

Number of beds available for males, 36; for females, 30: total, 66.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—males 212, females 131—total 343; out-patients, 157 (number of attendances, 861).

In-patients: Average days' stay, 53½; average daily cost per head, 3s. 5d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 2s. 9½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 41·2.

Localities from which patients came: Waimea, 321; Wellington, 6; Reefton, 2; Lyttelton, 2; Dunedin, 2; Palmerston North, 2; Greymouth, 2; Westport, 6.

Nationality of patients: New-Zealanders, 228; English, 63; Scotch, 7; Australian, 10; Tasmanian, 3; Irish, 16; various nationalities (under two each), 16.

Religion: Church of England, 169; Roman Catholic, 64; Baptist, 13; Presbyterian, 27; Wesleyan, 38; Congregationalist, 6; Brethren, 8; Lutheran, 3; Salvation Army, 5; Church of Christ, 6; various, 4.

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

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	1,635	14 10	Rations	813	10 6
Local bodies	1,219	5 0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	9	2 0
Subscriptions and donations	179	5 6	Surgery and dispensary	371	7 1
Rents	197	3 4	Fuel and light	250	0 1
Patients' payments	636	18 1	Bedding and clothing	135	0 8
Other sources	10	5 0	Furniture and earthenware	215	13 11
			Salaries and wages	1,432	0 11
			Water-supply	17	0 0
			Funerals	6	7 0
			Repairs	208	19 7
			Additions to buildings	139	2 3
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	42	16 3
			Insurance	17	15 0
			Other expenses (principal items—Garden, £33 7s. 7d.; consumptive annexe, £2 8s. 6d.; miscellaneous, £22 10s. 2d.)	58	6 3
Total	£3,878	11 9	Total	£3,717	1 6

Visited 7th December, 1907.—At the time of my visit there were forty patients. Though old, the two main wards are in a fairly good state of preservation, but the verandahs show signs of decay. The wards were well kept, but the sanitary annexes were not so satisfactory on account of old apparatus, the baths being especially primitive. The operating-theatre is a room of no pretensions, and particularly ill situated as regards convenience to the main building. I believe the Board intend making some improvements in the operating-theatre, but this, I think, would be a waste of money, as a new theatre is badly needed. The kitchen has recently been provided with a new range.

The consumptive annexe contained eight patients (five men and three women), there being accommodation for fourteen. It seems to be well kept, and has been a great benefit to the district. On account of the limited space the patients are somewhat hampered with regard to exercise. It is to be hoped that patients will assist the Board and nurses by keeping the grounds in good order, as light work can be done by some, with advantage to themselves. It is a pity that some of the walls in the annexe were papered instead of being lined with some readily washable substance.

One mental case in the women's ward should be removed to the asylum.

16. WAIHI HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Waihi Hospital Trustees.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Robertson.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Macgregor; 2 registered nurses and 10 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 wardmaid, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress, 1 porter, 1 gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 20; for females, 16: total, 36.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 210, female, 132—total, 342; out-patients, nil.

In-patients: Average days' stay, 21·11; average daily cost per head, 7s. 10½d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 6s. 5½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 35·04.

Localities from which patients came: Waihi, 237; Thames, 92; Tauranga, 9; Auckland, 1; Hamilton, 1; Gisborne, 1; Whangarei, 1.