

Nationality.—English, 406; Scotch, 85; Irish, 152; Colonial, 405; Indian, 1; Swedish, 7; Danish, 5; Chinese, 3; French, 2; Maoris, 4; Swiss, 2; German, 10; Norwegian, 6; American, 6; Italian, 3; Welsh, 4; Channel Islands, 1; Holland, 1; Russian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 550; Roman Catholic, 270; Presbyterian, 132; Baptist, 18; Wesleyan, 67; Salvation Army, 19; Methodist, 10; Brethren, 11; Jewish, 1; Congregationalist, 5; Lutheran, 5; Freethinkers, 3; Confucians, 3; no religion, 11.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 43,010; individual average days' stay, 38·92. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,145; attendances, 6,232.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	2,530	0	0	Rations	...	...	2,611 12 3
Local bodies	...	...	2,530	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	195 19 10
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	82	0	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	638 4 6
Rents	...	...	1,514	2	3	Fuel and light	...	...	735 18 11
Patients' payments	...	...	1,242	8	6	Bedding and clothing	...	...	442 5 0
Other sources	...	...	18	15	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	136 11 4
Balance from last year	...	...	987	3	11	Washing and laundry	...	...	415 2 8
						Salaries and wages	...	...	2,544 5 4
						Water-supply	...	...	54 8 0
						Funerals	...	...	27 1 0
						Repairs	...	...	184 3 7
						Additions to buildings	...	...	426 9 3
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	60 17 3
						Interest	...	...	4 13 2
						Insurance	...	...	18 2 6
						Commission	...	...	22 3 0
						Other expenses	...	...	221 2 0
Total	...	...	£8,904	10	5	Total	...	...	£8,738 19 7

This Hospital I have visited frequently during the year, and its management is constantly under my eye. It is working with the utmost harmony and efficiency. There is only one point on which I think it necessary to give a note of warning—namely, the large proportions that the out-door department is assuming. The number of individual cases has risen from 1,936 last year to 2,145 this year, and the number of attendances from 4,095 to 6,232. When these figures are considered in relation to our population it will be seen that a very serious question emerges, and it becomes still more serious when I state that among the cases treated free there were sixty-five individuals suffering from venereal diseases in six months.

Very great credit is due to Dr. Ewart and his staff for the admirable devotion with which they faced the deplorable epidemic of typhoid fever which prevailed during the fall of the year. The resources of the institution were strained to the utmost, and there is no doubt that more accommodation is required, especially for females and surgical cases.

The daily average cost was 3s. 10½d., which is reduced to 3s. 3½d. by patients' payments.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	77
Total under treatment	...	...	...	91
Discharged	...	...	...	74
Died	...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	10

Sex.—76 males, 15 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Borough and County of Westport and Buller District.

Nationality.—English, 27; Scotch, 11; Irish, 20; Welsh, 3; New Zealand, 18; Australian, 2; Tasmanian, 3; Shetlander, 1; Norwegian, 3; French, 1; Greek, 1; German, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 46; Roman Catholic, 21; Presbyterian, 12; Lutheran, 2; Wesleyan, 2; Methodist, 3; Baptist, 1; Congregationalist, 1; Salvationist, 2; Greek Church, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,169; individual average days' stay, 45·81. Daily average cost per head, 5s.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Fifty.