

Year ended 31st March, 1905.							£	s.	d.
Sanatorium fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,004	4	2
Out-patients' fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	871	6	6
Bath fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,451	11	5
Mineral water	..	..	..	..	..	..	142	8	3
Dry massage and electrical treatment	..	..	..	..	..	..	312	18	0
Players' fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	101	8	3
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	£4,883	16	7

RETURN OF BATHS.							£	s.	d.
Year ended 31st March, 1906.									
Total number of baths paid for	..	..	..	..	..	86,496	..	..	..
„ Sanatorium patients	..	..	..	..	..	10,641	779	4	3
„ out-patients, free	..	..	..	..	..	864	55	13	9
Total	..	..	..	..	..	98,001	£834	18	0

Year ended 31st March, 1905.							£	s.	d.
Total number of baths paid for	..	..	..	..	..	84,710	..	..	..
„ Sanatorium patients and outside patients, free	..	..	..	..	..	9,737	819	6	0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	94,447	£819	6	0

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER, TE AROHA.

Tourist and Health Resorts Department,

Te Aroha Hot Springs, 14th May, 1906.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith my annual report for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, and in doing so am very pleased to be able to state that we have just completed a most satisfactory year's work.

A reference to the subjoined table will show an increase of £85 6s. 6d. in the revenue and an increase of 2,070 in the number of baths taken, as compared with the year ending the 31st March, 1905.

Revenue.									
					1905.		1906.		
					£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Bath fees	..	..	..	..	1,028	6 8	1,073	2 2	
Out-patients' fees	..	..	..	..	365	0 6	413	10 0	
Players' fees	..	..	..	..	49	3 3	72	4 0	
Library fees	..	..	..	..	6	3 0	11	1 6	
Towel-hire fees	..	..	..	..	42	15 8	17	16 8	
Miscellaneous fees	..	..	..	..	51	5 6	40	6 9	
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,542	14 7	1,628	1 1	

Number of Baths Taken.									
					1905.		1906.		
Private	..	..	..	..	24,328		21,015		
Public	..	..	..	..	14,531		19,891		
Free	..	..	..	..	116		139		
Totals	..	..	..	..	38,975		41,045		

It will be seen that the private and public baths have changed places in public favour during the past year. I attribute this to the fact that during the year we have had some very large public excursions from the goldfields townships, and a large majority—if not all—of these visitors naturally preferred the novelty of a warm plunge bath to a private bath; in other words, they bathed for pleasure, rather than for the relief of ailments. The opening of the Waihi Railway has also helped to bring about the change, as the industrial classes have largely availed themselves of the cheaper and more convenient travelling facilities, and have patronised the less expensive baths. In addition to these reasons, there is the fact that during the year increased facilities for public bathing have been afforded by the opening of the cold-water swimming-bath.

As I have had to rely almost entirely upon the thermic and chemical properties of the Te Aroha waters in the hydropathic treatment of my patients, without the aid of those mechanical contrivances