

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,090	1	11	Rations	...	249	15	4
Local bodies	...	932	18	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	3	19	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	150	1	10	Surgery and dispensary	...	87	19	5
Interest	...	8	0	0	Fuel and light	...	79	3	7
Patients' payments	...	274	4	6	Bedding and clothing	...	16	14	3
Other sources	...	17	6	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	32	5	4
Balance from last year	...	377	17	9	Washing and laundry	...	3	2	3
					Salaries and wages	...	580	13	6
					Water-supply	...	8	0	0
					Funerals	...	10	0	0
					Repairs	...	40	10	3
					Additions	...	588	0	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	22	0	6
					Insurance	...	13	2	6
					Commission	...	11	6	0
					Other expenses	...	31	12	10
Total	...	£2,850	10	0	Total	...	£1,778	5	3

Visited 16th December.—Seven men patients. The central block was being rebuilt and the whole place, except the actual wards, in confusion. The approach from the town to the Hospital was a quagmire of yellow mud. Dr. Church was absent on twelve months' leave of absence.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	21
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	170
Total under treatment	...	...	...	191
Discharged	...	...	...	150
Died	...	...	...	20
Remaining on 31st March, 1900	...	...	...	21

Sex.—103 males, 88 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—County of Waimea and City of Nelson, 182; Wellington, 1; Westport, 3; Carterton, 1; Greymouth, 1; Upper Buller, 3.

Country.—New Zealand, 102; England, 52; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 10; Germany, 4; Victoria, 1; Italy, 1; Austria, 2; France, 1; Australia, 2; Portugal, 1; America, 1; New South Wales, 1; South Africa, 1; Tasmania, 1; Norway, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 95; Roman Catholic, 34; Presbyterian, 10; Lutheran, 10; Wesleyan, 19; Baptist, 10; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Salvationist, 3; Church of Christ, 2; Methodist, 2; sectarian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 9,746; individual average days' stay, 51. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 503; attendances, 2,519.

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From Government	...	1,544	5	6	Rations	...	379	18	9
Local bodies	...	900	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	7	19	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	37	2	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	292	9	5
Rents	...	192	10	0	Fuel and light	...	156	3	4
Patients' payments	...	450	10	8	Bedding and clothing	...	17	10	8
Other sources	...	15	15	9	Furniture, earthenware, &c.	...	250	6	3
					Salaries and wages	...	964	7	1
					Water-supply	...	17	0	0
					Funerals	...	14	12	6
					Repairs	...	101	2	5
					Additions to buildings	...	25	6	7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	10	3	0
					Insurance	...	25	0	0
					Other expenses	...	224	13	9
Total	...	£3,140	3	11	Total	...	£2,486	12	9

This is a very bright and cheery institution, and is very well managed. Dr. Talbot, who has resigned, was a competent and careful officer. The Matron, Miss Patten, is admirably adapted for her position, and the nurses under her are well trained and efficient.