

Visited 12th April, 1905.—At the period of transition, the new Hospital being prepared for the reception of patients from the old one, there were three patients. The new Hospital shows some structural defects; gaps were left exposing scrim near door-frames and skirting-boards owing to timber shrinking. The position of the door of the room originally intended to be used for operations would not allow of a stretcher being carried in. The baths are boxed in. Dr. Swanseger, who has been the Medical Officer since October, is doing good work.

#### WANGANUI HOSPITAL

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	48
Admitted during the year	...	...	561
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Total under treatment	...	...	609
Discharged	...	...	513
Died	...	...	42
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Remaining on 31st March, 1905	...	...	54

*Sex.*—383 males, 226 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Wanganui Borough, 304; Wanganui County, 51; Waimarimo County, 20; Waitotara County, 61; Rangitikei County, 144; Marton Borough, 12; Patea, 10; Palmerston North, 3; Hawera, 2; Taranaki, 2.

*Country.*—England, 104; Scotland, 29; Ireland, 48; Wales, 2; New Zealand, 347; Australia, 37; Sweden, 6; United States America, 6; Canada, 4; Germany, 4; Channel Islands, 1; South Africa, 1; China, 1; Tasmania, 3; Finland, 1; Italy, 1; Denmark, 3; Poland, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; Ceylon, 1; Chatham Island, 2; Switzerland, 4; East Indies, 1; West Indies, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 271; Roman Catholic, 128; Presbyterian, 100; Wesleyan, 48; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Baptist, 6; Salvation Army, 6; Lutheran, 5; Methodist, 9; Church of Christ, 4; Protestant, 15; Adventist, 1; Gospel Hall, 3; Spiritualist, 1; Theosophist, 1; Faith-healer, 1; Confucian, 1; unknown, 7.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 20,719; individual average days' stay, 34·02. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 1½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 124; attendances, 690.

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,973	8	1	Rations	1,370	14	1
From Government (Nurses' Home)	150	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	77	7	0
Local bodies	1,426	12	2	Surgery and dispensary	470	16	7
Subscriptions and donations	38	19	11	Fuel and light...	425	14	2
Subscriptions and donations (Nurses' Home)	385	8	3	Bedding and clothing	152	16	4
Bequest	5,000	0	0	Furniture and earthenware	126	1	4
Rents	1,040	0	1	Salaries and wages	1,325	9	5
Patients' payments	679	7	1	Water-supply	100	0	0
Other sources	185	2	8	Funerals	14	5	0
Balance from last year	1,646	2	1	Repairs	399	8	9
				New buildings and additions	1,668	1	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	49	4	5
				Interest	202	1	1
				Insurance	27	10	0
				Repayment of loan	5,000	0	0
				Other expenses	200	12	3
Total	£1,2525	0	4	Total	£11,610	1	11

Visited 23rd December, 1904.—The fine nurses' home is now occupied. The new ward, containing twenty-four beds is, I think, unnecessarily large, but well finished. There is a bow window projecting into the ward, which loses a bed, and the ceiling of the commodious linen-room at the back is horribly discoloured. The lavatory block attached to this ward is not cross-ventilated, and schemes for remedying this were discussed with the Chairman. A great deal of interest is taken in the welfare of the Hospital, and it is well administered.

#### WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	175
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,994
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Total under treatment	...	...	2,169
Discharged	...	...	1,847
Died	...	...	155
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Remaining on 31st March, 1905	...	...	167

*Sex.*—1,279 males, 890 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Wellington Hospital District: Wellington City, 1,561; Wellington Suburbs, 185; Petone, 103; Lower Hutt, 40; Upper Hutt, 22; Shannon, 15; Levin, 9