7
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	71
Total under treatment				78
Discharged	...	...	...	67
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1905				5

Sex.—50 males, 28 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Coromandel County, 76; Auckland, 1; Wanganui, 1.

Country.—England, 11; Scotland, 7; Ireland, 9; New Zealand, 28; Australia, 3; Aboriginal, 13; Sweden, 2; Austria, 2; Portugal, 1; unknown, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,732; individual average days' stay, 22.20. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 10s. 5d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 118; attendances, 344.