

Nationality of Patients.—Colonials (New Zealand), 1,346; Colonials (Australia), 66; English, 444; Irish, 166; Scotch, 128; Americans, 25; Scandinavians, 30; Germans, 12; Italians, 8; Assyrians, 7; Russians, 6; Welsh, 5; Chinese, 4; Greeks, 3; French, 2; Spaniard, 1; Egyptian, 1; Finlander, 1; Austrian, 1; Pole, 1; India (native of), 1; Shetland Islander, 1; Manxman, 1.

Religion of Patients.—Church of England, 1,070; Roman Catholic, 526; Presbyterian, 305; Wesleyan Methodist, 185; Baptist, 28; Lutheran, 26; Primitive Methodist, 21; Congregationalist, 20; Salvation Army, 20; Brethren, 16; Church of Christ, 15; Christadelphians, 3; Hebrew, 3; Spiritualists, 3; Greek Church, 3; Agnostics, 2; Freethinkers, 2; Confucian, 2; Unitarian, 1; Mormon, 1; no religion, 8.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 66,215; individual average days' stay, 29.30. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,804; attendances, 14,046.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	7,004	16	0	Rations ...	3,890	10	1
Local bodies ...	6,580	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	174	4	9
Subscriptions and donations ...	225	1	7	Surgery and dispensary ...	1,274	1	5
Rents ...	2,523	0	0	Fuel and light ...	1,175	6	4
Patients' payments ...	2,260	9	11	Bedding and clothing ...	501	17	9
Other sources ...	511	1	6	Furniture and earthenware ...	164	12	11
Balance from last year ...	10,737	9	1	Washing and laundry ...	539	10	0
				Salaries and wages ...	4,484	8	8
				Water-supply ...	127	3	3
				Funerals ...	23	13	0
				Repairs ...	760	11	9
				New buildings and preparing site ...	2,439	18	9
				Additions to buildings ...	1,339	2	0
				Purchase of land for extension of premises ...	2,946	17	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	118	11	7
				Interest ...	353	13	8
				Insurance ...	96	18	3
				Other expenses ...	1,151	12	7
Total ...	£29,841	18	1	Total ...	£21,562	14	3

Visited several times during the year.—The great defect here, and one that I hope may be only temporary, is overcrowding. It is not right that stretchers should be introduced into the wards at night, over and above the number of filled beds. However, a start has at last been made with the building of the Nurses' Home, and when that is ready for occupation two large wards will be set free for the use of patients. During the year Miss Payne resigned from the matronship, upon her appointment to a similar post at Rotorua Sanatorium. Miss Payne's resignation was a great loss to the Hospital. She was a good administrator, and with Dr. Ewart had done admirable work in advancing and improving the nursing department. Miss Pettitt has succeeded Miss Payne as Matron. The Wellington out-patient department entails heavy work on the Resident Medical Officer, and the appointment of Dr. Elliott as Assistant Medical Officer will, I hope, relieve Dr. Ewart. The individual cases last year numbered 2,804, with 14,046 attendances. Dunedin Hospital comes next with 1,748 individual cases and 4,710 attendances.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	26
Admitted during the year ...	150
Total under treatment ...	176
Discharged ...	134
Died ...	20
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...	22

Sex.—131 males, 45 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Buller district and Wellington.

Country.—England, 46; Ireland, 37; Scotland, 10; New Zealand, 60; America, 3; Germany, 2; Denmark, 2; Sweden, 1; Australia, 9; Spain, 1; Italy, 1; Wales, 3; Holland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 86; Roman Catholic, 52; Presbyterian, 16; Baptist, 4; Salvation Army, 10; Lutheran, 2; Methodist, 6.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 9,938; individual average days' stay, 56.46. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 133; attendances, 318.