

WANGANUI HOSPITAL

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	43
Admitted during the year	...	...	490
Total under treatment	...	...	533
Discharged	...	...	455
Died	...	...	36
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	42

Sex.—351 males, 182 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wanganui Borough, 242; Wanganui County, 60; Waitotara County, 66; Rangitikei County, 127; Marton Borough, 23; Patea, 6; Palmerston North, 7; Hawera, 2.

Country.—England, 101; Scotland, 34; Ireland, 70; New Zealand, 279; Australia, 19; Norway, 3; Sweden, 4; America, 7; Canada, 1; Germany, 3; Austria, 2; France, 3; India, 2; Channel Islands, 4; Africa, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 227; Roman Catholic, 124; Presbyterian, 92; Wesleyan, 31; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Baptist, 11; Salvation Army, 9; Lutheran, 7; Methodist, 15; Zionist, 1; unknown, 11.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 14,006; individual average days' stay, 26.28. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 167; attendances, 1,584.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,186	12	9	Rations	...	932	12	3
Local bodies	...	1,137	2	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	82	0	10
Subscriptions and donations	...	41	5	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	317	12	4
Rents	...	1,103	9	9	Fuel and light...	...	348	3	3
Patients' payments	...	510	16	1	Bedding and clothing	...	79	0	9
Other sources	...	195	15	10	Furniture and earthenware	...	79	0	4
Balance from last year	...	2,677	4	11	Salaries and wages	...	1,049	13	11
					Water-supply	...	90	0	0
					Funerals	...	11	15	0
					Repairs	...	3	3	5
					New buildings	...	2,019	9	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	42	5	8
					Interest	...	251	13	6
					Insurance	...	1	17	0
					Other expenses	...	117	8	9
Total	...	£6,852	6	11	Total	...	£5,425	16	6

Visited 13th September.—I have nothing but commendation for the medical and surgical work at this Hospital. The nursing is well looked after, and it is a burning question in the district as to whether the nurses shall be accommodated in the new ward divided into cubicles, or should have a separate building to themselves. I recommend the latter course, and think that £1,500 or £2,000 ought to provide adequate accommodation.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	161
Admitted during the year	...	...	2,099
Total under treatment	...	...	2,260
Discharged	...	...	1,904
Died	...	...	159
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	197

Sex.—1,352 males, 908 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington Hospital District: Wellington City, 1,630; Wellington Suburbs, 220; Petone, 96; Lower Hutt, 46; Upper Hutt, 17; Levin, 15; Otaki, 3; sundry small places in the district, 13. Wairarapa Hospital District: Masterton, 13; Featherston, 2; sundry places in the district, 40. Palmerston North Hospital District: Palmerston North, 4; sundry places in the district, 5. Wanganui Hospital District: Feilding, 6; Wanganui, 4; sundry places in district, 8. Taranaki Hospital District, 3; Waipawa Hospital District, 4; Cook Hospital District, 2; Hawke's Bay Hospital District, 2; South Canterbury Hospital District, 6; Christchurch, 6; Lyttelton, 4; Dunedin, 5; Westport, 8; Reefton, 1; Victoria, 1; Queensland, 1; ships in port, 95.