

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	139
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,287
Total under treatment				1,426
Discharged	...	...	...	1,177
Died	...	...	...	116
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				133

Sex.—980 males, 446 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and suburbs, 843; Auckland District, 332; Auckland North, 107; Auckland South, 85; shipping, 59.

Nationality.—English, 363; Scotch, 86; Irish, 166; New Zealand, 637; Australian, 43; Norwegian, 23; American, 21; German, 21; French, 4; Austrian, 8; Danish, 9; Chinese, 2; Indian, 12; South Sea Islands, 9; Portuguese, 4; Italians, 6; Africans, 4; Jersey-Islander, 1; Maltese, 2; Russian, 1; Greek, 2; Canadian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 748; Roman Catholic, 327; Baptist, 17; Wesleyan, 86; Presbyterian, 171; Congregationalist, 11; Salvationist, 17; Lutheran, 13; Jewish, 4; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Methodist, 19; Church of Christ, 5; Freethinker, 1; Theosophist, 2; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 47,284; individual average days' stay, 33.15. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 4d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 2d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 471; attendances, 5,232.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	3,245	9	8	Rations	...	2,448	19	0
Local bodies	...	3,245	9	9	Nurses' Home maintenance	...	773	12	11
Subscriptions and donations	...	600	13	9	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	145	6	6
Bequests	...	3,805	15	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	1,136	16	4
Rents	...	232	18	4	Fuel and light	...	758	13	0
Patients' payments	...	2,795	13	3	Bedding and clothing	...	220	3	5
Other sources	...	6	6	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	410	2	6
					Washing and laundry	...	316	5	6
					Salaries and wages	...	2,920	14	6
					Water-supply	...	240	9	0
					Funerals	...	23	4	0
					Maintenance of grounds	...	118	15	4
					Repairs	...	220	4	9
					Additions to buildings	...	3,617	16	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	208	7	0
					Legal expenses	...	15	19	6
					Insurance	...	31	6	3
					Proportion of office expenses	...	273	2	2
					Other expenses	...	52	8	5
Total	...	£13,932	6	1	Total	...	£13,932	6	1

This Hospital has worked satisfactorily during the year. I regret that the Matron, Miss Squire, found it necessary to resign on the ground of ill-health. Mrs. Neill and myself had observed a great improvement in discipline of the nurses as well as in the orderliness of the wards after she took charge. Her successor struck me as being a capable and kindly Matron, quite competent, from her ability and experience, to keep up and carry forward the work of improvement. For reasons which have been explained to Mr. Stichbury it would appear to be advisable to have a night-superintendent to take control of the nursing. The new children's hospital was not quite finished on the date of my visit, but it is a handsome building, well planned, and well built, and will be an immense addition to the resources of the institution. The overmanning of the resident medical staff is already beginning to show its effects. It is too much to have an expensive superintendent and two assistants resident in a hospital of this size. The Nurses' Home is very complete; a wing set apart for night-nurses meets a necessity overlooked in our other Nurses' Homes.

BLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	25
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	119
Total under treatment				144
Discharged	...	...	...	114
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				17