

Visited 3rd December, 1904, and 23rd April, 1905.—In Dr. Mackay's absence on leave, I found this Hospital in charge of Dr. Bett. Since Dr. Mackay's return, I am glad to find that the uneasy feeling which I found prevailing at the time of my visit has largely disappeared. The difficulty about the new Matron's registration has been removed, and I hope that more peaceful times are coming. As regards its internal condition, the Hospital is well managed, and I found everything in good order.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	31
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	349
Total under treatment				380
Discharged	...	...	...	315
Died	...	...	...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1905				46

Sex.—238 males, 142 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Taranaki County, 142; Hawera County, 22; Egmont County, 14; Clifton County, 37; Stratford County, 61; New Plymouth, 90; Auckland, 5; Patea, 1; Palmerston North, 2; Wellington, 3; Christchurch, 3.

Country.—New Zealand, 228; England, 80; Ireland, 26; Scotland, 20; Australia, 10; Germany, 7; Jersey, 1; America, 5; Denmark, 1; Switzerland, 1; Syria, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 221; Roman Catholic, 50; Presbyterian, 35; Wesleyan, 41; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Church of Christ, 2; Baptist, 3; Salvation Army, 11; unknown, 13.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 11,980; individual average days' stay, 31.52. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 9d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	683	5 6	Rations	687	8 2
Local bodies	727	2 9	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	27	19 0
Subscriptions and donations	45	8 6	Surgery and dispensary	433	0 11
Rent	45	8 0	Fuel and light	274	14 10
Patients' payments	778	13 9	Bedding and clothing	106	6 6
Other sources	803	12 11	Furniture and earthenware	280	0 5
			Washing and laundry	50	0 0
			Salaries and wages	941	7 5
			Water-supply	7	10 0
			Repairs	161	1 10
			New buildings	150	0 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	35	2 7
			Interest	20	0 0
			Insurance	33	16 3
			Commission	2	2 6
			Other expenses	230	13 11
Total	£3,083	11 5	Total	£3,441	4 4

Visited 24th August and 24th December, 1904.—Since the advent of Dr. Leatham, this has been one of the best-managed Hospitals in New Zealand. The record of operations is remarkable, and there is no question of the skill and care with which they are carried out. Miss Brown, the Matron, is very efficient, and the whole institution is in a most satisfactory condition.

NORTHERN WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	4
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	73
Total under treatment				77
Discharged	...	...	...	67
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1905				4

Sex.—67 males, 10 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Hobson County.

Nationality.—Colonial, 23; English, 17; Irish, 10; Scotch, 5; Austrian, 4; American, 1; Italian, 1; Maori, 10; Syrian, 1; Norwegian, 2; Welsh, 1; Cingalese, 1; Dutch, 1.