

This Hospital appears after long turmoil to have attained peace. The Matron, Miss McCarthy has got complete charge, instead of the dual control that worked so unhappily in the past. I found everything working smoothly. Dr. McKenzie is very attentive to his work, and I heard none of the grumbling discontent that used to prevail both inside and outside the Hospital. This, like all the West Coast institutions, may be expected to be largely relieved by the Old-age Pensions Act. A strenuous effort ought at this juncture to be made to confine them to hospital functions properly so called.

### ROTORUA SANATORIUM.

#### EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1899.

|                                           | £     | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Resident medical officer ... ..           | 400   | 0  | 0  |
| Matron ... ..                             | 95    | 0  | 0  |
| Bath attendants and servants ... ..       | 403   | 11 | 8  |
| Rations ... ..                            | 250   | 15 | 1  |
| Fuel and light ... ..                     | 43    | 6  | 3  |
| Bedding, &c. ... ..                       | 68    | 0  | 11 |
| Surgery and dispensary ... ..             | 27    | 1  | 6  |
| Furniture and crockery ... ..             | 16    | 6  | 0  |
| Wines and spirits... ..                   | 0     | 10 | 6  |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                      | 139   | 7  | 6  |
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| Received for maintenance ... ..           | 1,443 | 19 | 5  |
|                                           | 489   | 5  | 9  |
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|                                           | £954  | 13 | 8  |
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| Number of patients on 31st March, 1898... | 16    |    |    |
| Admitted during the year ... ..           | 72    |    |    |
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| Total under treatment ... ..              |       | 88 |    |
| Discharged ... ..                         | 74    |    |    |
| Died... ..                                | 1     |    |    |
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| Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ... ..      |       | 13 |    |

*Sex.*—55 males, 17 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Auckland, 24; Wellington, 10; Hawke's Bay, 14; Taranaki, 7; Canterbury, 2; Westland, 11; Otago, 1; New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 1; Tasmania, 1.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 16; England, 24; Scotland, 10; Ireland, 13; Australia, 2; Sweden, 1; Germany, 1; Norway, 3; Nova Scotia, 1; Tasmania, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Sanatorium, 4,019; individual average days' stay, 45.67. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 2d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9d.

Owing to the death of Dr. Ginders, who did such good service for many years as Medical Superintendent of this Sanatorium, it was thought desirable to minimise as far as possible the administrative confusion which had prevailed here for many years. Dr. Kenny, who had a good administrative record in the Waikato Hospital, has been appointed to take complete charge of the Sanatorium and the working of the baths. No right of private practice has been given to him such as Dr. Ginders had. It was considered that the time had come when the people of Rotorua should combine to provide themselves with a resident general practitioner to meet the requirements of the district. Nothing could be better than the way in which Miss Thompson has managed the Sanatorium Hospital. It is one of the best conducted institutions in the colony.

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