

Visited 23rd September, 1905.—There was only one patient in this Hospital when it was visited. A married couple are in charge. Mrs. Underwood has had considerable experience as a nurse, but has no registered qualification.

DANNEVIRKE HOSPITAL.

A well-designed small Hospital was opened here in the month of June. The site is well chosen.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	98
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,362
Total under treatment	...	...	1,460
Discharged	...	...	1,230
Died	...	...	116
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	114

Sex.—910 males, 550 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Dunedin and suburbs, 1,035; Allanton, 8; Abbotsford, 4; Arrowtown, 2; Beaconsfield, 2; Balclutha, 10; Bluff, 2; Berwick, 5; Burnside, 11; Clinton, 5; Christchurch, 3; Cromwell, 3; Dunback, 3; Ettrick, 2; Green Island, 12; Greymouth, 3; Henley, 11; Ida Valley, 3; Invercargill, 2; Kaitangata, 21; Lawrence, 5; Mosgiel, 14; Milton, 12; Macrae's 3; Mataura, 6; Owaka, 6; Oamaru, 5; Port Chalmers, 18; Palmerston, 14; Roxburgh, 8; shipping, 24; Waikouaiti, 16; others, 181.

Country.—New Zealand, 758; Scotland, 203; England, 185; Ireland, 126; Victoria, 53; New South Wales, 20; China, 30; Germany, 10; Tasmania, 16; Queensland, 8; Sweden, 8; South Australia, 6; United States, 5; West Indies, 4; Afghan, 1; Austria, 1; Assyria, 4; born at sea, 3; Denmark, 3; Finland 3; France, 1; Greece, 1; India, 1; New Caledonia, 1; Norway, 4; Russia, 2; Spain, 1; Malta, 1; Jersey, 1.

Religion.—Presbyterian, 571; Church of England, 408; Roman Catholic, 248; Wesleyan Methodist, 90; Confucian, 25; Baptist, 31; Congregationalist, 23; Church of Christ, 15; Brethren, 10; Lutheran, 6; Salvationist, 7; no religion, 7; Greek Church, 5; Jewish, 5; Adventist, 2; Christadelphian, 2; Descendant, 1; Mohammedan, 1; Freethinker, 1; Spiritualist, 1; Quaker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 37,851; individual average days' stay, 25·92. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,261; attendances, 3,163.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	3,660	15	8	Rations	2,709	18	8
Local bodies	3,000	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	90	19	0
Subscriptions and donations	563	17	0	Surgery and dispensary	1,400	0	7
Students' fees	315	1	6	Fuel and light	975	18	11
Gael medicines	14	5	9	Bedding and clothing	109	1	5
Patients' payments	2,224	16	7	Furniture, earthenware, &c.	346	0	5
Other sources	32	4	11	Salaries and wages	3,117	16	3
Balance from last year	29	3	5	Honorary medical staff	315	1	6
				Water-supply	159	10	0
				Funerals	20	0	0
				Repairs	551	1	2
				Additions to buildings	31	19	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	107	1	1
				Interest	5	0	11
				Insurance	51	19	2
				Commission	0	11	0
				Other expenses	259	4	0
Total	£9,840	4	10	Total	£10,251	3	1

This Hospital and Medical School are flourishing. The Dunedin public have most generously come forward in support of these institutions, thus showing their high appreciation of their administration and success. It is every year becoming evident to the people that the Medical School will be in future years as vital to the progress of the city as was the case so notably in old Edinburgh. I believe the want of power to realise this fact has been responsible for whatever defects were apparent in the attitude of the Trustees to the Medical School. Mr. Burns, who has managed the Hospital so carefully for so many years, has at length been provided with an assistant. The appointment of Dr. Falconer has my entire approval, and I trust that his professional enthusiasm will be reflected in the training and teaching of the nurses.