

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	25
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	267
Total under treatment				292
Discharged	...	...	...	229
Died	...	...	...	25
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				38

Sex.—189 males, 103 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waimea County, 268; Auckland, 3; Westport, 7; Thames, 2; Invercargill, 2; Masterton, 1; Buller, 1; Reefton, 1; Hastings, 1; Havelock, 1; Wellington, 2; Greymouth, 1; Wanganui, 1; Australia, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 153; England, 69; Scotland, 19; Ireland, 14; Australia, 17; China, 1; Sweden, 1; Norway, 2; Wales, 1; British Guiana, 1; Germany, 3; Italy, 1; Austria, 1; Ceylon, 1; South Africa, 1; America, 4; India, 2; Switzerland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 142; Presbyterian, 38; Church of Rome, 46; Wesleyan, 15; Baptist, 19; Plymouth Brethren, 6; Church of Christ, 9; Congregationalist, 4; Freethinkers, 4; Salvation Army, 3; Lutheran, 5; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,485; individual average days' stay, 42.75. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 135; attendances, 676.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,871	8	7	Rations	...	658	13	0
Local bodies	...	1,093	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	22	8	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	753	17	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	370	3	1
Rents	...	142	5	0	Fuel and light	...	213	5	11
Patients' payments	...	457	12	1	Bedding and clothing	...	259	0	3
Other sources	...	19	2	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	363	3	0
					Salaries and wages	...	1,189	3	1
					Water-supply	...	17	0	0
					Funerals	...	6	9	0
					Repairs	...	67	13	10
					New buildings	...	1,668	3	1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	34	0	0
					Insurance	...	17	0	0
					Other expenses	...	186	14	2
Total	...	£4,337	15	8	Total	...	£5,072	16	5

Visited 13th January and 10th July, 1906.—Everything appears to be going on well at this Hospital. I heard no complaints. The new Consumption Annexe has been built on the hill in the Hospital Reserve, and there appear to be some differences of local opinion as to whether it should be used for recent or chronic cases. As a matter of experience it has been found that there has been a slight majority of chronic cases. The recommendations I have made as to certain sanitary improvements in the Hospital itself have been carried out, and others are in contemplation. Dr. Mackay is very devoted to his work, and the nursing is good. Alterations in the operating-room are in contemplation. There have been complaints of the poor illuminating power of the gas.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	46
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	345
Total under treatment				391
Discharged	...	...	...	328
Died	...	...	...	23
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				40

Sex.—270 males, 121 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Taranaki County, 140; Hawera County, 23; Clifton County, 35; Stratford County, 45; New Plymouth, 95; Auckland, 4; Patea, 4; Palmerston North, 1; Wellington, 9; Wanganui, 1; Inglewood, 17; Waitara, 17.

Country.—New Zealand, 240; England, 90; Ireland, 31; Scotland, 14; Australia, 9; Germany, 1; Denmark, 1; Switzerland, 1; India, 1; Sweden, 1; America, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 201; Roman Catholic, 57; Presbyterian, 40; Wesleyan, 60; Baptist, 3; Salvation Army, 6; Primitive Methodist, 21; Seventh Day Adventists, 1; Unitarian, 1; Unsectarian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,868; individual average days' stay, 32.91. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.