

Visited 3rd September, 1905.—The patients numbered 6 on the date of the visit—5 males and 1 female. Miss McLeod, who has held the office of matron for a year, is a capable nurse. I am glad to find that Dr. Thomson has decided to remain in charge of the Hospital. This is a good thing for the district.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	9
Admitted during the year	217
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Total under treatment	226
Discharged	193
Died	14
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Remaining on 31st March, 1906	19

Sex.—179 males, 47 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ashburton, 208; Timaru, 1; Christchurch, 14; Geraldine, 3.

Nationality.—Colonials, 102; English, 37; Scotch, 22; Irish, 61; French, 3; Norwegian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 99; Presbyterian, 51; Roman Catholic, 49; Wesleyan, 16; Salvation Army, 8; Baptist, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,499; individual average days' stay, 19.9. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	703	14	5	Rations	...	...	313	17	8
Local bodies	...	...	700	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	9	16	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	3	17	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	78	18	7
Patients' payments	...	...	307	10	0	Fuel and light	...	...	185	11	0
Other sources	...	...	16	5	1	Bedding and clothing	...	...	24	4	6
Balance from last year	...	...	62	1	4	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	67	1	11
						Salaries and wages	...	...	613	19	8
						Repairs	...	...	257	6	6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	9	8	6
						Interest	...	...	0	7	6
						Insurance	...	...	12	6	9
						Commission	...	...	29	7	4
						Other expenses	...	...	81	7	11
Total	...		£1,793	7	10	Total	...		£1,683	13	10

Visited 1st March, 1906.—Much improved since last visit. Messrs. Davis and Reid were present during the inspection (members of the Committee). The Board are evidently most anxious to keep things up to the mark. The Hospital has been painted, but the work was not particularly well done.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	162
Admitted during the year	1,801
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Total under treatment	1,963
Discharged	1,592
Died	193
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Remaining on 31st March, 1906	178

Sex.—1,321 males, 642 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and suburbs, 1,360; District of Auckland, 451; North Auckland, 52; south of Auckland, 57; shipping, 43.

Nationality.—England, 436; Scotland, 74; Ireland, 176; New Zealand, 1,040; Australia, 108; America, 8; France, 3; Germany, 19; Austria, 6; Denmark, 13; China, 1; Greece, 5; Sweden, 11; Malta, 3; Finland, 4; South Sea Islands, 6; Russia, 1; Spain, 1; Canada, 5; Africa, 2; Norway, 6; Egypt, 6; Holland, 3; not known, 13.