

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male, 394, female, 173—total 567; out-patients, nil.

In-patients: Average days' stay, 30·3; average daily cost per head, 5s. 9d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 4s. 6½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 34·7.

Localities from which patients came: Waipa County, 90; Waikato, 84; Piako, 54; Raglan, 42; Kawhia, 12; Te Aroha, 17; Hamilton, 63; Cambridge, 17; King-country and Rotorua, 115; Auckland, 12; other districts, 17.

Nationality of patients: New-Zealanders, 272; English, 112; Scotch, 29; Irish, 46; Welsh, 2; Australian, 35; Austrian, 6; Tasmanian, 4; Danish, 3; various (2 or under, each), 14.

Religion: Anglican, 265; Roman Catholic, 102; Presbyterian, 90; Wesleyan, 30; Baptist, 10; Lutheran, 4; Methodist, 4; no religion, 12; various religions, 6.

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

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	5,091	6	2	Rations	...	...	1,422	14	0
Local bodies	...	...	2,736	5	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	...	27	0	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	125	15	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	498	5	9
Rents	...	...	129	15	6	Fuel and light	...	...	352	3	6
Patients' payments	...	...	1,028	7	11	Bedding and clothing	...	...	57	15	4
Other sources	...	...	22	8	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	146	19	10
Balance (Building Fund and Deposit)	...	...	5,499	8	4	Salaries and wages	...	...	1,836	18	9
						Water-supply	...	...	77	14	4
						Funerals	...	...	8	8	0
						Repairs	...	...	64	18	2
						Additions to buildings, and new buildings	...	...	7,631	9	9
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	77	9	4
						Interest	...	...	187	14	0
						Insurance	...	...	34	17	4
						Other expenses (principal items—Patients in other hospitals, £212 15s.; carting, £74 14s. 5d.; grounds, £67 2s. 6d.; anæsthetics, £224 14s)	...	...	715	14	8
Total	...	...	£14,633	6	3	Total	...	...	£13,140	2	9

Visited 23rd July, 1907, and 17th March, 1908.—There were fifty-five patients in hospital at the time of my visit; six being tubercular and three enteric patients. There were three chronic cases. The new buildings are proceeding apace, and the Hospital will soon be one of the best and most complete of its kind in the Dominion. The new wards were in excellent order.

Naturally with all these alterations going on there was a certain amount of confusion in the old wards, but when the buildings are complete the Hospital will maintain its reputation as one of the best-managed Hospitals in the Dominion.

The Nurses' Home recently erected is most comfortable, and seems well planned and carried out without undue elaboration and expense. It provides accommodation for the larger nursing staff which will be required when the new building is finished.

8. SOUTHLAND HOSPITAL (INVERCARGILL).

Governing body: Southland Hospital Trustees.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Hendry.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Ewart; 4 registered nurses and 10 probationers.

Domestic staff: 2 cooks, 1 kitchenmaid, 2 housemaids, 2 laundresses, 1 porter, 1 gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 41; for females, 21; total, 62.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 390, female 176—total 566; out-patients, 1,316 (number of attendances, 1,464).

In-patients: Average days' stay, 33·5; average daily cost per head, 4s. 8½d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 3s. 10½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 37·8.

Localities from which patients came: Southland, Lake, Fiord, and Stewart Island.

Nationality of patients: New-Zealanders, 299; English, 68; Scotch, 78; Irish, 64; Australian, 23; Tasmanian, 12; Scandinavian, 8; German, 5; various, 9.

Religion: Church of England, 166; Presbyterian, 244; Roman Catholic, 100; Methodist, 25; Primitive Methodist, 12; Baptist, 5; Salvation Army, 3; Church of Christ, 3; various, 8.