

Nationality of Patients.—Colonials (New Zealand), 1,203; Colonials (Australia), 84; English, 420; Irish, 165; Scotch, 139; Swedes, 18; Danes, 13; Americans, 9; Welsh, 8; Norwegians, 8; Maoris, 5; Russians, 4; Jews, 4; Italians, 3; Dutch, 2; French, 7; Assyrians, 2; Greeks, 2; Africans, 1; Germans, 9; Chinese, 5.

Religion of Patients.—Church of England, 1,074; Roman Catholic, 376; Presbyterian, 302; Wesleyan, 166; Methodist, 37; Salvation Army, 29; Lutheran, 20; Congregationalist, 19; Baptist, 18; Brethren, 18; Hebrew, 10; Church of Christ, 4; Confucian, 3; Freethinkers, 3; Christadelphians, 2; Greek Church, 2; Theosophists, 1; Central Mission, 1; Spiritualists, 1; Seventh Day Adventists, 1; unknown, 24.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 61,724; individual average days' stay, 29.24. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,791; attendances, 12,414.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			
From Government	...	...	5,703	14	2	Rations	...	...	4,348 18 1
Local bodies	...	...	5,300	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	203 15 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	403	18	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	1,148 17 5
Bequest	...	...	4	0	0	Fuel and light	...	...	1,230 6 6
Rents	...	...	2,662	9	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	465 12 10
Patients' payments	...	...	2,819	13	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	267 8 8
Other sources	...	...	7,328	8	11	Washing and laundry	...	...	597 11 10
Balance from last year	...	...	8,279	3	10	Salaries and wages	...	...	5,043 5 1
						Water-supply	...	...	82 17 6
						Funerals	...	...	40 16 6
						Repairs	...	...	1,101 17 5
						New buildings	...	...	8,466 12 0
						Preparing sites for new buildings	...	...	2,018 19 3
						Additions to buildings	...	...	430 0 6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	85 14 7
						Interest	...	...	211 10 0
						Insurance	...	...	110 15 10
						Other expenses	...	...	1,085 3 3
Total	...	...	£32,501	7	5	Total	...	...	£26,940 2 9

Visited several times during the year and inspection made from time to time of food and kitchen arrangements. Owing to the unavoidable overcrowding it has been a trying year for Dr. Ewart and the staff. The Nurses' Home is almost ready for occupation, and this will free the two wards hitherto used as nurses' dormitories, &c., for the use of patients. Whilst alterations are in progress it is to be hoped that the Trustees will take in hand some much-needed modern improvements in the bath-rooms and lavatories attached to the older wards.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	22
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	141
Total under treatment				163
Discharged	...	...	...	120
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				30

Sex.—124 males, 39 females.

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

Country.—Great Britain, 74; New Zealand, 71; Australia, 12; Europe, 6.

Religion.—Protestant, 118; Roman Catholic, 43; Freethinker, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,562; individual average days' stay, 40.25. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 157; attendances, 618.