

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.										
Revenue.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	
From Government	...	...	506	16	2	Rations	...	241	1	1
Local bodies	...	...	350	11	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	28	2	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	130	19	11	Surgery and dispensary	...	81	8	3
Patients' payments	...	...	404	3	1	Fuel and light	...	60	5	6
Other sources	...	...	26	18	3	Bedding and clothing	...	10	10	4
Balance from last year	...	...	221	10	8	Furniture and earthenware	...	75	1	4
						Washing and laundry	...	4	9	1
						Salaries and wages	...	530	0	6
						Water-supply	...	8	0	0
						Funerals	...	4	12	6
						Repairs and additions	...	162	18	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	14	2	11
						Interest	...	0	10	0
						Commission	...	11	15	0
						Other expenses	...	30	5	2
Total	...	...	£1,640	19	9	Total	...	£1,263	2	0

My praises of this Hospital have become monotonous. Now, I will only say that it continues to deserve all that I have said of it in the past. Two new rooms for the staff have been added in a lean-to behind, involving the shifting of the female bathroom. For this work, together with a little painting and papering, a sum of £116 10s. was expended. The timber was green, and is already much cracked.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	166
Total under treatment	...	...	...	190
Discharged	...	...	...	145
Died	...	...	...	24
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	21

Sex.—120 males, 70 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—County of Waimea and City of Nelson, 185; Wellington, 1; Auckland, 1; New Plymouth, 1; Westport, 1; Kumara, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 92; England, 60; Scotland, 14; Ireland, 8; Germany, 4; Victoria, 2; Italy, 2; Austria, 1; France, 2; Australia, 2; Switzerland, 2; India, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 82; Roman Catholic, 31; Presbyterian, 22; Lutheran, 7; Wesleyan, 20; Baptist, 13; Plymouth Brethren, 6; Salvationist, 4; Church of Christ, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,421; individual average days' stay, 44.32. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 487; attendances, 2,301.

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Revenue.				£	s.	d.	Expenditure.					
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From Government	...	...	...	1,212	16	10	Rations	...	...	377	16	10
Local bodies	...	...	...	950	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	12	6	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	143	11	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	239	4	10
Rents	...	...	...	209	10	0	Fuel and light	...	...	174	17	6
Patients' payments	...	...	...	315	19	6	Bedding and clothing	...	...	6	2	3
Other sources	...	...	...	4	3	4	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	82	11	6
							Salaries and wages	...	...	993	9	9
							Water-supply	...	...	17	0	0
							Funerals	...	...	15	12	0
							Repairs	...	...	75	19	9
							Additions to buildings	...	...	55	15	6
							Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	13	9	9
							Insurance	...	...	25	0	0
							Other expenses	...	...	63	2	5
Total	...	...	...	£2,836	1	5	Total	...	...	£2,152	8	7

This is a spacious, well-designed hospital building, with a small population, considering its capacity and equipments. It is admirably conducted by Dr. Talbot, and I have nothing but approval for the condition in which I found it on each of the occasions on which I visited it during the year.