

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	765	8	9	Rations ...	514	14	9
Local bodies ...	708	0	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	38	19	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	50	15	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	315	1	11
Rents ...	795	10	9	Fuel and light ...	353	7	6
Patients' payments ...	377	5	6	Bedding and clothing ...	34	15	10
Other sources ...	67	17	6	Washing and laundry ...	68	16	3
Balance from last year ...	395	16	9	Salaries and wages ...	872	15	0
				Water-supply ...	80	0	0
				Funerals ...	7	3	8
				Repairs ...	4	19	2
				New hospital ...	400	11	4
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	71	10	0
				Interest ...	326	0	9
				Other expenses ...	126	11	10
Total ...	£3,160	15	1	Total ...	£3,215	7	0

The Board of this Hospital have, I think, prematurely appointed a resident medical officer. The institution is not large enough in point of numbers to have made this necessary. One result of this change was that a good deal of friction arose between the new resident and the nursing staff, for which I do not think the former was to blame. In fact, our system of female nursing, if it is to be kept within anything like bounds, either as regards its cost or the pretensions of individual matrons and nurses, will require a much stronger and less sentimental handling than most of our Boards seem able to apply to it. It is apt to be forgotten that, after all, hospitals exist not for the nurses, but for the patients. The grievances of nurses, which in New Zealand are really very hard to discover, figure far too much in the newspapers.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	153
Admitted during the year ...	1,582
Total under treatment ...	1,735
Discharged ...	1,478
Died ...	120
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	137

Sex.—992 males, 743 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington, 1,220; Wellington suburbs, 91; ships in port, 51; Petone, 51; Lower Hutt, 29; Levin, 21; Upper Hutt, 18; Masterton, 18; Pahiatua, 11; Palmerston North, 10; Johnsonville, 10; Martinborough, 9; Foxton, 8; Otaki, 8; Feilding, 7; Shannon, 6; Featherston, 5; Mauriceville, 5; Manukau, 5; Opiti, 5; Eketahuna, 5; Christchurch, 5; Greymouth, 5; Stratford, 5; Porirua, 5; Marton, 4; Trentham, 4; Tawa Flat, 4; Forty-mile Bush, 4; New Plymouth, 4; Kereru, 4; Halcombe, 3; Wanganui, 3; Waiwetu, 3; Taita, 3; Paraparaumu, 3; Paikakariki, 3; Mangatainoka, 3; Greytown, 3; Kaikoura, 3; Reef-ton, 3; Dunedin, 2; Hawke's Bay, 2; Hawera, 2; Waituna, 2; Mungaroa, 2; Pohangina, 2; Awahuri, 2; Ashhurst, 2; The Summit, 2; Alfredton, 2; Colyton, 2; Birmingham, 2; Nelson, 2; Mangaweka, 2; Kaitoke, 2; Patea, 2; Woodville, 2; Rangitikei district, 2; Wairarapa district, 1; England, 1; Westport, 1; Waikanae, 1; Wangaehu, 1; Waipukurau, 1; Stoke's Valley, 1; Moawhanga, 1; Pahautanui, 1; Taranaki District, 1; Te Horo, 1; Tokomaru, 1; Temuka, 1; Napier, 1; Invercargill, 1; Makuri, 1; Lyell, 1; Kumara, 1; Cobden, 1; Dannevirke, 1; Carter-ton, 1; Gisborne, 1; Horokiwi, 1; Beaconsfield, 1; Dalefield, 1; Eltham, 1; Belmont, 1; Blenheim, 1; Longburn, 1; Gore, 1; Takapau, 1; Portland Island, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 891; England, 414; Ireland, 190; Scotland, 102; Australia, 28; Germany, 16; Wales, 11; Denmark, 12; Norway, 10; Sweden, 9; China, 7; America, 5; Greece, 4; Italy, 4; Austria, 3; France, 3; West Indies, 3; India, 2; Finland, 2; Shetland Islands, 2; Canada, 2; Channel Islands, 2; Isle of Man, 1; Spain, 1; Tasmania, 1; Russia, 1; Belgium, 1; Africa, 1; Portugal, 1; Holland, 1; Assyria, 1; unknown, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 761; Roman Catholic, 413; Presbyterian, 239; Wesleyan, 124; Baptist, 28; Salvation Army, 23; Primitive Methodist, 18; Church of Christ, 17; Lutheran, 16; Congregationalist, 13; Brethren, 11; Methodist, 8; Hebrew, 7; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Confucian, 5; Greek Church, 4; United Christian Mission, 4; Freethinker, 2; Catholic Apostolic, 2; Unitarian, 2; Nonconformist, 1; Spiritualist, 1; Church of God, 1; Church of Sweden, 1; Moham-medan, 1; Seventh Day Adventist, 1; Society of Friends, 1; China Mission, 1; no religion at all, 25.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 52,376; individual average days' stay, 30.18. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,771; attendances, 13,519.