

WANGANUI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	22
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	209
Total under treatment ...			231
Discharged ...	...	...	187
Died ...	...	...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...			25

Sex.—203 males, 28 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wanganui, 63; north of Wanganui, 20; south of Wanganui, 148.

Country.—England, 71; Scotland, 19; Ireland, 60; Colonies, 72; United States of America, 2; Germany, 1; Sweden, 2; Holland, 1; Denmark, 1; Belgium, 1; Norway, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 98; Roman Catholic, 57; Presbyterian, 50; Wesleyan, 11; Baptist, 2; Lutheran, 2; Salvation Army, 3; Unknown, 8.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 8,093; individual average days' stay, 35.03. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 69; attendances, 295.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	419	0 8	Rations ...	322	18 0
Local bodies ...	439	18 11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	17	4 1
Subscriptions and donations ...	24	8 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	148	3 10
Rents ...	315	13 9	Fuel and light ...	103	9 9
Patients' payments ...	234	18 6	Bedding and clothing ...	27	19 3
Other sources ...	22	11 0	Furniture and earthenware ...	13	15 11
Balance from last year ...	90	3 4	Washing and laundry ...	41	15 7
			Salaries and wages ...	612	4 9
			Water-supply and rates ...	37	18 4
			Funerals ...	15	7 6
			Repairs ...	15	2 8
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	13	8 2
			Insurance ...	8	15 0
			Other expenses ...	59	17 0
Total ...	£1,546	14 2	Total ...	£1,437	19 10

It is no longer possible to justify the continued use of this building for hospital purposes. It is old, badly planned, badly ventilated, and the condition of the drainage arrangements makes it, I believe, dangerous to health. It contained one case of erysipelas at the date of my inspection, and I am aware that the visiting surgeons are thoroughly dissatisfied with its condition. The Trustees ought not to lose a day in taking steps to build a new hospital.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	122
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	983
Total under treatment ...			1,105
Discharged ...	...	...	877
Died ...	...	...	84
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...			144

Sex.—749 males, 356 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington, 775; suburbs of Wellington, 85; Featherston, 2; Carterton, 2; Greytown, 1; Masterton, 3; Palmerston North, 13; Canterbury, 2; Otaki, 36; Auckland, 3; Lyttelton, 1; Paremata, 1; Woodville, 5; Manakau, 9; shipping, 33; Levin, 7; Waikanae, 7; West Coast, 7; Christchurch, 8; Halcombe, 2; Campbelltown, 2; Pukerua, 1; Ashurst, 1; Rangitikei, 2; Blenheim, 1; Paikakariki, 2; Tenui, 2; Feilding, 4; Pahautanui, 6; Foxton, 8; Southland, 1; Tapanui, 1; Horokiwi, 2; Sandon, 1; Hawera, 3; Tawa Flat, 1; Dunedin, 4; Tekoa, 1; Shannon, 2; Wanganui, 3; Waipawa, 1; Hokitika, 1; Timaru, 1; Rotorua, 1; Wainuiomata, 1; Hunterville, 1; Karanga, 2; Taranaki, 2; Crofton, 1; other places, 5; no residence, 39.