

In-patients: Average days' stay, 24.113; average daily cost per head, 6s. 11½d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 6s. 2d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 26.4.

Localities from which patients came: Masterton and suburbs, 160; Mauriceville, 7; Eketahuna, 12; Alfredton, 6; Dannevirke, 2; Carterton, 2; east coast, 3; Sydney, 1; Kopuaranga, 4; Wellington, 4; Greytown, 1; Hawke's Bay, 1; Takaka, 1; Gisborne, 1; Featherston, 1; Palmerston North, 1; Te Nui and Blairlogie, 10; Brancepeth and Te Parae, 5; Wairarapa South County, 9.

Nationality of patients: New-Zealanders, 106; English, 56; Irish, 29; Scotch, 13; Australian, 13; Danish, 2; Swedish, 4; various, 8.

Religion: Church of England, 83; Roman Catholic, 64; Presbyterian, 38; Wesleyan, 18; Salvationist, 11; Lutheran, 4; no religion, 3; Methodist, 4; various, 6.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March, 1908.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ...	2,898	17	2	Rations ...	456	5	4
From Government ...	3,906	12	9	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter ...	14	7	6
Local bodies ...	1,135	0	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	228	7	2
Subscriptions and donations ...	652	13	1	Fuel and light ...	173	5	9
Patients' payments ...	232	12	3	Bedding and clothing ...	230	11	8
Refund from infectious diseases hospital ...	74	5	6	Furniture and earthenware ...	642	2	6
Interest, Post-office Savings-bank deposit ...	37	12	10	Washing and laundry ...	12	2	10
				Salaries and wages ...	760	0	2
				Water-supply ...	71	13	1
				Funerals ...	6	0	0
				Repairs ...	24	2	9
				Additions to buildings ...	162	15	6
				New buildings ...	5,285	8	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	33	0	4
				Interest ...	0	5	0
				Insurance ...	21	1	8
				Commission ...	39	16	0
				Ambulance brougham and litter ...	204	14	4
				Telephones, £14 9s. 1d.; cartage, £9 10s. 3d. ...	23	19	4
				Trustees' travelling-expenses, £6 6s. 8d.; rent, £45 16s. 8d. ...	52	3	4
				Cheque-books, £2; incidentals, £3 1s. 2d. ...	5	1	2
Total ...	£8,937	13	7	Total ...	£8,447	3	5

Visited 5th October and 3rd December, 1907.—There were twelve patients in hospital, three of whom were chronic cases. After the admission of a typhoid patient in December last two other cases broke out in hospital, one being a member of the nursing staff.

The new Hospital for twenty-four beds was opened in December last—a very excellent addition to the Hospitals of the Dominion.

22. WALLACE AND FIORD HOSPITAL (RIVERTON).

Governing body: Wallace and Fiord Hospital Trustees.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Trotter.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Bird; 2 registered nurses and 4 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 kitchenman, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress, 1 gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 19; for females, 12: total, 31.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 135, female 83—total 218; out-patients, 74 (number of attendances, 180).

In-patients: Average days' stay, 28; average daily cost per head, 5s. 6d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 4s. 3d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 45.3.

Localities from which patients came: Waiau, Orepuki, Colac, Rowhill, Riverton, Drummond, Wanatuku, Nightcaps, Wairio, Winton, Dipton, Tapanui.

Nationality of patients: New-Zealanders, 107; English, 33; Scotch, 30; Irish, 25; Tasmanian, 4; Italian, 2; South American, 1; Australian, 5; Chinese, 2; Danish, 2; Swedish, 2; various, 5.

Religion: Church of England, 56; Presbyterian, 87; Wesleyan, 18; Roman Catholic, 51; Confucian, 2; Salvation Army, 1; Freethinker, 1; Christadelphian, 2.