

Visited 9th January and 16th and 25th June.—Many structural changes have been made and are in progress. The plans for the new operating-room were inspected and approved. A residence is being built for the Medical Superintendent. Good bacteriological work is being done.

BLLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	204
Total under treatment				212
Discharged	...	...	...	173
Died	...	...	...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				20

Sex.—144 males, 68 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Marlborough.

Country.—England, 35; Scotland, 11; New Zealand, 126; Ireland, 15; Australia, 5; Sweden, 1; Africa, 5; Canada, 2; America, 2; France, 1; India, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 98; Roman Catholic, 43; Presbyterian, 41; Methodist, 11; Wesleyan, 5; Salvationist, 1; no denomination, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,357; individual average days' stay, 29.98. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 11½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,095	9	1	Rations	559	17	1
Local bodies	1,096	11	11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	38	8	6
Rents	15	16	0	Surgery and dispensary	100	8	3
Patients' payments	306	1	4	Fuel and light	185	12	5
Other sources	11	14	5	Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware	248	8	10
Balance from last year	830	6	8	Salaries and wages	803	17	7
				Law expenses	16	5	8
				Funerals	8	0	0
				Repairs	45	12	6
				Tree-planting and garden	16	9	9
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	52	4	11
				Interest and insurance	30	18	1
				Commission (architect)	6	8	5
				Other expenses	92	8	0
Total	£3,355	19	5	Total	£2,205	0	0

Visited 3rd September, 13th January, and 13th May.—There are troublous times here. The Hospital was badly constructed, and was originally built of old timber containing vermin. This evil has grown and multiplied until it has become imperatively necessary that the old portion be destroyed by fire. A grant of £1,300 has been promised by Government towards the erection of an entirely new building, and it is to be hoped that the Board will see their way to make a start without further delay. Dr. Anderson and Miss Wyatt deserve credit for working well under great difficulties.

CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	32
Total under treatment				37
Discharged	...	...	...	29
Died	...	...	...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				5

Sex.—37 males.

Localities from which Patients came.—Charleston, 19; Addison's, 8; Brighton, 2; Westport, 3; Croninville, 1; Nine-mile Beach, 3; Dunedin, 1.

Country.—England, 11; Ireland, 19; Scotland, 5; New Zealand, 1; Canada, 1.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 18; Church of England, 11; Presbyterian, 5; Methodist, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,243; individual average days' stay, 33.59. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 10s. 3¼d.