

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	133
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,493
Total under treatment				1,626
Discharged	...	...	...	1,294
Died	...	...	...	165
Remaining on 31st March, 1900				167

Sex.—1,141 males, 485 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and suburbs, 969; Auckland District, 438; Auckland North, 101; Auckland South, 79; shipping, 39.

Nationality.—English, 429; Scotch, 99; Irish, 213; New Zealand, 690; Australian, 49; American, 24; French, 7; German, 17; Indian, 12; Danish, 9; Austrian, 9; Portuguese, 2; South Sea Islands, 3; Swede, 25; Chinese, 4; Tasmanian, 5; Italian, 4; Finland, 9; Mauritius, 2; Swiss, 4; Turk, 1; African, 2; Canadian, 3; Belgian, 1; Newfoundland, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 819; Roman Catholic, 374; Presbyterian, 210; Wesleyan, 109; Jewish, 4; Lutheran, 9; Salvationist, 19; Baptist, 30; Congregationalist, 12; Church of Christ, 7; Theosophist, 1; Chinese, 4; Freethinker, 3; Christian Brethren, 5; Adventist, 3; Mahommedan, 4; Quaker, 6; None, 5; Gospel Mission, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 50,917; individual average days' stay, 31.31. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 432; attendances, 3,910.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	4,755	19	3	Rations	2,282	5	5
Local bodies	4,255	19	3	Nurses' Home, maintenance	926	8	1
Subscriptions and donations	44	11	6	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	106	17	10
Bequests	2,991	17	5	Surgery and dispensary	1,150	12	5
Patients' payments	3,548	8	3	Fuel and light	814	12	0
				Bedding and clothing	513	4	3
				Furniture and earthenware	1,390	6	6
				Washing and laundry	376	0	7
				Salaries and wages	3,031	11	0
				Water-supply	239	2	0
				Funerals	39	18	6
				Maintenance of grounds	179	2	9
				Repairs and painting	541	0	10
				Additions to buildings	1,969	13	2
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	112	2	5
				Legal expenses	56	6	9
				Insurance	16	1	0
				Proportion of office expenses	274	19	10
				Stamp duty	18	9	3
				Other expenses	58	1	1
Total	£15,596	15	8	Total	£14,096	15	8

Visited 19th February and 6th April.—The chief feature of the recent management of this Hospital is the marked tendency to develop beyond reasonable bounds the number of the staff. For an average of about a hundred and forty patients there are three medical men, a dispenser, a house-steward, eleven males—nurses, cooks, and porters—a Matron, forty-five nurses of different grades, and nine female servants (all the laundry-work is done at the Costley Home)—i.e., in all, seventy officers and servants to look after 140 patients. In addition to all this, a majority of the Board seem determined to introduce the strict eight-hour system, and the first fruits of this is a determination to extend the Nurses' Home, towards which the Government the other day have granted a subsidy of £875. If the country can afford to go on at this rate our hospitals will come to bulk much more largely in our annual expenditure. The management of the Hospital apart from this is very satisfactory.

BLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	17
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	163
Total under treatment				180
Discharged	...	...	...	152
Died	...	...	...	11
Remaining on 31st March, 1900				17