

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

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ...	1,199	12	6	Rations ...	4,752	13	7
From Government ...	9,574	1	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter			
Local bodies ...	8,479	3	4	(and aerated waters, £66 ls. 3d.)	237	17	3
Subscriptions and donations ...	804	6	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	1,363	0	7
Bequest ...	659	3	9	Fuel and light ...	1,732	9	7
Rents ...	2,646	0	11	Bedding and clothing ...	664	16	11
Patients' payments ...	2,955	11	0	Furniture, earthenware, and			
Other sources (principal items—				ironmongery ...	437	1	7
Loans, £2,000; accident in-				Washing and laundry ...	728	0	0
surance claim, £9 10s.; re-				Salaries and wages ...	8,929	17	3
fund cost surgical instruments,				Water-supply ...	290	8	0
£18 18s.; Court costs, £8;				Funerals ...	38	6	0
sale of bottles, &c., £15) ...	2,142	18	5	Repairs ...	436	4	1
				Additions to buildings ...	4,569	2	3
				Printing, advertising, postage,			
				and stationery ...	142	5	6
				Interest ...	893	11	8
				Insurance ...	118	19	2
				Other expenses (principal items			
				—Legal expenses, £52; horse-			
				feed, £40; duty, £80; refund			
				old-age pensions, £18; petty			
				cash, £19; Christmas goods,			
				£75; plants, £24; rates, £15;			
				telephone, £40; repayments			
				loans, £1,500) ...	1,952	15	7
Total ...	£28,460	16	11	Total ...	£27,287	9	0

Visited several times.—The chief trouble during the year has been the want of proper accommodation for scarlet-fever cases. The present infectious-diseases ward is not only unsuitable, but too near the main building, and it says much for the management that the disease has not spread to the patients in the latter. It is hoped that the new infectious-diseases ward will be opened shortly.

Another great want in this Hospital is a children's ward: the present ward in use is altogether unsuitable.

Advantage is being taken of the consumptive shelters and the wards for chronic and incurable cases. The former has seventeen, the latter forty patients. This ward is always full.

The need for additional accommodation for hospital cases proper has been recognised by the Hospital Trustees, and designs have been invited for adding new wards to the main block. When the extensions are put into operation it is intended to thoroughly renovate the lavatory accommodation in the main block, which is by no means what it should be.

Rooms for thirty nurses have been added in the new wing to the Nurses' Home.

This Hospital still retains its name as one of the most efficiently conducted Hospitals in the Dominion.

2. AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Honorary medical staff: Physicians, Drs. Frost, McDowell, and Sweet; surgeons, Drs. Gore Gillon, Inglis, and Savage; aural surgeon, Dr. Neil; ophthalmic surgeon, Dr. Pabst; pathologist, Dr. Frost; anaesthetist, Dr. Goldstein; dental surgeon, Mr. Bennett; hon. masseuse, Miss Frost.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Aikin and two assistants.

Nursing staff: Matron, Mrs. Wootten; 32 registered nurses and 46 probationers.

Domestic staff: 5 cooks, 1 sewing-maid, 13 housemaids, 2 laundresses, 14 porters, 1 gardener, 2 engineers.

Number of beds available for males, 122; for females, 101: total, 223.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 1,555, female 857—total 2,412; out-patients, 279 (number of attendances, 3,315).

In-patients: Average days' stay, 29·51; average daily cost per head, 4s. 10d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 3s. 9½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 31·7.

Localities from which patients came: Auckland, 1,798; Auckland District, 419; North Auckland, 46; South Auckland, 73; shipping, 76.

Nationality of patients: English, 465; Scotch, 105; Irish, 180; New-Zealanders, 1,366; Australian, 176; American, 21; French, 4; German, 16; Austrian, 11; African, 5; Indian, 6; Chinese, 4; Greek, 2; Scandinavian, 28; Canadian, 1; Spanish, 12; South-Sea-Islanders, 10.

Religion: Church of England, 1,240; Presbyterian, 266; Roman Catholic, 571; Wesleyan, 213; Church of Christ, 8; Hebrew, 3; Salvation Army, 19; Baptist, 43; Congregationalist, 19; Lutheran, 3; Plymouth Brethren, 12; Unitarian, 4; Confucian, 3; Mormon, 2; Seventh Day Adventist, 1; non-sectarian, 5.