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(REPORT ON THE), BY THE INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS.

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The INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

HOSPITALS.

30th July, 1906.

The chief difficulty that has arisen in connection with the hospitals of the colony is the deliberate and determined attempt which has been made by the trustees of the Northern Wairoa Hospital to evade the law by abusing the ticket system. This I long ago failed to check, notably in the old Province of Westland. In the above district this has been pushed to the length of absurdity. Any person who pays £1 6s. is there entitled to the benefit of free medicines and attendance at his own house by the doctor for himself and his wife and children. If this benefit contributor, or any of his family, become an inmate of the Hospital, he receives all the benefits thereof for 15s. a week. This means that the Hospital is turned illegitimately into a benefit club for the neighbourhood—quite an intolerable state of things, demanding clear legislation on this and other points set forth in last year's Hospitals Bill. In other places this evil example is finding some imitators, and it must be checked.

I have drawn attention again and again to the multiplication of fully equipped hospitals in districts that require no more than a small cottage as the centre of activity for a trained nurse. The tendency is increasingly evident, and in spite of my remonstrances local ambition or jealousy has nearly always triumphed over respect for the taxpayer. Had we elected Boards to administer all hospitals within larger areas than at present exist, their knowledge of local conditions and requirements would enable them to treat the district as a whole, and would or should find expression in the survival of a complete central hospital with sufficient cottage hospitals in the subdistricts. To such a body would properly belong the control of "separate institutions" unable to maintain themselves on only voluntary contributions and the Government subsidy thereon. When a so-called "separate institution" has to be assisted out of rates the procedure is as follows: The District Board who collect the money and are responsible to the ratepayers have to hand it over to the Hospital Trustees, who are not responsible to the ratepayers, to distribute. Only separate institutions started and maintained by the benevolence of subscribers should be administered by trustees not responsible to the Board. But how many such institutions are there? Experience teaches that at first there is some enthusiasm and contributions come in, that later interest stales, and the fountain of charity tends to become dry when it is realised that it can be replenished from the apparently inexhaustible reservoir of the local taxpayer and the General Government. Last year there were only two of the twenty-five separate hospitals that were self-supporting—that at Oamaru, which has considerable endowments, and that at Mercury Bay. The latter is a subsidised benefit club, on the lines commented upon above with regard to Aratapu, but it happens to be in a very isolated district.

The comparatively small part played by voluntary contributions in the finances of these separate institutions is confirmed by the following percentages compiled from the returns of the twenty-five such hospitals in New Zealand:—

	Per Cent.
Government	51.0
Rates	33.1
Voluntary contributions	14.5
Bequests	1.4

Is not this also an eloquent argument for larger State control?

During the past year there has been much hospital-building and talk of building. Latterly I have been pleased to note a desire on the part of Hospital Boards and Trustees to seek the advice of the Department in planning and constructing new hospitals, and when making alterations to old. In the past this was the exception—the Act does not specifically demand it, and the local bodies no doubt considered themselves self-sufficient—with the result that many of our hospitals are ill planned and defective in materials and workmanship. Of course, the submission for approval of the central authority should be statutory.

CHARITABLE AID.

The following separate institutions are in the same anomalous state as the hospitals before mentioned—that is, they are administered by Trustees independent of the Charitable Aid Boards who represent the taxpayer, the source of a considerable proportion of their income. In the following table I show the proportions of their income from different sources during the year under review :—

	Government.	Rates.	Voluntary Contributions.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Wellington Benevolent Institution	50.1	48.1	1.8
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	60.9	38.4	0.7
Greymouth Benevolent Society	50.0	50.0	..
Hokitika Benevolent Society	53.6	25.0	21.3
Samaritan Home, Christchurch	50.4	31.6	18.0
North Otago Benevolent-Society	31.8	65.9	3.3
Otago Benevolent Institution	51.5	46.6	1.9
Percentage of the aggregate	56.3	40.5	3.2

These figures are a sufficient indication of where the preponderating influence should lie, yet the Department representing the Government, and the Charitable Aid Boards representing the ratepayer, are, in the existing condition of the law, practically in the hands of the Trustees of such bodies.

In illustration I would quote a portion of a report made by me on the 7th June to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

"I have to draw your attention to the very disquieting state of matters suggested by the Audit Inspector's examination of the books of the Wellington Benevolent Trust.

"Upon the evidence it would seem that the Secretary, Mr. A. W. Purvis, occupies a position in which, if it is not one of his seeking, he has to be sympathized with. Mr. Purvis is Master of the Ohiro Home, and his wife Matron. He is Secretary to the Trustees, and, though not Storekeeper, is responsible for the stock in the store from which the recipients of charitable aid are supplied. Last year the Treasurer, Mr. Powles, resigned, and I understand it was agreed that the Chairman of the Trustees would act as Treasurer. The balance-sheet of the Trust is, however, signed by Mr. Purvis as Acting-Treasurer. The minutes of the Trustees' meetings are apparently meagre and imperfect, and show a want of capacity and government on their part.

"I would take this opportunity to draw your attention to another matter—namely, the position of the Trustees with regard to destitute maternity cases. The Ohiro Home was visited shortly before the official opening of the additions, and the maternity ward, with nurses' quarters, &c., was pointed out by the Matron, situate next to the quarters occupied by herself and her husband. In spite of this the Trustees have declared publicly that they never intended to provide for maternity cases at the Ohiro Home, and even approached the Government for aid to meet the urgent need for some place for destitute lying-in cases. Now, as to the above declaration the Trustees are in this dilemma: Either they have a place for urgent cases at the Ohiro Home (which they say they have not) or it seems that they have obtained money from the Charitable Aid Board under false pretences.

"Further, the Audit Inspector reports that items of unusual, or what should be unusual, expenditure have not been minuted, but have been passed in a lump sum with other accounts; that the details of accounts passed for payment are not given in the minutes, nor by reference to schedule; that back vouchers for £845-odd, not signed by the Chairman as having been passed for payment, were so signed by the Acting-Chairman during the audit; and other unsatisfactory details. These matters would seem to indicate that the Trustees are incapable of carrying on the work properly, or that, possessing the capacity, they are not exercising it. When one reflects that such things can be, that there may be more which are unknown, that the Charitable Aid Board which supplies the money has no voice in the spending of it by the Trustees, it is evident that an incorrigible state of affairs exists under the present Act."

Further comment is needless.

The Board was asked for any explanation they desired to submit.

NURSES.

In the procession which makes for the town from the country is to be found the sick-nurse. Unless promoted to be a sister or Matron, she leaves her hospital (be the hospital in town or country) soon after being registered, to take up private nursing where employment is at hand and the remuneration sure. This is a serious matter for the larger hospitals, where the retention of a proportion of staff nurses makes for the better working of the institution and the training of probationers, but it is still more serious for the outlying country districts. This is a question for Hospital Boards to give most earnest consideration.

A few words on the subject of nurses' uniforms has really become necessary. Washing-dresses, white aprons, removable sleeves represent the absolute cleanliness and neatness, together with the freedom of movement, required in carrying out the duties of sick-nurse. Of late is with regret to be observed an increasing tendency for nurses on duty to wear dangling chains, numerous brooches, rings, &c. Even some hospital Matrons adopt this habit: I have counted as many as five brooches worn at the same time by a Matron in the North Island. Then, consider the cap. It originated with the idea of covering the hair: does it do so now? The nurses' cap has shrunk into a small piece of starched linen crowning an edifice of pads and loose hair. The Matrons are wrong in permitting this, and the surgeon, who is properly particular about the scrubbing of hands and arms, becomes inconsistent when he submits to untidy heads of hair in the ward and operating-room. The Wellington Hospital must be exempted from the foregoing strictures: the nurses being trained there are neat and tidy in uniform, and are not allowed to wear hairpads and jewellery whilst on duty.

Under "The Nurses Registration Act, 1901," during 1905 75 hospital-trained nurses passed their final State examination, and their names were added to the register. The fees amounted to £83 10s., and the expenses (examiners' and supervisors' fees) to £97 11s. 8d. England is trying hard to obtain State registration for hospital-trained nurses, and the States of Australia are also moving in the same direction. New Zealand has proved by five years' experience the advantage to medical men and the public, as well as to the nursing profession, of having a recognised standard of proficiency and consequent State registration. There is no fault to be found with our system of State registration of nurses; it works well, and maintains a standard of proficiency that acts as a stimulus to hospital authorities. There is, however, one defect that should be remedied. The original Bill classified New Zealand hospitals into those large enough to give nurses a thorough training, and those too small to provide adequate practical training, but Parliament rejected such classification. This defect should be remedied at once, for, by failing to restrict our training schools to those hospitals containing forty beds or over, we prevent our New Zealand State-registered nurses from claiming registration in other countries. I would call attention to those responsible for the training of nurses that sick-cookery is one of the subjects on the syllabus.

Under "The Midwives Registration Act, 1904," 761 midwives were registered. Of these 63 hold certificates as midwives, and the remainder were placed on the register because they were certified by medical men as having been for three years or over practising as midwives and were of good character. With the passing of the Midwives Registration Act the day of the dirty, ignorant, careless woman, who has brought death or ill health to many mothers and infants, will soon end. After 1907, every woman who undertakes the responsibilities of a midwife will have to show that she is competent to do so. This will necessarily limit the number of women who can be found in any district to attend a case of labour at a low charge. To meet this difficulty St. Helens Hospitals have been established in each of the four centres, where the wives of working-men can obtain, at a fixed charge, care and attendance during child-birth. The success already met with in these hospitals testifies to the need for them. There has hitherto been no hospital in New Zealand devoted to maternity work where nurses could be trained, and St. Helens Hospitals provide careful training for maternity nurses.

St. Helens Hospital, Wellington, admitted its first patient on the 17th June, 1905. At the end of the financial year, 31st March, 1906, the total number of births was 111; receipts from fees £382 13s. 2d., and household expenditure (exclusive of rent and salaries) £212 12s. 3d. The house rented in Rintoul Street has not been found satisfactory for the purpose, and plans have been prepared for erecting a suitable building on Hospital Road.

St. Helens Hospital, Dunedin, was opened by the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon on the 31st September, 1905. On the 31st March, 1906, the total number of births was 69; receipts from fees £279 19s. 9d., and household expenditure (exclusive of rent and salaries) £178 9s. The house rented in Regent Road has been found suitable for the purpose, and the sum of £3,250 has been placed on the estimates for its purchase.

St. Helens Hospital, Auckland, was opened without ceremony on the 14th June, 1906. The workmen of the Newmarket Railway Workshops erected a handsomely designed lamp at the entrance to the Hospital in memory of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. This memorial lamp was unveiled by Sir Joseph Ward on the 30th July.

It is hoped to have St. Helens Hospital, Christchurch, ready to open in October. A building has been purchased in Durham Street, that with some alteration will make a hospital equal to those already established.

On the 1st August, 1906, the number of births inside St. Helens Hospitals was 232, and 68 were attended by St. Helens nurses outside the hospital; making a total of 300.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS FOR INDOOR RELIEF.

The Auckland Costley Home has been made much more efficient and comfortable. The sanitary arrangements offer a most difficult problem, owing to the nature of the site. The food supplied is of good quality, and now the cooking is reasonably good, thanks to the fine new kitchen. It would be a great improvement if a suitable cottage were erected in the grounds for the Manager. I heard no serious complaints, and the inmates are treated kindly.

The Whangarei Home: The whole place is clean and comfortable. The food for dinner was found to be good and well cooked. There were no complaints even from a chronic grumbler. The room set aside for dirty cases is too small. A septic tank has been provided. The closets are an ingenious modification of the trough system, designed by the architect to the Board.

The Thames Home at Tararu has been greatly improved. A bath pavilion, suitably provided, has been built. A closet pavilion, suitable and sanitary, and a septic tank have been provided. The

sitting-room has been extended. Mr. and Mrs. Tonking in charge, assisted by their daughter. Complaints made by an old man were found on investigation to be unreasonable. There is a want of single rooms. The number of inmates : twenty-three males and one female.

At Hamilton the Home for Aged Poor is improved by setting one of the rooms aside for a bath-room. The urinal (which is inside) and w.-c. are trapped, but not the two hand-basins. The old bath was seldom used ; it was situated in a dark recess from the men's dormitory. The Master told me that the urinal was all right, for he flushed it out once a day ! All the windows were closed, even on the lee side of the house. The beds were clean, and the food was good. The garden was well kept.

At Gisborne the provision for old people is merely a makeshift—two or three cottages in a small section of garden-ground. The inmates are well fed and fairly clad.

The new Napier Refuge was visited and the new buildings, of a suitable design and conveniently as well as beautifully situated, were well advanced. The work was well done and carefully superintended by a competent man. It is best to forget the old condition of things now.

The Jubilee Home, Wanganui, was built for a college, and is not very suitable for its purpose ; and the garden is much too small. The results on the health and comfort of the inmates are depressing, for there is very little means of interesting either their minds or bodies. Except for these drawbacks, they are well fed, well clad, well lodged as far as possible, and well treated.

In Nelson nothing has yet been done to improve the accommodation for the old people, and the same is the case in Timaru. Plans are being prepared.

The Oamaru Old People's Home contained thirteen males and four females. They were temporarily lodged in the old Council Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. Young have been in charge for a year. A good meal was served during the visit, and, allowing for the unsuitability of the dwelling, things were very fair all round. The new building is progressing apace. Unwashed sea-sand is being used in the building. The local men say this is quite right, but Mr. Campbell, the Chief Government Architect, condemns the practice. The area of land is much too small.

The Otago Benevolent Institution is carefully looked after by the trustees. Mr. Clulee, the secretary, is very attentive to his work, and Mr. and Mrs. Mee do their duties well, considering the number of inmates they have to deal with. The contemplated midwifery school will solve the difficulty which want of suitable accommodation made it so hard to deal with in the past. The great question of all has still to be faced before this institution can be considered worthy of Otago, and that is the inadequate extent of the grounds for the 225 inmates and the necessary staff. The old building was unsuitable from the beginning, and the newer buildings, though well designed, are much too close together, and cannot be extended. The nursing arrangements are behind the age. In regard to food, clothing, and kindly treatment I have nothing to complain of.

The Old People's Home, New Plymouth ; the Ohiro Home, Wellington ; the Jubilee Home, Christchurch ; the Ashburton Home ; and the Lorne Farm, Southland, are all well managed and creditable institutions as regards cleanliness and comfort of inmates.

AKAROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	30
Total under treatment				32
Discharged	...	...	...	26
Died	...	...	...	4
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				2

Sex.—18 males, 14 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Akaroa County.

Country.—New Zealand, 25; England, 4; Ireland, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 16; Presbyterian, 9; Roman Catholic, 7.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 606; individual average days' stay, 19. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 11s. 10½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	...	Rations	...	...	...
Derived from North Canterbury Hospital Board, of which it is a branch hospital	...	...	...	Wines, &c.	...	...	...
Patients' payments	...	...	...	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	...
	240	13	3	Fuel and light	...	...	...
	240	13	4	Salaries and wages	...	...	...
	21	0	0	Additions to buildings	...	...	...
				Other expenses	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	Total	...	...	...
	£502	6	7		£502	6	7

This Cottage Hospital continues to be well looked after by Dr. Hargrave, under the supervision of the North Canterbury Hospital Board.

ARROWTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	79
Total under treatment				81
Discharged	...	...	...	67
Died	...	...	...	11
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				3

Sex.—53 males, 28 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Queenstown, Arrowtown, Cromwell, Pembroke, Hawea, Macetown, Cardrona, Gibbston, Skipper's, Frankton, Invercargill.

Country.—New Zealand, 46; England, 8; Scotland, 3; Ireland, 9; Australia, 6; Prussia, 1; Italy, 1; Canada, 1; China, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 21; Presbyterian, 25; Roman Catholic, 19; Salvation Army, 3; Wesleyan, 3; Independent, 3; Lutheran, 1; Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,052; individual average days' stay, 25·33. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 5d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 73; attendances, 116.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	...	Rations	...	...	...
Local bodies	...	...	...	Surgery and dispensary, &c.	...	...	...
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	Fuel and light	...	...	...
Patients' payments	...	...	...	Bedding and clothing	...	...	...
Other sources	...	...	...	Furniture and repairs	...	...	...
Balance from last year	...	...	...	Salaries and wages	...	...	...
	357	1	1	Funerals	...	...	...
	246	0	0	Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	...
	97	17	0	Insurance	...	...	...
	183	18	8	Commission	...	...	...
	5	3	7	Other expenses	...	...	...
	117	9	3				
Total	...	...	...	Total	...	...	...
	£1,007	9	7		£944	17	3

Visited 3rd September, 1905.—The patients numbered 6 on the date of the visit—5 males and 1 female. Miss McLeod, who has held the office of matron for a year, is a capable nurse. I am glad to find that Dr. Thomson has decided to remain in charge of the Hospital. This is a good thing for the district.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	217
Total under treatment	...	...	226
Discharged	...	...	193
Died	...	...	14
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	19

Sex.—179 males, 47 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ashburton, 208; Timaru, 1; Christchurch, 14; Geraldine, 3.

Nationality.—Colonials, 102; English, 37; Scotch, 22; Irish, 61; French, 3; Norwegian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 99; Presbyterian, 51; Roman Catholic, 49; Wesleyan, 16; Salvation Army, 8; Baptist, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,499; individual average days' stay, 19.9. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	703	14	5	Rations	...	...	313	17	8
Local bodies	...	...	700	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	9	16	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	3	17	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	78	18	7
Patients' payments	...	...	307	10	0	Fuel and light...	...	...	185	11	0
Other sources	...	...	16	5	1	Bedding and clothing	...	...	24	4	6
Balance from last year	...	...	62	1	4	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	67	1	11
						Salaries and wages	...	...	613	19	8
						Repairs	...	...	257	6	6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	9	8	6
						Interest	...	...	0	7	6
						Insurance	...	...	12	6	9
						Commission	...	...	29	7	4
						Other expenses	...	...	81	7	11
Total	...		£1,793	7	10	Total	...		£1,683	13	10

Visited 1st March, 1906.—Much improved since last visit. Messrs. Davis and Reid were present during the inspection (members of the Committee). The Board are evidently most anxious to keep things up to the mark. The Hospital has been painted, but the work was not particularly well done.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	162
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,801
Total under treatment	...	...	1,963
Discharged	...	...	1,592
Died	...	...	193
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	178

Sex.—1,321 males, 642 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and suburbs, 1,360; District of Auckland, 451; North Auckland, 52; south of Auckland, 57; shipping, 43.

Nationality.—England, 436; Scotland, 74; Ireland, 176; New Zealand, 1,040; Australia, 108; America, 8; France, 3; Germany, 19; Austria, 6; Denmark, 13; China, 1; Greece, 5; Sweden, 11; Malta, 3; Finland, 4; South Sea Islands, 6; Russia, 1; Spain, 1; Canada, 5; Africa, 2; Norway, 6; Egypt, 6; Holland, 3; not known, 13.

Religion.—Church of England, 1,034; Roman Catholic, 447; Wesleyan, 81; Methodist, 36; Presbyterian, 226; Church of Christ, 3; Hebrew, 8; Greek, 2; Salvation Army, 10; Baptist, 31; Congregational, 19; Lutheran, 15; Plymouth Brethren, 7; Missions, 6; Unitarian, 2; Hindoo, 2; Confucian, 1; Christadelphian, 4; Evangelist, 3; Mormon, 1; no religion, 23.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 63,394; individual average days' stay, 32.29. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 461; attendances, 4,376.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	7,227	17	5	Rations	...	...	3,583 1 0
Local bodies	...	...	7,227	17	5	Nurses' Home, maintenance	...	...	1,455 18 11
Infectious diseases	...	...	491	17	1	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	...	86 2 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	34	14	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	1,646 13 0
Rents	...	...	694	5	8	Fuel and light	...	...	1,075 1 6
Patients' payments	...	...	2,839	17	7	Bedding and clothing	...	...	852 14 10
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	353 17 9
						Washing and laundry	...	...	486 7 5
						Salaries and wages	...	...	4,463 18 7
						Water-supply	...	...	390 13 9
						Funerals	...	...	45 13 6
						Maintenance of grounds	...	...	163 13 8
						Repairs and material	...	...	550 0 4
						New buildings	...	...	2,010 7 3
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	205 12 9
						Legal expenses	...	...	7 17 6
						Insurance	...	...	37 18 11
						Proportion of office expenses	...	...	445 5 4
						Drainage-works	...	...	137 7 3
						Tennis-court for nurses	...	...	158 10 3
						Point Chevalier Infectious Diseases Hospital grounds	...	...	93 3 6
						Road endowments	...	...	50 0 0
						Hospital bill	...	...	101 0 10
						Other expenses	...	...	115 9 4
Total	...	...	£18,516	9	2	Total	...	...	£18,516 9 2

The Board and Mr. McLeod, the Chairman, are taking the liveliest interest in the working of this Hospital. The medical and surgical work is ably and vigorously carried on. The Board have appointed a new architect, with whom, and the Chairman, I had a consultation about the sanitary improvements contemplated. Dr. Robertson is still Chairman of the honorary staff, and takes the greatest interest in the proper conduct of the Hospital. The new operating-theatre is in full working-order.

BLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	17
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	200
Total under treatment	...	...	...	217
Discharged	...	...	...	179
Died	...	...	...	18
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	20

Sex.—155 males, 62 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Marlborough.

Country.—England, 44; Scotland, 12; New Zealand, 132; Ireland, 13; Australia, 11; Sweden, 2; West Indies, 2; China, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 110; Roman Catholic, 47; Presbyterian, 34; Wesleyan, 21; Salvationist, 3; Brethren, 1; Unitarian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,021; individual average days' stay, 37. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 1½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	1,048	1	11	Rations ...	549	17	10
Local bodies ...	1,081	15	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	43	13	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	13	11	8	Surgery and dispensary ...	243	15	9
Rents ...	6	0	0	Fuel and light ...	257	12	7
Patients' payments ...	690	0	11	Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware ...	276	19	0
Other sources ...	95	6	4	Salaries and wages ...	873	7	5
Balance from last year ...	1,788	9	5	Funerals ...	4	0	0
				Repairs ...	90	1	1
				New hospital (preliminary) ...	95	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	54	7	10
				Interest and insurance ...	19	3	1
				Other expenses ...	414	1	9
Total ...	£4,723	5	11	Total ...	£2,921	19	10

Visited 21st January, 1906.—The number of patients on the day of my visit was 21—males 10, and females 11. Dr. Bennett is doing his best in difficult and unsuitable surroundings. The new Matron is working loyally and well. The tenders for the new Hospital were unexpectedly high, and things were at a standstill, and apparently they remain so now. I trust that it is unnecessary for me to say anything more about the old Hospital and its defective drainage.

CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	8
Admitted during the year ...	23
Total under treatment ...	31
Discharged ...	19
Died ...	1
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	11

Sex.—31 males.

Localities from which Patients came.—Charleston, Addison's, Brighton, Westport, Nine-mile Beach, Brown's Terrace.

Country.—England, 6; Ireland, 6; Scotland, 7; New Zealand, 4.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 7; Church of England, 9; Presbyterian, 4; Primitive Methodist, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,329; individual average days' stay, 75.13. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	211	10	4	Rations ...	166	0	6
Local bodies ...	91	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	14	2	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	100	11	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	37	4	2
Rents ...	10	0	0	Fuel and light ...	16	3	10
Patients' payments ...	156	17	0	Bedding and clothing ...	22	13	11
Balance from last year ...	49	19	2	Salaries and wages ...	272	4	0
				Repairs ...	5	14	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	5	15	7
				Insurance ...	2	2	7
				Other expenses ...	1	12	6
Total ...	£620	8	0	Total ...	£543	13	4

Visited 6th January, 1906.—This hospital remains *in statu quo*. There is no change to report.

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	116
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,466
Total under treatment				1,582
Discharged	...	...	...	1,356
Died	...	...	...	119
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				107

Sex.—1,013 males, 569 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Christchurch, 524; Suburbs, 434; North Canterbury, 435; Lyttelton, 71; no fixed residence, 118.

Country.—New Zealand, 636; England, 399; Ireland, 169; Scotland, 93; Australia, 64; Wales, 7; Tasmania, 9; Germany, 10; China, 1; Sweden, 4; America, 3; Austria, 2; Switzerland, 1; Norway, 2; Denmark, 6; Finland, 1; Holland, 1; Italy, 2; Canada, 4; Africa, 1; Spain, 1; France, 1; Greece, 2; unknown, 163.

Religion.—Church of England, 776; Roman Catholic, 286; Presbyterian, 246; Methodist, 185; Lutheran, 19; Congregational, 8; Baptist, 47; Jewish, 1; Christadelphian, 1; Latter-day Saints, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Church of Christ, 3; Salvation Army, 8.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 38,750; individual average days' stay, 24.49. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 1d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,896; attendances, 10,831.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	5,080	11	0	Rations	...	2,691	6	6
Local bodies	...	5,157	2	3	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	83	0	9
Subscriptions and donations	...	228	7	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	981	10	11
Bequest	...	225	0	0	Fuel and light	...	1,231	3	3
Patients' payments	...	1,100	13	3	Bedding and clothing	...	373	19	3
Other sources	...	41	4	11	Furniture and earthenware	...	172	9	8
Balance from last year	...	991	10	5	Salaries and wages	...	4,487	14	11
					Funerals	...	22	12	6
					Repairs	...	359	1	0
					New buildings	...	602	4	9
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	83	18	6
					Insurance	...	96	7	11
					Commission	...	4	17	9
					Casual Ward, Lyttelton	...	51	9	10
					Other expenses	...	815	2	2
Total	...	£12,824	8	10	Total	...	£12,056	19	8

There is a deficiency of staff nurses, owing to newly registered nurses striking out for themselves. The discipline of the nurses is lax, the Matron is not a good teacher, and the management is slack. There is a dissatisfied feeling in the community, an impalpable impression of imperfect supervision on the part of the resident staff, and a want of alacrity among the subordinates. Dr. Bett, acting in Dr. Crooke's absence, has his work cut out for him if he carries out his programme of reforms.

COROMANDEL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	62
Total under treatment				67
Discharged	...	...	...	56
Died	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				6

Sex.—50 males, 17 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Coromandel County, 63; Auckland, 1; Napier, 1; Dunedin, 2.

Country.—England, 9; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 10; New Zealand, 30; Denmark, 1; Norway, 1; Finland, 1; Aboriginal, 9; unknown, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,152; individual average days' stay, 32.12. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 299; attendances, 1,614

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	675	2	3	Rations ...	211	14	0
Local bodies ...	300	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter ...	6	14	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	259	18	4	Surgery and dispensary ...	109	3	6
Patients' payments ...	185	4	2	Fuel and light ...	78	5	3
Other sources ...	95	11	7	Bedding and clothing ...	39	8	1
				Washing and laundry ...	13	0	0
				Salaries and wages ...	689	19	1
				Funerals ...	13	10	0
				Repairs ...	2	16	3
				Additions to buildings ...	59	14	0
				Printing, advertising, &c. ...	17	4	2
				Insurance ...	11	5	1
				Other expenses ...	108	9	5
Total ...	£1,515	16	4	Total ...	£1,361	2	10

Visited 6th November, 1905.—Patients—male, 3; female, 2: total, 5. The Fever Hospital was found empty, and alterations not yet carried out (they have been since). The Matron, Miss Street, is assisted by two junior probationers. She has arranged to pass these on to the Auckland Hospital after they have served a year. It is recognised that they ought to have registered nurses at the Hospital, but they cannot afford it. The expenses are very high, and there is no hospital rate struck. The township is going downhill, and altogether the Hospital is in a bad way financially. The repayments are exceedingly small, and one gets the impression that the secretary's hands are not free in pressing for them. The aged will not go to Tararu, and the Hospital doors are open to convalescents.

CROMWELL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	9
Admitted during the year ...	59
Total under treatment ...	68
Discharged ...	59
Died ...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	1

Sex.—62 males, 6 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Cromwell, 19; Bannockburn and Kawareau Station, 13; Lowburn and Quartz-reef Point, 12; Mount Pisa Station, 7; Hawea, Pembroke, and Mararoa, 6; Tarras and Luggate, 5; Kawareau Gorge and Waitiri, 3; Queenstown, 1; Nevis, 2.

Country.—England, 19; Scotland, 12; Ireland, 3; New Zealand, 24; Australia, 3; Wales, 2; Denmark, 2; America, 1; Sweden, 2.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 15; Church of England, 24; Presbyterian, 23; Wesleyan, 3; Lutheran, 2; Baptist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,427; individual average days' stay, 20.98. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 39; attendances, 61.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	180	2	0	Rations ...	117	0	8
Local bodies ...	623	12	10	Surgery and dispensary, &c. ...	77	14	8
Subscriptions and donations ...	141	3	5	Fuel and light ...	35	11	8
Rent ...	40	4	2	Bedding and clothing ...	17	15	5
Patients' payments ...	225	18	10	Furniture and earthenware ...	1	10	0
Balance from last year ...	198	14	2	Washing and laundry ...	533	8	5
				Salaries and wages ...	7	0	0
				Funerals ...	34	2	6
				Repairs ...	330	3	0
				Additions to buildings ...	116	7	0
				Drainage scheme and hot-water system ...	22	9	5
				Printing, advertising, &c. ...	0	16	0
				Interest ...	4	6	5
				Insurance ...	0	10	0
				Commission ...	52	14	5
				Other expenses ...			
Total ...	£1,409	15	5	Total ...	£1,351	9	7

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.

DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	40
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	46
Discharged	...	...	...	36
Died	...	...	...	7
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	3

Sex.—34 males, 12 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Alexandra, 16; Clyde, 17; Bald Hill Flat, 2; Dunstan, 4; Matakanui, 2; Ophir, 5.

Nationality.—English, 7; Scotch, 10; Irish, 7; New Zealand, 17; Australian, 3; Sweden, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 13; Roman Catholic, 10; Presbyterian, 22; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,438; individual average days' stay, 31·26. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 11s. 0¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 30; attendances, 45.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	354	0	11	Rations	144	6	1
Local bodies	184	3	5	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	9	16	4
Subscriptions and donations	190	17	6	Surgery and dispensary	49	14	8
Patients' payments	82	6	8	Fuel and light	34	15	6
Other sources	7	10	8	Furniture, earthenware, and repairs	85	7	4
Balance from last year	0	4	8	Salaries and wages	456	11	10
				Water-supply	6	9	6
				Funerals	10	10	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	17	4	6
				Interest, &c.	2	12	6
				Insurance	10	11	1
				Commission	34	8	0
				Other expenses	14	16	7
Total	£819	3	10	Total	£877	3	11

Visited 22nd September, 1905.—Mr. Hutton, the Chairman, promised that the defective plaster, as well as some minor matters, would be remedied. The Hospital appears to be working well, both in medical and nursing departments.

GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	18
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	318
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	336
Discharged	...	...	...	288
Died	...	...	...	22
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	26

Sex.—246 males, 90 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Cook County.

Nationality.—British, 325; foreign, 11.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,585; individual average days' stay, 22·57. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,077	18	11	Rations	343	18	5
Local bodies	625	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	4	5	6
Subscriptions and donations	339	9	0	Surgery and dispensary	187	0	0
Rents	25	14	0	Fuel and light	181	9	2
Patients' payments	431	18	0	Bedding and clothing	48	18	5
Other sources	25	7	0	Furniture and earthenware	58	2	7
Balance from last year	883	2	0	Salaries and wages	881	3	6
				Repairs	244	5	1
				Additions to buildings	383	16	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	11	5	0
				Insurance	39	10	0
				Sanitation	27	15	0
				Other expenses	8	1	9
Total	£3,408	8	11	Total	£2,419	10	8

Visited 25th April, 1906.—My visit this year was a hurried one owing to the short time permitted by the steamer's departure. I made as full an examination as was possible in the time at my disposal, and found everything in the usual satisfactory order.

GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	53
Admitted during the year	...	...	215
Total under treatment	...	...	268
Discharged	...	...	175
Died	...	...	38
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	55

Sex.—224 males, 44 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Greymouth, 65; Grey County, 162; Brunnerton, 24; other districts and shipping, 17.

Country.—Great Britain and Ireland, 116; New Zealand, 52; Australia, 18; Europe, 64; America, 4; China, 14.

Religion.—Church of England, 107; Roman Catholic, 105; Presbyterian, 28; Methodist, 9; Salvation Army, 4; Confucian, 14; Atheist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 20,623; individual average days' stay, 76.95. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 187; attendances, 506.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	592	2	10	Rations	1,015	11	10
Local bodies	345	16	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	91	6	9
Subscriptions and donations	243	7	10	Surgery and dispensary	115	12	10
Bequest	10	0	0	Fuel and light	179	9	0
Rents	0	10	0	Bedding and clothing	312	1	11
Patients' payments	978	14	5	Furniture and earthenware	15	2	0
Other sources	10	14	7	Salaries and wages	1,139	3	4
Balance from last year	434	16	9	Water-supply	15	0	0
				Funerals	39	18	0
				Repairs	130	6	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	66	12	7
				Interest	21	8	0
				Insurance	35	16	7
				Other expenses	218	15	4
Total	£2,616	3	1	Total	£3,396	4	5

Visited 2nd January, 1906, and 16th July, 1906.—The new buildings are progressing apace, and the two pavilions of the new Hospital should soon be fit for occupation. Miss Fothergill, the Matron, left last year, and Miss Thurston has been appointed in her place. The inmates number hospital cases and old people in about equal proportions.

HAVELOCK HOSPITAL.

Number of patients admitted during year	...	...	17
Total under treatment	...	...	17
Discharged	...	...	11
Died	...	...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	3

Sex.—16 males, 1 female.

Locality from which Patients came.—Picton Hospital District.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,350; individual average days' stay, 79.41. Daily average cost per head, 2s. 11½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	99	5	11	Rations	121	10	1
Local bodies	99	5	10	Fuel and light	12	12	0
				Furniture and earthenware	16	9	6
				Salaries and wages	29	0	0
				Insurance	2	1	4
				Other expenses	16	18	10
Total	£198	11	9	Total	£198	11	9

Visited 20th January, 1906.—The Board is using this Cottage Hospital as a home for old men, and two are in residence at present. They are boarded at so much a head by the caretaker, Mrs. Price. She certainly keeps the place clean and comfortable, and the food inspected was good; but the system is open to abuse.

HAWERA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	10
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	143
Total under treatment				153
Discharged	...	...	...	120
Died	...	...	...	12
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				21

Sex.—99 males, 54 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawera, Eltham, Manaia, Opunake, and Okaiawa.

Nationality.—English, 119; Irish, 13; Scotch, 5; Swiss, 4; German, 2; Chinese, 1; Maori, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,922; individual average days' stay, 25·63. Daily average cost per head, 10s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	871	0	0	Rations	...	355	0	1
Local bodies	...	942	2	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	13	4	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	88	1	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	197	2	8
Patients' payments	...	334	6	6	Fuel and light	...	164	6	4
Other sources	...	9	5	0	Bedding and clothing	...	69	14	6
Balance from last year	...	192	3	7	Furniture and earthenware	...	134	18	10
					Washing and laundry	...	7	1	0
					Salaries and wages	...	773	10	0
					Funerals	...	2	7	6
					Repairs	...	118	6	10
					New buildings	...	439	2	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	54	14	8
					Interest	...	4	11	0
					Insurance	...	26	4	1
					Other expenses	...	108	8	2
Total	...	£2,436	19	3	Total	...	£2,468	11	8

This Hospital is well appointed and administered. The Board and the public take a great interest in its welfare.

HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	36
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	121
Total under treatment				157
Discharged	...	...	...	99
Died	...	...	...	25
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				33

Sex.—109 males, 48 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Westland, 153; Grey, 2; Timaru, 1; Feilding, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 49; England, 24; Scotland, 21; Ireland, 28; Australia, 10; Germany, 8; China, 2; Denmark, 3; Austria, 1; Poland, 2; Sweden, 1; France, 1; Switzerland, 6; Holland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 63; Presbyterian, 32; Roman Catholic, 53; Lutheran, 6; other religions, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,794; individual average days' stay, 81·49. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 223; attendances, 628.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,253	3	7	Rations	...	808	4	9
Local bodies	...	727	3	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	40	2	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	374	2	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	195	9	2
Patients' payments	...	565	9	2	Fuel and light	...	119	18	5
Other sources	...	47	14	5	Bedding and clothing	...	47	7	11
Balance from last year	...	267	16	3	Furniture and earthenware	...	36	10	9
					Salaries and wages	...	786	14	8
					Funerals	...	20	0	0
					Repairs	...	239	14	1
					Additions to buildings	...	139	17	7
					New buildings	...	293	12	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	56	13	1
					Insurance	...	26	2	8
					Commission	...	14	8	0
					Other expenses	...	259	2	2
Total	...	£3,235	9	1	Total	...	£3,083	18	1

Visited 27th December, 1905.—No change. The building is really not up to the mark, but whether a large hospital is required here is another matter. However, the Trustees have a grant towards the erection of a new hospital. The idea is to add the wards bit by bit as necessary.

Visited 18th July, 1906.—The total number of inmates is 34: Males, 26, of whom 19 are hospital cases, and the rest simply old people; the women are 8 in number, of whom 5 are chronics. The Hospital is working well. The position of the new ward which is to be an instalment of a well-designed brick hospital has been pegged out.

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	38
Admitted during the year	...	505
Total under treatment	...	543
Discharged	...	445
Died	...	50
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	48

Sex.—370 males, 173 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Southland County, Wallace County, Lake County, Fiord County, Stewart Island County.

Country.—England, 61; Scotland, 90; Ireland, 54; New Zealand, 270; Victoria, 27; New South Wales, 4; South Australia, 2; Queensland, 1; Tasmania, 6; Cape of Good Hope, 2; India, 3; Italy, 1; Damascus, 2; America, 3; China, 6; Norway, 1; Wales, 1; Poland, 1; Sweden, 2; Isle of Man, 3; Prussia, 1; Germany, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 127; Presbyterian, 230; Roman Catholic, 107; Wesleyan, 18; Protestant, 17; Baptist, 5; Confucian, 5; Salvation Army, 10; Primitive Methodist, 11; Lutheran, 2; Congregational, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Church of Christ, 3; Latter-day Saints, 2; no religion, 2; Christian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 17,512; individual average days' stay 32.25. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 6d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,139; attendances, 1,960.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,538	0	0	Rations	...	1,073	8	3
Local bodies	...	1,538	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	14	18	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	27	2	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	302	3	4
Rents	...	32	8	0	Fuel and light	...	350	18	10
Patients' payments	...	829	9	2	Bedding and clothing	...	140	6	5
Other sources	...	151	10	3	Furniture and earthenware	...	124	9	6
Balance from last year	...	71	7	2	Salaries and wages	...	1,484	7	5
					Water-supply	...	14	13	0
					Funerals	...	20	0	0
					Repairs	...	184	15	11
					Additions to buildings	...	130	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	32	2	3
					Insurance	...	34	1	4
					Commission	...	0	10	0
					Other expenses	...	91	5	6
Total	...	£4,187	17	4	Total	...	£3,947	19	9

During Dr. Hendry's absence on leave this Hospital has been well looked after by Dr. Barclay, and Miss Ewart, the Matron. The nursing is good, and the administration efficient.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	21
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	75
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	96
Discharged	...	...	...	71
Died	...	...	...	7
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	18

Sex.—58 males, 38 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kumara, 29; Dillman's, 8; Westbrook, 1; Hokitika, 5; Greenstone, 4; Waimea, 14; Grey, 2; Christchurch Road, 4; Cape Terrace, 4; Kumara Junction, 3; Reefton, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 28; Ireland, 18; England, 12; Australia, 2; Austria, 2; Wales, 1; Syria, 1; Sweden, 1; Switzerland, 3; Scotland, 4; China, 1; Canada, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 20; Roman Catholic, 35; Presbyterian, 10; Wesleyan, 7; Lutheran, 1; Freethinkers, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,556; individual average days' stay, 57·87. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 5½d; less patients' payments, 2s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 23.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	492	3	4	Rations	354	2	7
Local bodies	302	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	21	15	0
Subscriptions and donations	111	9	4	Surgery and dispensary	87	5	11
Bequests	13	0	0	Fuel and light	49	12	5
Patients' payments	228	17	0	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c.	33	3	9
				Washing and laundry	24	10	0
				Salaries and wages	320	13	6
				Funerals	15	0	0
				Repairs	22	12	9
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	22	0	6
				Insurance	6	18	0
				Other expenses	2	3	3
Total	£1,147	19	8	Total	£959	17	8

Visited 29th December, 1905.—There is no change to report concerning this Hospital. There are 11 hospital cases, and 12 senile and chronic in residence. A good many operations are performed in the Hospital, and its benefits are apparently not confined to persons of restricted means.

LAWRENCE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	93
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	98
Discharged	...	...	...	80
Died	...	...	...	9
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	9

Sex.—66 males, 32 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Tuapeka County.

Country.—New Zealand, 44; England, 12; Scotland, 20; Ireland, 15; Victoria 4; Germany, 1; China, 2.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,655; individual average days' stay, 27·9. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 3d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	533	10	2	Rations	...	...	258	16	1
Local bodies	...	...	260	2	6	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	...	2	17	6
Patients' payments	...	...	222	8	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	52	6	0
Other sources	...	...	1	4	8	Fuel and light	...	...	55	8	9
Balance from last year	...	...	208	6	11	Bedding and clothing	...	...	20	13	8
						Salaries and wages	...	...	425	18	1
						Water-supply	...	...	10	0	0
						Funerals	...	...	5	12	6
						Repairs	...	...	6	6	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	9	7	0
						Insurance	...	...	8	1	9
						Other expenses	...	...	62	3	10
Total	...		£1,225	12	9	Total	...	...	£917	11	2

There is no change to be noted in this Hospital. For many years the management has been very good. The district has long been proud of its Hospital. Since the date of the visit Miss Corrie, who had acted as Matron for many years past, has left.

MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	146
Total under treatment	...	...	...	158
Discharged	...	...	...	134
Died	...	...	...	15
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	9

Sex.—118 males, 40 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Masterton, 73; Masterton Suburbs, 8; Eketahuna, 8; Alfredton, 4; Carterton, 3; Mauriceville, 10; Pahiatua, 6; Whareama, Te Nui, and East Coast, 10; Brancepeth and Taueru, 6; Martinborough and Lower Valley, 6; Wairarapa South, 3; Wellington, 4; Petone, 1; Hawke's Bay, 4; Otago, 2; Motueka, 1; Auckland, 1; Swaggers, 8.

Nationality.—New Zealand, 65; English, 43; Irish, 17; Scotch, 10; Australian, 11; American, 4; Welsh, 2; Prussian, 1; Dane, 1; Tasmanian, 1; Swedish 2; Canadian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 67; Roman Catholic, 41; Presbyterian, 19; Wesleyan, 15; Congregational, 1; Salvationist, 4; Baptist, 1; Methodist, 3; Lutheran, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 2; no religion, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,432; individual average days' stay, 28·8. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 7½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.										
<i>Receipts</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.	
From Government	...	...	715	8	8	Rations	...	280	10	0
Local bodies	...	...	163	15	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	6	4	3
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	650	16	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	184	3	9
Interest	...	...	186	11	2	Fuel and light	...	98	3	2
Sale of Workcop Road site	...	...	169	0	6	Bedding and clothing	...	19	17	10
Rents	...	...	8	15	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	52	19	2
Patients' payments	...	...	100	0	2	Washing and laundry	...	10	17	0
Balance from last year	...	...	4,866	18	4	Salaries and wages	...	500	4	8
						Funerals	...	21	0	0
						Repairs	...	40	9	9
						Printing, advertising, telephone, postage, and stationery	...	45	7	1
						Interest	...	40	15	0
						Insurance	...	7	8	6
						Commission	...	19	1	6
						Purchase of land	...	361	8	6
						Survey and deeds	...	11	4	0
						Travelling-expenses, Trustees	...	8	15	2
						Other expenses	...	4	17	11
Total	...	...	£6,861	5	5	Total	...	£1,713	7	3

The new Hospital plans have been approved long ago, but another year has gone without any visible progress. However, tenders have now been called, and it is to be trusted that this is a real beginning. The Trustees had a good Matron in Miss Petremant, and have lost her through hope deferred. The old Hospital has long been an opprobrium, and nothing good can be said of it.

MERCURY BAY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	0
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	33
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	33
Discharged	...	...	...	28
Died	...	...	...	4
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	..	...	...	1

Sex.—28 males, 5 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kuaotunu, Whitianga, Tairua, and Guntown

Nationality.—British, Maori, Swedish, Portuguese.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 823; individual average days' stay, 24·94. Daily average cost per head, £1 0s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 19s. 9½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,796.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	348	7	8	Rations	104	13	4
Subscriptions and donations	267	17	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	6	11	0
Rents	7	18	0	Surgery and dispensary	86	13	0
Patients' payments	56	4	4	Fuel and light	19	0	2
Other sources	30	5	6	Bedding and clothing	10	7	0
Balance from last year	316	3	9	Furniture and earthenware	7	17	4
				Washing and laundry	8	3	8
				Salaries and wages	508	3	0
				Funerals	7	10	0
				Repairs	45	14	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	6	18	7
				Insurance	10	9	9
				Other expenses	39	18	10
Total	£1,026	16	3	Total	£861	19	8

Visited 31st October, 1905.—There were no patients in this Hospital when visited. Sinks, &c., are not trapped. Attention was drawn to this, and also to the need of a steriliser.

NAPIER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	47
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	589
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	636
Discharged	...	...	...	547
Died	...	...	...	46
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	43

Sex.—395 males, 241 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawke's Bay and adjoining districts.

Country.—New Zealand, 355; England, 143; Ireland, 70; Scotland, 27; Australia, 18; Norway, 5; Russia, 1; Sweden, 3; America, 3; Germany, 4; Denmark, 4; Italy, 1; Jersey, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 366; Roman Catholic, 166; Presbyterian, 62; Wesleyan, 11; Salvation Army, 9; Congregational, 4; Lutheran, 11; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Seventh Day Adventists, 2; Baptist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 15,788; individual average days' stay, 24·82. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 2d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 9d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 325; attendances, 1,143.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	2,892	8	0	Rations ...	1,271	9	3
Local bodies ...	1,260	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	47	9	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	689	5	10	Surgery and dispensary ...	625	6	7
Bequest ...	1	0	0	Fuel and light ...	398	13	1
Rents ...	77	5	6	Bedding and clothing, furniture, and earthenware ...	481	6	4
Patients' payments ...	339	12	10	Salaries and wages ...	1,547	17	1
Other sources ...	520	11	2	Water-supply ...	115	3	9
Balance from last year ...	6,989	3	1	Repairs ...	193	7	7
				Steam-laundry ...	350	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	77	7	10
				Insurance ...	60	7	10
				Commission ...	32	13	0
				Other expenses ...	54	15	9
Total ...	£12,769	6	5	Total ...	£5,255	17	1

Visited 24th April, 1906.—The Trustees this year were anxious to proceed with extensive improvements at this Hospital, but they wisely decided to devote themselves to the building of the new Home for Old People, at Parke's Island. I found the Hospital in excellent order under Dr. Wilson and Miss Connor. Mr. J. N. Williams has most generously undertaken to build and furnish a new ward, or rather a new home, for chronic cases needing hospital treatment. This is a new and most laudable departure in Napier, and deserves, and will no doubt receive, the gratitude of the whole community.

NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	8
Admitted during the year ...	126
Total under treatment ...	134.
Discharged ...	105
Died ...	17
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	12

Sex.—90 males, 44 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Maniototo County.

Country.—New Zealand, 61; British, 55; China, 6; Australia, 7; others, 5.

Religion.—Presbyterian, 65; Church of England, 24; Roman Catholic, 30; others, 15.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,728; individual average days' stay, 20.35. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 11d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 80; attendances, 745.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	412	2	5	Rations ...	187	15	1
Local bodies ...	277	10	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	2	8	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	107	12	8	Surgery and dispensary ...	113	1	3
Patients' payments ...	274	15	0	Fuel and light ...	85	3	7
Other sources ...	8	2	0	Bedding and clothing ...	6	13	8
Balance from last year ...	180	10	11	Furniture and earthenware ...	16	15	10
				Washing and laundry ...	5	19	6
				Salaries and wages ...	562	1	6
				Water-supply ...	8	0	0
				Repairs ...	12	13	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	20	7	2
				Insurance ...	9	4	0
				Other expenses ...	50	9	2
Total ...	£1,260	13	8	Total ...	£1,080	12	5

Visited 21st September, 1905.—This Hospital is doing good honest work. There was a lull at the time of the visit, but the books showed that just before there had been a run of bad cases. Dr. McKnight is well thought of in the district, and Miss Clapcott, the new Matron, is well trained and capable.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	25
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	267
Total under treatment				292
Discharged	...	...	...	229
Died	...	...	...	25
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				38

Sex.—189 males, 103 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waimea County, 268; Auckland, 3; Westport, 7; Thames, 2; Invercargill, 2; Masterton, 1; Buller, 1; Reefton, 1; Hastings, 1; Havelock, 1; Wellington, 2; Greymouth, 1; Wanganui, 1; Australia, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 153; England, 69; Scotland, 19; Ireland, 14; Australia, 17; China, 1; Sweden, 1; Norway, 2; Wales, 1; British Guiana, 1; Germany, 3; Italy, 1; Austria, 1; Ceylon, 1; South Africa, 1; America, 4; India, 2; Switzerland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 142; Presbyterian, 38; Church of Rome, 46; Wesleyan, 15; Baptist, 19; Plymouth Brethren, 6; Church of Christ, 9; Congregationalist, 4; Freethinkers, 4; Salvation Army, 3; Lutheran, 5; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,485; individual average days' stay, 42.75. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 135; attendances, 676.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,871	8	7	Rations	...	658	13	0
Local bodies	...	1,093	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	22	8	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	753	17	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	370	3	1
Rents	...	142	5	0	Fuel and light	...	213	5	11
Patients' payments	...	457	12	1	Bedding and clothing	...	259	0	3
Other sources	...	19	2	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	363	3	0
					Salaries and wages	...	1,189	3	1
					Water-supply	...	17	0	0
					Funerals	...	6	9	0
					Repairs	...	67	13	10
					New buildings	...	1,668	3	1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	34	0	0
					Insurance	...	17	0	0
					Other expenses	...	186	14	2
Total	...	£4,337	15	8	Total	...	£5,072	16	5

Visited 13th January and 10th July, 1906.—Everything appears to be going on well at this Hospital. I heard no complaints. The new Consumption Annexe has been built on the hill in the Hospital Reserve, and there appear to be some differences of local opinion as to whether it should be used for recent or chronic cases. As a matter of experience it has been found that there has been a slight majority of chronic cases. The recommendations I have made as to certain sanitary improvements in the Hospital itself have been carried out, and others are in contemplation. Dr. Mackay is very devoted to his work, and the nursing is good. Alterations in the operating-room are in contemplation. There have been complaints of the poor illuminating power of the gas.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	46
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	345
Total under treatment				391
Discharged	...	...	...	328
Died	...	...	...	23
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				40

Sex.—270 males, 121 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Taranaki County, 140; Hawera County, 23; Clifton County, 35; Stratford County, 45; New Plymouth, 95; Auckland, 4; Patea, 4; Palmerston North, 1; Wellington, 9; Wanganui, 1; Inglewood, 17; Waitara, 17.

Country.—New Zealand, 240; England, 90; Ireland, 31; Scotland, 14; Australia, 9; Germany, 1; Denmark, 1; Switzerland, 1; India, 1; Sweden, 1; America, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 201; Roman Catholic, 57; Presbyterian, 40; Wesleyan, 60; Baptist, 3; Salvation Army, 6; Primitive Methodist, 21; Seventh Day Adventists, 1; Unitarian, 1; Unsectarian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,868; individual average days' stay, 32.91. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	2,014	16 9	Rations	861	6 2
Local bodies	602	13 11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	38	3 0
Subscriptions and donations	899	8 8	Surgery and dispensary	448	8 1
Bequest	500	0 0	Fuel and light	318	18 8
Rents	38	0 0	Bedding and clothing	163	16 4
Patients' payments	1,558	14 9	Furniture and earthenware	280	7 9
Other sources	1,427	8 11	Washing and laundry	68	19 2
			Salaries and wages	1,064	11 8
			Water-supply	10	0 0
			Repairs	144	3 10
			Additions to buildings	1,577	7 4
			New buildings	123	10 2
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	40	0 0
			Interest	9	11 4
			Insurance	25	10 6
			Commission	117	12 3
			Other expenses	317	16 1
Total	£7,041	3 0	Total	£5,610	2 4

The rapidly increasing population of this district is steadily reflected in the growing importance and efficiency of this Hospital. During Dr. Leatham's absence in Britain Dr. Walker has been an efficient substitute. The nursing is praiseworthy, and the administration good.

NORTHERN WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	4
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	205
Total under treatment	...	...	...	209
Discharged	...	...	...	191
Died	...	...	...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	9

Sex.—146 males, 63 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hobson, Hokianga, and Waitemata Counties.

Nationality.—Colonial, 140; English, 26; Irish, 14; Scotch, 7; Austrian, 11; American, 3; French, 1; Swiss, 1; Welsh, 1; Swedish, 1; Victorian, 1; Dutch, 1; Maori, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 104; Roman Catholic, 47; Wesleyan, 27; Presbyterian, 17; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Church of Christ, 1; no religion, 12.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,837; individual average days' stay, 18.36. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Attendances, 3,000.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	557	16 7	Rations	217	11 10
Local Bodies	100	0 0	Wines, spirits, &c.	2	14 6
Subscriptions and donations	410	3 7	Surgery and dispensary	49	2 6
Patients' payments	310	11 2	Fuel and light...	53	14 0
Other sources	22	14 0	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c.	66	17 6
Balance from last year	73	14 0	Salaries and wages	919	3 0
			Water-supply	0	6 6
			Funerals	7	0 0
			Repairs	1	13 6
			Additions to buildings	35	7 2
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	11	12 0
			Insurance	14	13 3
			Other expenses	14	16 5
Total	£1,474	19 4	Total	£1,394	12 2

Visited 8th November, 1905.—The Trustees of this Hospital continue to violate both the letter and the spirit of the law. They have been warned again and again, but they still persist. The Hospital has been converted into a benefit society, and the members get in their own houses, or, if they like, in the Hospital, for a small payment for board, free medicines, free medical and surgical attendance for themselves and their families. In addition to all this many do not pay even a part of the £1 6s.

they engage to pay for their ticket or "voluntary contribution," so that there is a decided deficiency which the North of Auckland Board is expected to make good. Mr. Mackenzie, Chairman of the District Board, has done good service by an able and careful report showing up the whole sordid business. Absolutely inconsistent with the principles of the Act were the concessions granted by the Trustees to the late Resident Medical Officer, permitting him to charge fees for operations and to use an institution supported by the ratepayers and Government subsidy as a private hospital for his own benefit. Plans for a sanitary annexe attached to the female ward and for the surface drainage of the grounds have been approved.

OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	11
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	203
Total under treatment				214
Discharged	...	...	...	180
Died	...	...	...	15
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				19

Sex.—153 males, 61 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Oamaru town, 65; Waitaki County, 125; outside districts and shipping, 24.

Nationality.—English, 33; Scotch, 29; Irish, 30; New Zealand, 101; Australian, 8; Swedish, 7; Dutch, 1; Welsh, 4; French, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 72; Roman Catholic, 44; Presbyterian, 79; Wesleyan, 5; Baptist, 3; Salvation Army, 5; Church of Christ, 2; no religion, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,994; individual average days' stay, 23.34. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 9d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 76; attendances, 665.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	180	6	8	Rations	414	0	3
Subscriptions and donations	162	11	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	14	16	0
Bequest	25	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	70	17	3
Rents	835	12	6	Fuel and light	124	17	11
Patients' payments	320	15	8	Bedding and clothing	25	9	10
Other sources	179	13	11	Furniture and earthenware	37	10	10
				Salaries and wages	658	5	1
				Funerals	10	19	6
				Repairs and additions	47	10	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	17	6	0
				Insurance	12	8	2
				Other expenses	95	9	4
Total	£1,704	0	1	Total	£1,529	10	8

Visited 27th February, 1906.—The number of patients was sixteen. This Hospital is, as a whole, above the average. Some of the wards seemed close, the windows not being open. The bath used by the female patients is awkwardly situated, two steps up from the floor. Unless this has reference to drainage it is incomprehensible. Mrs. Reid, of Ellerslie, has given a contribution for a children's ward, and the Trustees have decided to erect one.

OTAKI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	16
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	106
Total under treatment				122
Discharged	...	...	...	99
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				17

Sex.—82 males, 40 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Otaki, 34; Waikanae, 3; Manakau, 11; Levin, 26; Te Horo, 7; Paraparaumu, 5; Shannon, 19; Ohau, 8; Wellington, 7; Hawera, 1; Westport, 1.

Nationality.—Colonial, 94; English, 6; Irish, 6; German, 3; Maori, 10; Swede, 1; Austrian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 78; Roman Catholic, 22; Presbyterian, 5; Wesleyan, 6; Plymouth Brethren, 7; Salvation Army, 3; Quaker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,256; individual average days' stay, 34.88. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.					
<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	656	19 2	Rations ...	280	10 8
Local bodies ...	592	11 2	Wines, spirits, &c. ...	8	16 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	53	13 3	Surgery and dispensary ...	76	19 7
Patients' payments ...	239	18 11	Fuel and light ...	63	9 6
			Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c. ...	41	0 0
			Salaries and wages ...	623	8 10
			Additions to building and new buildings ...	279	3 6
			Insurance ...	21	4 10
			Rent ...	68	17 6
			Other expenses ...	79	12 1
Total ...	£1,543	2 6	Total ...	£1,543	2 6

This Hospital continues to be well looked after as an outpost of the Wellington Hospital.

PAHIATUA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	8
Admitted during the year ...	112
Total under treatment ...	120
Discharged ...	106
Died ...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	9

Sex.—70 males, 50 females.

Localities from which Patients Came.—Pahiatua, Kumeroa, Mangatainoka, Woodville, Makuri, Kaitawa, Eketahuna, Konini, Hukanui, Mangahao, Nikau, Ballance, Rakanui, Maharahara, Coonoor, Dannevirke, Makairo.

Country.—England, 24; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 9; New Zealand, 59; Australia, 3; Denmark, 3; Tasmania, 2; Prussia, 1; France, 1; Sweden, 1; Norway, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 56; Roman Catholic, 22; Presbyterian, 17; Methodist, 4; Church of Christ, 5; Baptist, 3; Wesleyan, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,502; individual average days' stay, 20·85. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.					
<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	226	16 7	Rations ...	243	17 4
Local bodies ...	172	17 7	Surgery and dispensary ...	78	0 9
Subscriptions and donations ...	56	0 3	Fuel and light ...	61	19 6
Bequests ...	78	17 3	Furniture, bedding, &c. ...	80	6 1
Rents ...	8	0 0	Salaries and wages ...	461	19 5
Patients' payments ...	356	4 0	Water-supply and drainage ...	279	7 9
Other sources ...	14	12 0	Repairs and additions ...	34	4 3
Balance from last year ...	472	10 3	Printing, advertising, &c. ...	22	5 6
			Interest, &c. ...	2	4 6
			Insurance ...	10	5 2
			Grounds ...	48	10 6
			Other expenses ...	47	9 5
Total ...	£1,385	17 11	Total ...	£1,370	10 2

This Cottage Hospital is well looked after. Dr. Dawson gives great attention to his work, and there is nothing to complain of except the cost to the country.

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	22
Admitted during year ...	380
Total under treatment ...	402
Discharged ...	332
Died ...	34
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	36

Sex.—285 males, 117 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Palmerston North, 348; Wanganui, 6; Patea, 1; Wellington, 12; Auckland, 3; Hawera, 2; Napier, 6; Gisborne, 4; New Plymouth, 4; Waipukurau, 1; Dannevirke, 2; Masterton, 2; Nelson, 3; Christchurch, 3; Blenheim, 3; Dunedin, 1; Invercargill, 1.

Nationality.—English, 95; Scotch, 22; Irish, 31; New Zealand, 217; Australian, 15; Tasmanian, 2; Canadian, 1; German, 5; Danish, 11; Italian, 1; Chinese, 1; Indian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 177; Presbyterian, 62; Wesleyan, 34; Primitive Methodist, 7; Lutheran, 16; Plymouth Brethren, 7; Baptist, 8; Salvation Army, 8; Roman Catholic, 80; no religion, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 11,648; individual average days' stay, 28·98. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 3d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	3,620	9	3	Rations ...	684	11	10
Local bodies ...	1,252	17	9	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	48	4	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	2,028	12	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	471	18	10
Patients' payments ...	462	7	9	Fuel and light ...	258	2	1
Other sources ...	515	10	2	Bedding and clothing ...	126	5	0
				Furniture and earthenware ...	241	2	11
				Washing and laundry ...	53	13	5
				Salaries and wages ...	1,221	10	5
				Funerals ...	21	7	6
				Repairs ...	38	11	10
				Additions to buildings ...	91	18	10
				New buildings ...	862	2	7
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	53	2	6
				Insurance ...	54	14	0
				Other expenses ...	899	9	5
Total ...	£7,879	16	11	Total ...	£5,126	15	2

Visited 17th November, 1905.—The old fever ward has been fitted to make a good comfortable Nurses' Home. Owing to increase in population in this district, large additions to the Hospital building are in contemplation. The surgical work done here is causing a run on the accommodation provided. The nursing is very good. The Board are very zealous, indeed they need to be restrained, if possible, in some respects.

PATEA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	4
Admitted during the year ...	78
Total under treatment ...	82
Discharged ...	76
Died ...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	3

Sex.—54 males, 28 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waitotara to Manutahi.

Nationality.—English, 15; Scotch, 1; Irish, 9; New Zealand, 42; Australian, 2; Norwegian, 1; Swedish, 1; Danish, 2; Hungarian, 2; Welsh, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 38; Roman Catholic, 16; Presbyterian, 12; Wesleyan, 3; Church of Christ, 2; Lutheran, 2; Baptist, 1; Freethinkers, 2; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,948; individual average days' stay, 23·76. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 5½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	400	1	4	Rations ...	178	0	5
Local bodies ...	240	0	0	Wines, spirits, &c. ...	4	4	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	43	0	2	Surgery and dispensary ...	94	16	5
Bequests ...	149	6	3	Instruments ...	31	18	4
Rents ...	5	17	0	Fuel and light ...	46	7	5
Patients' payments ...	129	17	6	Bedding and clothing ...	19	1	2
Balance from last year ...	299	0	6	Furniture and earthenware ...	82	17	11
				Washing and laundry ...	54	8	3
				Salaries and wages ...	251	6	11
				Repairs ...	64	2	4
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	15	8	4
				Insurance ...	5	7	7
				Other expenses ...	7	17	9
Total ...	£1,267	2	9	Total ...	£855	16	10

This Cottage Hospital keeps going as usual.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	141
Total under treatment ...			149
Discharged ...	...	...	129
Died ...	...	...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...			11

Sex.—101 males, 48 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Picton Hospital District, Wairau Hospital District, Wellington, Christchurch, Napier, Otago, West Coast, shipping.

Country.—England, 34; Scotland, 7; Ireland, 5; New Zealand, 92; Denmark, 2; Australia, 4; Norway, 1; Canada, 2; Tasmania, 1; Russia, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 103; Roman Catholic, 18; Presbyterian, 21; Wesleyan, 1; Methodist, 2; Baptist, 1; Lutheran, 1; Salvation Army, 1; Church of Christ, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,846; individual average days' stay, 32.52. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

- RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	611	6	8	Rations ...	243	10	0
Local bodies ...	456	16	10	Surgery and dispensary ...	103	11	8
Subscriptions and donations ...	64	14	5	Fuel and light ...	57	7	3
Patients' payments ...	278	0	3	Bedding and clothing, &c. ...	25	10	7
Other sources ...	138	8	2	Salaries and wages ...	412	3	8
Balance from last year ...	110	5	11	Water-supply ...	3	10	0
				Anæsthetics ...	80	17	0
				Legal expenses ...	79	2	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	14	4	4
				Interest ...	38	10	6
				Insurance ...	14	13	4
				Wairau Hospital ...	337	4	7
				Other expenses ...	149	16	8
Total ...	£1,659	12	3	Total ...	£1,560	1	7

Visited 19th January, 1906.—No change of any moment.

QUEENSTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	78
Total under treatment ...			81
Discharged ...	...	...	68
Died ...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...			6

Sex.—49 males, 32 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Lake County, Southland County, Dunedin.

Country.—New Zealand, 36; England, 13; Ireland, 11; Scotland, 15; Australia, 4; Germany, 1; Holland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 21; Roman Catholic, 18; Presbyterian, 39; Lutheran, 2; Salvation Army, 1

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,119; individual average days' stay, 26.16. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 7¾d.; less patients' payments, 6s.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases 39; attendances, 81.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	383	6	8	Rations ...	147	12	10
Local bodies ...	256	0	0	Surgery and dispensary, &c. ...	34	8	7
Subscriptions and donations ...	73	19	1	Fuel and light ...	49	10	8
Patients' payments ...	280	14	11	Bedding and clothing ...	2	4	2
Balance from last year ...	113	13	9	Furniture and earthenware ...	78	15	7
				Salaries and wages ...	466	14	0
				Funerals ...	3	12	0
				Repairs ...	80	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	10	16	8
				Insurance ...	13	12	11
				Commission ...	13	11	10
				Other expenses ...	16	10	3
Total ...	£1,107	14	5	Total ...	£917	9	6

Visited 23rd September, 1905.—The outside of this Hospital needs painting, and the work is to be put in hand forthwith. The inside is to be distempered. The former Matron left about three months ago, and has been succeeded by Miss Clare, who is not a registered nurse.

RAWENE HOSPITAL.

Patients admitted since 1st July, 1905 ...	30
Total under treatment ...	30
Discharged ...	21
Died ...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	4

Sex.—24 males, 6 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Hokianga, 28; Gisborne, 1; shipping, 1.

Nationality.—British, 17; Maoris, 12; German, 1.

Religion.—Protestant, 25; Roman Catholic, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 671; individual average days' stay, 22·33. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 6d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	225	7	7	Rations ...	65	17	1
Local bodies ...	120	7	8	Wines, &c. ...	2	18	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	87	10	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	41	6	10
Patients' payments ...	68	6	0	Fuel and light ...	7	5	5
Other sources ...	1	7	4	Bedding, clothing, and furniture ...	111	6	3
				Salaries and wages ...	126	8	1
				Repairs ...	113	11	5
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	5	8	0
				Other expenses ...	3	18	0
Total ...	£502	18	7	Total ...	£477	19	1

Visited 18th October, 1905.—This Hospital, formerly an inn by the wharf, has undergone and is about to undergo some further alterations and additions. There is at present no closet on the female-side. Tank-water is the only source of supply. A windmill to pump sea-water for flushing closets and ordinary bathing in order to conserve the supply seems advisable. There was only one patient in the Hospital when visited. The Matron, Miss Dickson, is a registered nurse and midwife.

REEFTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	24
Admitted during the year ...	81
Total under treatment ...	105
Discharged ...	63
Died ...	18
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	24

Sex.—99 males, 6 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Reefton, 67; Grey Valley, 21; Caplestone, 8; Grey-mouth, 1; Otira, 1; Murchison, 6; Lyell, 1.

Country.—England and Wales, 21; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 38; New Zealand, 15; China, 4; Shetland, 1; Switzerland, 1; Sweden, 1; Australia, 15; Finland, 1; Germany, 2; Portugal, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 32; Roman Catholic, 44; Presbyterian, 12; Wesleyan, 11; Confucian, 4; Lutheran, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,334; individual average days' stay, 60·32. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 130; attendances, 267.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	937	8	1	Rations ...	521	6	2
Local bodies ...	75	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	26	19	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	499	15	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	106	9	4
Patients' payments ...	442	4	10	Fuel and light ...	114	6	9
Other sources ...	6	7	5	Bedding and clothing ...	16	1	5
Balance from last year ...	9	1	2	Furniture and earthenware ...	77	7	9
				Washing and laundry ...	6	5	3
				Salaries and wages ...	788	7	2
				Funerals ...	17	5	0
				Sanitation ...	13	10	0
				Repairs and additions ...	84	14	1
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	50	16	3
				Insurance ...	11	2	11
				Other expenses ...	78	12	1
Total ...	£1,969	17	0	Total ...	£1,913	3	8

Visited 3rd January, 1906.—Things at Hospital much as usual, except a much improved operation-room.

RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	...	...	16
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	182
Total under treatment ...	...	...	198
Discharged ...	...	...	161
Died ...	...	...	18
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	...	...	19

Sex.—129 males, 69 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waiau, Orepuki, Colac Bay, Riverton, Otatau, Night-caps, Tapanui, Round Hill, Kelso, Wamatuku, Waianiwa.

Nationality.—English, Scotch, Irish, Chinese, Maori.

Religion.—Church of England, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Confucian.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,039; individual average days' stay, 30·5. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 80; attendances, 186.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	711	5	11	Rations ...	387	8	11
Local bodies ...	637	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	16	5	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	19	11	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	110	0	1
Patients' payments ...	335	3	0	Fuel and light ...	111	5	6
Other sources ...	10	1	9	Bedding and clothing ...	27	14	2
Balance from last year ...	390	18	0	Furniture and earthenware ...	16	6	4
				Washing and laundry ...	15	15	0
				Salaries and wages ...	643	12	3
				Water-supply ...	44	13	7
				Funerals ...	6	1	0
				Repairs ...	50	11	7
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	18	4	9
				Insurance ...	13	15	10
				Other expenses ...	420	15	3
Total ...	£2,103	19	8	Total ...	£1,882	9	3

This Hospital is vigorously administered, and the surgical work has greatly increased of late years. The nursing has been very good ever since Miss Willis came there.

ROSS HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	11
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	13
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	24
Discharged	...	...	...	10
Died	...	...	...	5
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	9

Sex.—24 males.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ross, 9; South Westland, 11; Totara, 3; Hokitika, 1.

Country.—England, 8; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 3; New Zealand, 5; Australia, 2; Tasmania, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 13; Roman Catholic, 5; Presbyterian, 6.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,394; individual average days' stay, 141·42. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 8½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
From Government	...	277	11 1	Rations, wine, spirits, ale, &c.	...	203	1 5
Local bodies	...	234	19 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	31	11 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	106	10 0	Fuel and light	...	29	8 0
Patients' payments	...	140	5 2	Bedding and clothing	...	4	10 5
				Furniture and earthenware	...	3	18 9
				Washing and laundry	...	4	5 6
				Salaries and wages	...	348	2 4
				Funerals	...	13	10 0
				Repairs	...	76	17 6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	24	6 6
				Insurance	...	6	15 7
				Other expenses...	...	12	18 3
Total	...	£759	5 3	Total	...	£759	5 3

Visited 28th December, 1905.—There were ten patients at time of visit—one patient aged forty-five years, the average age of the other nine inmates being seventy-one years. Dr. Telford has replaced Dr. Mandl.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	92
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	97
Discharged	...	...	...	89
Died	...	...	...	3
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	5

Sex.—65 males, 32 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, Martinborough, Gladstone, Wellington, Palmerston North, and Kimbolton.

Country.—England, 17; Scotland, 7; Ireland, 11; New Zealand, 47; Wales, 1; Australia, 2; Germany, 1; America, 1; France, 1; Denmark, 1; Isle of Man, 1; Sweden, 1; Canada, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 52; Roman Catholic, 12; Presbyterian, 16; Wesleyan, 9; Christian Brethren, 1; Congregationalist, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,494; individual average days' stay, 25·71. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 1d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	349	9	10	Rations ...	220	2	0
Local bodies ...	167	7	5	Wines, spirits, &c. ...	1	16	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	205	2	8	Surgery and dispensary ...	59	1	8
Rents ...	1	0	0	Fuel and light... ..	52	4	4
Patients' payments ...	139	0	10	Bedding and clothing ...	29	17	0
Other sources ...	4	17	3	Furniture and earthenware ...	75	12	5
Balance from last year ...	497	0	7	Washing and laundry ...	14	0	0
				Salaries and wages ...	517	7	11
				Repairs ...	1	5	6
				Additions to buildings ...	164	11	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	25	6	4
				Insurance ...	14	3	5
				Other expenses ...	13	8	6
Total ...	£1,363	18	7	Total ...	£1,188	16	9

This Hospital is a luxury which the district cheerfully pays for and treats with great generosity. It is always a pleasure to visit this Hospital. The administrature is efficient, and the Doctor and his staff very attentive. A suitable Fever Hospital, with accommodation for six beds, has been built since my last visit, and is now ready for opening.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL.

This is a new, fully equipped, modern Hospital, sufficiently close to either New Plymouth or Wanganui to make its existence an expensive luxury for the ratepayers, but in all other respects unexceptionable. It is the people's own business. It will soon be open for patients.

THAMES HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	34
Admitted during the year ...	419
Total under treatment ...	453
Discharged ...	403
Died ...	17
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	33

Sex.—328 males, 125 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Thames Hospital District, 423; Waikato, 12; Waihi, 14; Auckland, 4.

Country.—New Zealand, 270; England, 72; Scotland, 20; Ireland, 40; Australia, 21; Cape Colony, 3; America (United States), 6; Sweden, 3; Austria, 1; Germany, 5; Canada, 1; Norway, 3; Poland, 3; Italy, 1; New Caledonia, 1; Spain, 1; Greece, 1; Holland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 228; Roman Catholic, 110; Methodist, 37; Presbyterian, 50; Congregationalist, 2; Primitive Methodist, 6; Baptist, 8; Church of Christ, 1; Lutheran, 2; Salvation Army, 2; Mormon, 1; Unitarian, 1; Jewish, 3; unknown, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 11,222; individual average days' stay, 24.77. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 320; attendances, 1,750.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	812	8	3	Rations ...	482	17	0
Local bodies ...	670	2	11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	7	3	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	118	11	1	Surgery and dispensary ...	213	8	10
Rents ...	36	0	0	Fuel and light ...	153	18	0
Patients' payments ...	566	17	2	Bedding and clothing, furniture, and earthenware ...	139	17	0
Other sources ...	37	4	7	Salaries and wages ...	954	11	2
Balance from last year ...	1,423	18	6	Consultations ...	132	6	0
				Funerals ...	11	10	6
				Repairs ...	14	1	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	35	18	6
				Interest ...	1	1	6
				Insurance ...	30	16	9
				Other expenses ...	131	15	11
Total ...	£3,665	2	6	Total ...	£2,309	5	5

Visited 27th October, 1905, and 4th June, 1906. — This Hospital continues to be well and economically managed under Miss Stewart. The nurses work twelve hours a day, and are content. The food is good. Dr. Aubin returns to-morrow. Dr. Bett has given great satisfaction while in charge. An attempt to purchase an addition to the limited site failed. At the date of the second visit a septic tank was about to be installed.

TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	48
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	462
Total under treatment				510
Discharged	...	...	...	431
Died	...	...	...	34

Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ... 45

Sex.—349 males, 161 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 459; outside hospital district, 51.

Country.—England, 85; Scotland, 47; Ireland, 63; New Zealand, 240; Australia, 16; Wales, 1; America, 2; Denmark, 2; Channel Islands, 3; West Indies, 1; Finland, 1.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 116; Episcopalian, 147; Presbyterian, 118; Salvation Army, 4; Primitive Methodist, 9; Wesleyan, 47; Baptist, 4; Congregationalist, 3; Plymouth Brethren, 12; Quaker, 2; Lutheran, 1; Jewish, 1; Agnostic, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 15,369; individual average days' stay, 30·14. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 10d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 488; attendances, 1,340.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,792	4	7	Rations	...	1,460	14	1
Local bodies	...	1,792	4	7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	5	10	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	140	12	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	302	10	6
Patients' payments	...	470	17	2	Fuel and light	...	440	3	3
Other sources	...	0	9	0	Bedding and clothing	...	99	6	4
					Furniture and earthenware	...	105	3	11
					Salaries and wages	...	1,325	0	9
					Water-supply	...	76	17	8
					Repairs	...	153	4	10
					Additions to buildings	...	66	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	17	8	4
					Insurance	...	14	1	0
					Other expenses	...	130	6	8
Total	...	£4,196	7	4	Total	...	£4,196	7	4

Visited 1st March, 1906.—Miss Todd, the new Matron, had just arrived. The diphtheria ward is now being used for accommodation for nurses, but as there is no provision in the new Infectious Diseases Hospital for diphtheria this ward would still have to accommodate such cases should any occur. The floor in the operating-room (wood) could be improved, and a better table is desirable. The whole place is clean. Tuberculosis is being treated in the converted sanitary annexes, communicating freely with the rest of the ward. This is not good, but there is no room in the grounds to make provision for such cases. The wastes from annexes are not trapped. There is much painting and plastering going on. Clark's automatic telephone system is in use throughout the Hospital and is found to be very convenient. A very marked improvement has been effected in the ventilation by making the windows "practicable."

WAIHI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	18
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	234
Total under treatment				252
Discharged	...	...	...	217
Died	...	...	...	15
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				20

Sex.—185 males, 67 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waihi, Thames, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty.

Country.—England, 21; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 25; New Zealand, 166; Australia, 26; Sweden, 1; Tasmania, 2; Germany, 3; United States of America, 2; China 1; Norfolk Islands, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 114; Roman Catholic, 62; Presbyterian, 36; Salvation Army, 8; Church of Christ, 5; Lutheran, 1; Methodist, 21; Baptist, 4; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,517; individual average days' stay, 21·89. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 30; attendances, 152.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	1,503	18	1	Rations ...	484	14	9
Local bodies ...	450	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	7	6	9
Subscriptions and donations ...	176	12	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	228	9	11
Patients' payments ...	286	13	0	Fuel and light... ..	262	16	11
Other sources ...	9	13	0	Bedding and clothing ...	23	2	7
Balance from last year ...	54	0	3	Furniture and earthenware ...	87	13	8
				Salaries and wages ...	735	18	2
				Water-supply (new) ...	71	15	6
				Funerals ...	2	5	0
				Grounds improvement ...	101	11	6
				Additions to buildings ...	126	9	5
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	33	0	1
				Insurance ...	21	18	2
				Other expenses ...	38	3	6
Total ...	£2,480	16	4	Total ...	£2,225	5	11

Visited 27th and 28th October, 1905, and 2nd June, 1906.—The Trustees were, at the date of the first visit, considering the question of having a Resident Medical Officer. They had heard of no complaint of the long hours worked by the staff. They would look into it. They understood that trouble was due to want of tact on the part of the Matron. It is noticeable that at this Hospital the windows are always closed, and an excuse is ready to justify the closeness; but, wind or no wind, the patients must have fresh air. A considerable area of ground has been added to the site. The Infectious Diseases Hospital site is fixed in due relation to the General Hospital. The baths, sinks, and lavatories are all untrapped. This was pointed out to the Committee, who promised to have them remedied. The odour from the septic tank was very perceptible. Before the date of the second visit Miss Murray had left, and Miss Brooke-Smith had been appointed Matron, with Dr. Claridge as Visiting Medical Officer. Before Miss Brooke-Smith's arrival there had been scandals connected with the staff. On her attempting to reform matters her authority, as well as that of the Chairman, was set aside by a majority of the Trustees. Miss Brooke-Smith has since resigned.

WAIKATO HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	41
Admitted during the year ...	421
Total under treatment ...	462
Discharged ...	415
Died ...	23
Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ...	24

Sex.—337 males, 125 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—King-country and Kawhia, 94; Waipa County, 86; Hamilton, 54; Piako County, 46; Waikato County, 40; Te Aroha, 31; Raglan County, 22; Rotorua, 16; Cambridge, 10; other districts, 22.

Country.—New Zealand, 268; England, 63; Ireland, 38; Scotland, 10; New South Wales, 10; Victoria, 9; South Australia, 4; Germany, 3; India, 3; Canada, 2; Wales, 2; Sweden, 2; United States of America, 2; Queensland, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; Fiji, 1; Holland, 1; Denmark, 1.

Religion.—Anglican, 214; Roman Catholic, 88; Presbyterian, 61; Wesleyan, 36; Baptist, 4; Mormon, 3; Church of Christ, 2; Lutheran, 2; Salvationist, 2; Congregationalist, 1; Greek Church, 1; no religion, 7.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,345; individual average days' stay, 26·7. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 0½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	1,953	18	8	Rations	...	...	995	9	6
Local bodies	...	...	1,877	17	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	7	15	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	41	13	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	533	19	9
Rents	...	...	106	9	0	Fuel and light	...	...	190	1	8
Patients' payments	...	...	1,017	1	3	Bedding and clothing	...	...	131	0	5
Other sources	...	...	13	14	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	154	7	8
Balance from last year	...	...	1,662	5	7	Salaries and wages	...	...	1,470	12	9
						Water-supply	...	...	18	16	3
						Funerals	...	...	21	1	0
						Repairs, new buildings, and ad- ditions	...	...	3,412	3	8
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	35	3	10
						Interest	...	...	1	4	9
						Insurance	...	...	25	6	9
						Other expenses	...	...	259	12	9
Total	...	...	£6,672	18	6	Total	...	...	£7,256	16	3

Visited 25th October, 1905.—This Hospital is overfull, but a new wing is being built. The nurses work on the eight-hours system. The probationers are chosen by the Board without reference to the Matron or Doctor. They are chiefly chosen from local candidates, and apparently no question of fitness comes in. A Maori half-caste probationer is doing her work well. With the exception of its crowded state, and the building operations now in progress, the Hospital is much as usual. A new steriliser has been purchased.

WAIMATE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	113
Total under treatment	...	...	...	127
Discharged	...	...	...	105
Died	...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1906	...	...	...	12

Sex.—78 males, 49 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Waimate County.

Country.—England, 18; Scotland, 9; Ireland, 20; New Zealand, 69; Australia, 6; Germany, 2; Sweden, 2; France, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,616; individual average days' stay, 20·6. Daily average cost per head, 10s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 10d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 25; attendances, 120.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	590	19	10	Rations	...	...	164	16	10
Local bodies	...	...	589	19	10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	16	13	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	41	2	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	120	2	3
Patients' payments	...	...	69	18	7	Fuel and light	...	...	71	16	0
Other sources	...	...	10	0	9	Bedding and clothing	...	...	37	10	0
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	81	9	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	570	14	10
						Funerals	...	...	12	10	6
						Repairs	...	...	34	13	6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	14	7	0
						Interest	...	...	0	18	6
						Insurance	...	...	9	3	10
						Other expenses	...	...	224	13	5
Total	..	..	£1,302	1	6	Total	...	...	£1,359	9	2

Visited 28th February, 1906.—The feeling for separation from the Timaru Hospital Board is very strong in the district. At the time of the visit there were only six patients. Mrs. Chapman, who had for many years faithfully served the Trustees, recognising the new order of things retired from nursing duties, but continued to act as housekeeper. She has since died, and her death severs a link with the past.

WAIPAWA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	27
Admitted during the year	...	...	375
Total under treatment			402
Discharged	...	...	351
Died	...	...	17
Remaining on 31st March, 1906			34

Sex.—303 males, 99 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Bush, 131; Hastings, 11; Dannevirke, 64; Makaretu, 21; Tikokino, 4; Waipukurau, 42; Coast, 60; Weber, 20; Masterton, 1; Waipawa, 20; Napier, 9; Woodville, 11; Palmerston, 2; Gisborne, 4; Wellington, 1; Pahiatua, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 159; Ireland, 35; Australia, 23; Norway, 15; England, 102; Denmark, 11; Scotland, 23; Tasmania, 3; Sweden, 6; Shetland Islands, 2; Poland, 1; Jamaica, 2; Russia, 2; Wales, 2; Syria, 1; Belgium, 1; East Indies, 4; Switzerland, 1; Prussia, 1; America, 3; Austria, 1; Italy, 1; Channel Islands, 1; Germany, 1; France, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 217; Roman Catholic, 63; Presbyterian, 52; Salvationist, 4; Lutheran, 32; Wesleyan, 16; Methodist, 4; Latter-day Saint, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Christadelphian, 1; Mormons, 2; Baptist, 2; no religion, 3; Adventist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,812; individual average days' stay, 31·87. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,509	2	5	Rations	...	688	5	8
Local bodies	...	1,200	0	8	Wines, &c.	...	8	15	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	186	8	1	Surgery and dispensary	...	241	6	6
Patients' payments	...	459	8	0	Fuel and light	...	180	18	11
Other sources	...	227	18	11	Bedding and clothing	...	70	8	8
					Salaries and wages	...	1,148	12	8
					Water-supply	...	80	15	3
					Funerals	...	15	7	0
					Repairs and additions	...	247	16	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	18	9
					Insurance	...	24	6	1
					Other expenses	...	153	7	4
Total	...	£3,582	18	1	Total	...	£2,872	18	4

This is an old building with modern additions, provided as necessity arose. It has always been well managed in every respect, except as regards its drainage which cannot really be cured until a general water-supply and sewerage for the town are provided. I have never been able to understand why the district should have consented to a new and up-to-date Hospital close by at Dannevirke, which will largely supersede its own Hospital.

WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	49
Total under treatment			55
Discharged	...	...	49
Died	...	...	2
Remaining on 31st March, 1906			4

Sex.—44 males, 11 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wairoa County, Wanganui, Opotiki, Hastings.

Country.—New Zealand, 28; England, 12; Ireland, 5; Aboriginal, 1; Scotland, 1; Victoria, 1; New South Wales, 3; Tasmania, 1; Sweden, 2; United States of America, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 30; Roman Catholic, 11; Presbyterian, 10; Wesleyan, 1; Mormon, 1; Lutheran, 1; Quaker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,092; individual average days' stay, 19·85. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 12s.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	613	9	11	Rations ...	127	3	4
Local bodies ...	339	10	8	Wines, spirits, &c. ...	5	5	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	227	9	7	Surgery and dispensary ...	99	0	9
Patients' payments ...	36	11	0	Fuel and light ...	128	16	3
Balance from last year ...	42	3	6	Bedding and clothing ...	36	5	9
				Furniture, &c. ...	156	2	9
				Washing and laundry ...	2	10	0
				Salaries and wages ...	339	6	6
				Water-supply ...	163	15	6
				New buildings ...	155	10	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	4	4	3
				Interest ...	0	2	6
				Insurance ...	7	15	0
				Other expenses ...	50	18	6
Total ...	£1,259	4	8	Total ...	£1,276	17	7

WANGANUI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 ...	54
Admitted during the year ...	538
Total under treatment ...	592
Discharged ...	503
Died ...	35

Remaining on 31st March, 1906 ... 54

Sex.—400 males, 192 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wanganui Borough, 281; Wanganui County, 70; Waimarimo County, 15; Waitotara County, 66; Rangitikei County, 129; Marton Borough, 15; Patea, 8; Palmerston North, 5; Stratford, 3.

Country.—England, 96; Scotland, 39; Ireland, 67; New Zealand, 311; Australia, 39; Sweden, 6; United States of America, 1; Germany, 3; Channel Islands, 5; China, 1; Tasmania, 5; Finland, 3; Italy, 1; Denmark, 3; Switzerland, 3; India, 1; Russia, 1; Norway, 3; France, 3; Austria, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 232; Roman Catholic, 149; Presbyterian, 102; Wesleyan, 36; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Baptist, 4; Salvation Army, 4; Lutheran, 11; Methodist, 12; Church of Christ, 5; Protestant, 18; Christadelphian, 1; Confucian, 1; unknown, 13.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 19,536; individual average days' stay, 33. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 90; attendances, 342.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	1,899	11	1	Rations ...	1,464	2	6
Local bodies ...	1,509	0	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	70	11	2
Subscriptions and donations ...	325	8	10	Surgery and dispensary ...	514	12	9
Rents ...	1,090	19	0	Fuel and light ...	472	11	3
Patients' payments ...	481	4	3	Bedding and clothing ...	160	17	9
Other sources ...	194	13	9	Furniture and earthenware ...	165	9	6
Balance from last year ...	914	18	5	Salaries and wages ...	1,513	19	3
				Water-supply ...	127	1	2
				Funerals ...	17	5	0
				Repairs ...	61	6	5
				New buildings ...	5	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	47	2	11
				Interest ...	75	0	0
				Insurance ...	19	10	4
				Other expenses ...	244	10	3
Total ...	£6,415	15	10	Total ...	£4,959	0	3

This Hospital is well known as one of the best in the colony. It is well administered, and the medical and nursing staff is good. Some difficulties have arisen, but they have been removed. As a whole, the Hospital is a credit to the district, and it does excellent work.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	167
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,977
Total under treatment			2,144
Discharged	...	...	1,769
Died	...	...	174
Remaining on 31st March, 1906			201

Sex.—1,307 males, 837 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington Hospital District: Wellington City, 1,437; Wellington Suburbs, 271; Petone, 113; Lower Hutt, 45; Upper Hutt, 29; Levin, 7; sundry small places in district, 41. Wairarapa Hospital District, 37; Inangahua Hospital District, 20; Palmerston North Hospital District, 16; Auckland Hospital District, 12; Wanganui Hospital District, 12; Marlborough Hospital District, 10; Taranaki Hospital District, 8; Hawke's Bay Hospital District, 5; North Canterbury Hospital District, 4; Cook Hospital District, 3; Waipawa Hospital District, 3; Grey Hospital District, 3; Nelson Hospital District, 2; South Canterbury Hospital District, 2; ships in port, 57; Sydney, 1; locality not stated, 6.

Nationality of Patients.—Colonials (New Zealand), 1,187; Colonials (Australian), 80; English, 442; Irish, 172; Scotch, 100; Welsh, 40; Norwegians, 14; Swedes, 10; Italians, 10; Americans, 10; Germans, 10; Jews, 7; Syrians, 5; Maoris, 5; Danes, 4; Dutch, 3; Finlanders, 3; South Africans, 3; Canadians, 3; Greeks, 3; Prussians, 2; Chinese, 2; French, 2; Russians, 2; Swiss, 2; Belgians, 2; West Indians, 2; East Indian, 1; Maltese, 1; Shetland Islander, 1; Spaniard, 1; Newfoundlander, 1; Scandinavian, 1; Roumanians, 2; Egyptian, 1; Austrian, 1; not stated, 9.

Religion of Patients.—Church of England, 1,001; Roman Catholic, 483; Presbyterian, 311; Wesleyan, 137; Primitive Methodist, 41; Baptist, 35; Salvation Army, 22; Plymouth Brethren, 15; Lutheran, 14; Hebrew, 13; Church of Christ, 11; Congregationalist, 9; Spiritualist, 8; Free Church of Scotland, 2; Catholic Apostolic, 2; Greek Church, 1; Christadelphian, 1; Confucian, 1; Unitarian, 1; Theosophist, 1; Seventh Day Adventers, 1; Mormon, 1; religion not given, 33.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 61,110; individual average days' stay, 28.5. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 4d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,625; attendances, 11,597.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	11,694	5	8	Rations	...	4,363	13	0
Local bodies	...	8,300	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	179	13	10
Loan	...	3,500	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	1,970	17	7
Subscriptions and donations	...	3,451	0	0	Fuel and light	...	1,331	2	3
Bequest	...	725	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	647	12	0
Rents	...	2,630	7	11	Furniture and earthenware	...	690	6	10
Patients' payments	...	2,452	0	5	Washing and laundry	...	614	3	6
Other sources	...	153	4	8	Salaries and wages	...	6,765	5	4
Balance from last year	...	60	11	0	Water-supply	...	286	12	0
					Funerals	...	49	2	6
					Repairs	...	815	0	4
					Additions to buildings	...	5,246	9	9
					Additions to lands	...	1,728	9	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	212	18	9
					Interest	...	855	12	7
					Insurance	...	170	3	0
					Repayment of loan	...	1,500	0	0
					Other expenses	...	627	10	7
Total	...	£32,966	9	8	Total	...	£28,054	12	10

Of all the hospitals in our country this has made most progress during the last two years, but at a great cost to the ratepayers. The Nurses' Home, the Victoria Home, the Home for Consumptives in Wellington and at Otaki, and the proposed Hospital for Infectious Diseases will increasingly press on the rates in future years. The Wellington Hospital itself is a prosperous and well-managed institution. Dr. Ewart, now absent on holiday, has managed it for many years with great ability, to the high satisfaction of the public. The Trustees are, I fear, somewhat headlong in their expenditure, but there can be no question of their great care of, and interest in, the institution. The Matron, Miss Payne, has the best-instructed and the most-disciplined staff of nurses in the colony.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	32
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	150
Total under treatment				182
Discharged	...	...	...	145
Died	...	...	...	12
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				25

Sex.—147 males, 35 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Buller district, Wellington, shipping.

Country.—England, 32; Ireland, 37; Scotland, 29; Wales, 2; New Zealand, 67; Australia, 7; America, 2; Germany, 6.

Religion.—Church of England, 65; Roman Catholic, 52; Presbyterian, 35; Methodist, 25; Plymouth Brethren, 3; Freethinker, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 10,971; individual average days' stay, 60·28. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 2d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 181; attendances, 589.

- RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	567	1	0	Rations	...	669	0	6
Local bodies	...	493	3	10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	55	16	8
Subscriptions and donations	...	284	7	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	188	7	8
Rents	...	44	3	6	Fuel and light...	...	139	8	5
Patients' payments	...	221	5	2	Bedding and clothing	...	30	6	7
Other sources	...	350	10	3	Furniture and earthenware	...	48	2	11
					Salaries and wages	...	724	2	11
					Funerals	...	26	18	0
					Repairs	...	4	11	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery, &c.	...	31	10	1
					Insurance	...	9	13	4
					Other expenses	...	32	12	10
Total	...	£1,960	11	1	Total	...	£1,960	11	1

Visited 7th January and 15th July, 1906.—The Board has made up its mind to build a new up-to-date Hospital. I have approved the plans, subject to certain conditions, but taking no responsibility for the amount to be expended. The foundations were in at the date of the second visit. I have, however, in my last year's report, expressed the opinion that this and the Grey River Hospital are the only expensive, because fully equipped, hospitals required in the whole coastal district. The old building is quite out of date, and is largely an Old Men's Home. The institution is well administered, and the medical work and the nursing are well done.

WHANGAREI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1905	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	110
Total under treatment				119
Discharged	...	...	...	96
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1906				10

Sex.—88 males, 31 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Whangarei County, 87; Bay of Islands County, 9; Whangaroa County, 2; Hobson County, 1; Otamatea County, 1; Auckland, 3; unknown, 7.

Country.—England, 14; Scotland, 9; Ireland, 11; New Zealand, 55; Australia, 6; Nova Scotia, 1; Germany, 1; Denmark, 2; Austria, 4; Sweden, 1; Norway, 2; Switzerland, 1; Spain, 1; Finland, 1; Jersey, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 56; Roman Catholic, 20; Presbyterian, 16; Wesleyan, 6; Baptist, 2; Lutheran, 2; Salvationist, 1; Mormon, 3; Plymouth Brethren, 1; unknown, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,838; individual average days' stay, 23·85. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 2d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	397	2	7	Rations	...	310	19	3
Local bodies	...	165	10	10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	1	16	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	151	6	5	Surgery and dispensary (medical attendance and drugs)	...	312	16	5
Bequest	...	100	0	0	Fuel and light	...	39	14	3
Rents	...	6	6	0	Furniture, &c.	...	14	8	2
Patients' payments	...	194	12	3	Bedding, &c.	...	27	5	7
					Salaries and wages	...	259	18	5
					Funerals	...	27	5	5
					Repairs	...	3	2	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	8	1	4
					Insurance	...	9	11	3
Total	...	<u>£1,014 18 1</u>			Total	...	<u>£1,014 18 1</u>		

Visited 20th October, 1905.—This Hospital is in its usual satisfactory state. There were only five patients at time of visit. Recognising that they cannot train probationers at so small a hospital, they intend to get another registered nurse, and have only one probationer instead of two as at present.

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TABLE showing Admissions, Discharges, &c., of Patients at Hospitals for the Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

Hospital.	Number of Patients on March 31, 1905.	Number of Patients admitted during Year.	Total under Treatment.	Number discharged.	Died.	Number remaining on March 31, 1906.	Sex.		Total Collective Days' Stay in Hospital.	Individual Average Days' Stay.	Average Daily Cost per Patient.	Percentage of Administration on Total Expenditure.	Number of Outdoor Patients.	
							M.	F.					Individual Cases.	Attendances.
Akaroa	2	30	32	26	4	2	18	14	606	19.00	0 12 7	32.27	73	116
Arrowtown	2	79	81	67	11	3	53	28	2,052	25.33	0 9 2½	58.84	..	..
Ashburton	9	217	226	193	14	19	179	47	4,499	19.90	0 7 6	44.00	..	..
Auckland	162	1,801	1,963	1,592	193	178	1,321	642	63,394	32.29	0 5 0½	26.50	461	4,376
Blenheim	17	200	217	179	18	20	155	62	8,021	37.00	0 6 10	31.80	..	..
Christchurch	8	23	31	19	1	11	31	..	2,329	75.13	0 4 8	51.10	..	..
Christchurch	116	1,466	1,582	1,356	119	107	1,013	569	38,750	34.49	0 5 8	37.92	1,896	10,831
Coromandel	5	62	67	56	5	6	50	17	2,152	32.12	0 11 4½	52.90	299	1,614
Cromwell	9	59	68	59	8	1	62	6	1,427	20.98	0 12 2½	41.00	39	61
Dunedin	98	1,862	1,460	1,230	116	114	910	550	37,851	25.92	0 5 4½	31.46	1,261	8,163
Dunstan	6	40	46	36	7	3	34	12	1,438	31.26	0 12 2½	54.05	30	45
Gisborne	18	318	336	288	22	26	246	90	7,585	26.95	0 5 4½	36.88	..	..
Greymouth	53	215	268	175	38	55	224	44	20,623	76.95	0 3 3½	38.50	187	500
Havelock	..	17	17	11	3	3	16	1	1,350	79.41	0 2 11½	..	..	..
Hawera	10	143	153	120	12	21	99	54	3,922	25.63	0 10 10	32.17	..	..
Hokitika	36	121	157	99	25	33	109	48	12,794	81.49	0 4 8	25.50	223	628
Invercargill	38	505	543	445	50	48	370	173	17,512	32.25	0 4 6	38.80	1,139	1,960
Kumara	21	75	96	71	7	18	58	38	5,566	57.84	0 3 5½	35.73	23	..
Lawrence	5	93	98	80	9	9	66	32	2,655	27.90	0 6 11	47.38	..	..
Masterion	12	146	158	134	15	9	118	40	4,432	28.80	0 6 1	33.02	..	..
Mercury Bay	..	33	33	28	4	1	28	5	823	24.94	1 0 11½	..	..	1,796
Napier	47	589	636	547	46	43	395	241	15,788	24.82	0 6 2	30.00	325	1,143
Naseby	8	126	134	105	17	12	90	44	2,728	20.35	0 7 11	53.75	80	745
Nelson	25	292	329	267	25	38	189	103	12,485	42.75	0 5 5½	..	135	676
New Plymouth	46	345	391	328	23	40	270	121	12,868	32.91	0 8 8½	19.68	..	3,000
Northern Wairoa	..	205	309	191	9	9	146	63	8,887	18.36	0 7 3½	66.74	76	665
Oamaru	11	203	214	180	15	19	153	61	4,994	23.34	0 5 9	39.64	..	..
Otaki	16	106	122	92	6	17	82	40	4,256	34.88	0 5 7½	40.37	..	..
Pahiatua	8	112	120	106	5	9	70	50	2,502	20.85	0 7 2½	33.00	..	..
Palmerston North	22	380	402	332	34	36	285	117	11,648	28.98	0 6 3	27.50	..	..
Patea	4	78	82	76	3	3	54	28	1,948	23.76	0 8 9½	31.19	..	..
Picton	8	141	149	129	9	11	101	48	4,846	32.52	0 5 0½	27.31	89	81
Queenstown	3	78	81	68	7	6	49	32	2,119	26.16	0 8 7½	52.13	..	..
Rangiora	..	30	30	21	5	4	24	6	671	22.33	0 7 6½	27.61	..	..
Reefton	24	81	105	63	18	24	99	6	6,334	60.32	0 6 1½	43.85	130	267
Riverton	16	182	198	161	18	19	129	69	6,039	30.50	0 6 2½	35.18	80	186
..	11	13	24	10	5	9	24	..	3,394	141.42	0 4 5½	49.01	..	..
..	5	92	97	89	3	5	65	32	2,494	25.71	0 8 2½	45.67	..	..
South Wairarapa	34	419	453	403	17	33	328	125	11,222	24.77	0 4 1½	42.90	320	1,750
Thames	48	510	431	431	24	45	349	161	15,369	30.14	0 5 5½	33.00	488	1,340
Timaru	18	234	252	217	15	20	185	67	5,517	21.89	0 6 11	34.56	30	152
Waihi	41	421	462	415	23	24	337	125	12,345	26.70	0 5 8	20.75	..	..
Waikato	14	113	127	105	13	12	78	49	2,616	20.60	0 10 4½	43.00	25	120
Waimate	27	375	402	351	17	34	303	99	12,812	31.87	0 4 5½	40.44	..	..
Waipawa	6	49	55	49	2	4	44	11	1,092	19.85	0 12 8	26.88	..	..
Wairoa	54	538	592	503	35	54	400	192	19,596	33.00	0 5 0½	34.96	90	342
Wanganui	167	1,977	2,144	1,769	174	201	1,307	837	61,110	28.50	0 6 1½	25.00	2,625	11,597
Wellington	32	150	182	145	12	25	147	35	10,971	60.28	0 3 7	38.52	181	589
Westport	9	110	119	96	13	10	88	31	2,838	23.85	0 7 2	26.00	..	..
Whangarei	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	1,335	14,881	16,216	13,482	1,281	1,453	10,951	5,265	494,150	30.41	0 5 11½	31.40	10,255	47,743

TABLE showing the Receipts on Account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Hospitals.	From Government.	From Hospital Boards and Local Authorities.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents, &c.	Payments by Patients.	Other Sources.	Balance from Last Year.	Total Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa ..	240 13 3	240 13 4	..	..	..	21 0 0	..	..	502 6 7
Arrowtown ..	357 1 1	246 0 0	97 17 0	..	..	183 18 8	5 3 7	117 9 3	1,007 9 7
Ashburton ..	703 14 5	700 0 0	3 17 0	..	..	307 10 0	16 5 1	62 1 4	1,793 7 10
Auckland ..	7,227 17 5	7,227 17 5	34 14 0	..	694 5 8	2,839 17 7	491 17 1	..	18,516 9 2
Blenheim ..	1,048 1 11	1,081 15 8	13 11 8	..	6 0 0	690 0 11	95 6 4	1,788 9 5	4,723 5 11
Charleston ..	211 10 4	91 10 0	100 11 6	..	10 0 0	156 17 0	..	49 19 2	620 8 0
Christchurch ..	5,080 11 0	5,157 2 3	928 7 0	225 0 0	..	1,100 13 3	41 4 11	991 10 5	12,824 8 10
Coromandel ..	675 2 3	300 0 0	259 18 4	..	..	185 4 2	95 11 7	..	1,515 16 4
Cromwell ..	180 2 0	623 12 10	141 3 5	..	40 4 2	235 18 10	..	198 14 2	1,409 15 5
Dunedin ..	3,660 15 8	3,000 0 0	563 17 0	..	..	2,224 16 7	361 12 2	29 3 5	9,840 4 10
Dunedin ..	354 0 11	184 3 5	190 17 6	..	..	82 6 8	7 10 8	883 2 0	819 3 10
Gisborne ..	1,077 18 11	625 0 0	339 9 0	..	25 14 0	431 18 0	25 7 0	..	3,408 8 11
Greymouth ..	592 2 10	345 16 8	243 7 10	10 0 0	0 10 0	978 14 5	10 14 7	434 16 9	2,616 3 1
Havelock ..	99 5 11	99 5 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	198 11 9
Hawera ..	871 0 0	942 2 6	88 1 8	..	..	334 6 6	9 5 0	192 3 7	2,496 19 3
Hokitika ..	1,253 3 7	727 3 4	374 2 4	..	..	565 9 2	47 14 5	267 16 3	3,285 9 1
Invercargill ..	1,538 0 0	1,538 0 0	27 2 9	13 0 0	32 8 0	829 9 2	151 10 3	71 7 2	4,187 17 4
Kumara ..	492 3 4	302 10 0	111 9 4	..	..	228 17 0	..	..	1,147 19 8
Lawrence ..	533 10 2	260 2 6	..	..	..	222 8 6	1 4 8	208 6 11	1,225 12 9
Masterton ..	715 8 8	163 15 0	650 16 7	..	8 15 0	100 0 2	355 11 8	4,866 18 4	6,861 5 5
Mercury Bay ..	348 7 8	..	267 17 0	..	7 18 0	56 4 4	30 5 6	316 3 9	1,026 16 3
Napier ..	2,892 8 0	1,260 0 0	689 5 10	1 0 0	77 5 6	359 12 10	520 11 2	6,989 3 1	12,769 6 5
Naseby ..	412 2 5	277 10 8	107 12 8	..	..	274 15 0	8 2 0	..	1,260 13 8
Nelson ..	1,871 8 7	1,093 10 0	753 17 6	..	142 5 0	457 12 1	19 2 6	..	4,337 15 8
New Plymouth ..	2,014 16 9	602 13 11	899 8 8	500 0 0	38 0 0	1,558 14 9	1,427 8 11	73 14 0	7,041 3 0
Northern Wairoa ..	557 16 7	100 0 0	410 3 7	..	..	310 11 2	22 14 0	..	1,474 19 4
Oamaru ..	180 6 8	..	162 11 4	25 0 0	835 12 6	320 15 8	179 13 11	..	1,704 0 1
Okaki ..	656 19 2	592 11 2	53 13 3	..	..	239 18 11	..	..	1,543 2 6
Pahiatua ..	226 16 7	172 17 7	56 0 3	78 17 3	8 0 0	356 4 0	14 12 0	472 10 3	1,385 17 11
Palmerston North ..	3,620 9 3	1,252 17 9	2,028 12 0	..	..	462 7 9	515 10 2	..	7,879 16 11
Patea ..	400 1 4	240 0 0	43 0 2	149 6 3	5 17 0	193 17 6	..	299 0 6	1,267 2 9
Picton ..	611 6 8	456 16 10	64 14 5	..	..	278 0 3	188 8 2	113 13 9	1,659 12 3
Queenstown ..	383 6 8	256 0 0	73 19 1	..	..	68 6 0	1 7 4	..	1,074 14 5
Rawene ..	225 7 7	120 7 8	87 10 0	..	..	442 4 10	6 7 5	9 1 2	1,969 17 0
Reefton ..	987 8 1	75 0 0	499 15 6	..	..	335 3 0	10 1 9	390 18 0	2,103 19 8
Riverton ..	711 5 11	637 0 0	19 11 0	..	..	140 5 2	..	..	759 5 3
Ross ..	277 11 1	234 19 0	106 10 0	..	1 0 0	139 0 10	4 17 3	497 0 7	1,363 18 7
South Wairarapa ..	349 9 10	167 7 5	205 2 8	..	..	566 17 2	37 4 7	556 10 11	1,469 13 3
Te Puia, Waipiro Bay ..	691 0 0	200 7 8	21 14 3	..	36 0 0	470 17 2	0 9 0	1,423 18 6	3,665 2 6
Thames ..	812 8 3	670 2 11	118 11 1	..	..	286 13 0	9 13 0	..	2,196 7 4
Timaru ..	1,792 4 7	1,792 4 7	140 12 0	..	..	1,017 1 3	18 14 0	54 0 3	2,480 16 4
Waihi ..	1,503 18 1	450 0 0	176 12 0	..	106 9 0	69 18 7	10 0 9	1,662 5 7	6,673 18 6
Waikato ..	1,953 18 8	1,877 17 0	41 13 0	..	..	459 8 0	30 19 3	..	1,902 1 6
Waimate ..	590 19 10	589 19 10	41 2 6	..	..	36 11 0	..	196 19 8	3,582 18 1
Waipawa ..	1,509 2 5	1,200 0 8	186 8 1	..	..	431 4 3	42 3 6	914 18 5	6,415 15 10
Wairoa ..	613 9 11	339 10 8	227 9 7	..	..	2,452 0 5	3,653 4 8	60 11 0	82,966 9 8
Wanganui ..	1,899 11 1	1,509 0 6	325 8 10	..	1,090 19 0	481 4 3	194 13 9	..	6,415 15 10
Wellington ..	11,694 5 8	8,900 0 0	3,451 0 0	725 0 0	2,630 7 11	2,452 0 5	3,653 4 8	..	82,966 9 8
Westport ..	567 1 0	493 3 10	284 7 4	..	44 3 6	231 5 2	350 10 3	..	1,960 11 1
Whangarei ..	397 2 7	165 10 10	151 6 5	100 0 0	6 6 0	194 12 3	..	..	1,014 18 1
Totals ..	67,614 14 7	48,984 1 3	15,164 14 4	1,827 3 6	5,848 0 3	24,156 3 10	8,915 10 4	24,535 12 7	197,086 0 8

TABLE showing the Expenditure on Hospitals during the Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

Hospitals.	Rations and Provisions.	Wine, Ale, &c.	Surgery and Dispensary.	Fuel and Light.	Bedding and Clothing.	Furniture, Crockery, &c.	Washing and Laundry.	Salaries and Wages.	Water-supply.	Funerals.	Repairs.	Additions to Buildings, &c., and New Buildings.	Printing, Advertising, Postage, and Stationery.	For Interest.	For Insurance.	For Commission.	Other Expenses.	Total.																			
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.																	
Akaroa	107	13	0	11	0	58	1	9	162	9	6	120	14	6	23	5	11	71	15	0																	
Arrowtown	237	7	2	27	3	67	1	11	533	4	4	...	9	8	6	0	10	0	17	10	6																
Ashburton	313	17	8	185	11	0	0	0	613	19	8	...	205	12	9	0	0	81	7	11																	
Auckland	3,583	1	0	0	0	353	17	9	4,463	18	7	2,010	7	3	37	18	11	2,728	6	7																	
Blenheim	549	17	0	257	12	7	8	...	873	7	5	95	0	0	19	3	1	414	1	9																	
Christchurch	2,691	6	6	257	12	7	8	...	4,487	14	11	602	4	9	96	7	11	866	12	0																	
Coromandel	211	14	0	16	3	172	9	8	689	19	1	59	14	0	11	5	1	108	9	5																	
Cromwell	2,709	18	8	35	11	346	0	5	533	8	5	446	10	0	0	0	0	52	14	5																	
Dunedin	144	6	1	78	5	85	7	4	3,117	16	3	31	19	0	5	11	0	574	5	6																	
Dunstan	343	18	5	34	15	58	2	7	456	11	10	383	16	3	2	12	6	14	16	7																	
Gisborne	1,015	11	10	179	9	15	2	0	881	3	6	...	11	5	0	0	0	35	16	9																	
Greymouth	121	10	1	164	6	16	9	6	1,139	3	4	130	6	3	21	8	0	218	15	4																	
Havelock	355	0	1	134	18	10	0	0	29	0	0	...	...	...	2	1	4	16	18	10																	
Hawera	808	4	9	119	18	5	0	0	773	10	0	439	2	0	4	11	0	108	8	2																	
Hokitika	1,073	8	3	350	18	10	0	0	786	14	8	433	10	1	26	2	8	259	2	2																	
Invercargill	354	2	7	49	12	5	0	0	1,484	7	5	130	0	0	34	1	4	91	5	6																	
Kumara	258	16	1	55	8	9	0	0	320	13	6	...	22	0	6	0	0	2	3	3																	
Lawrence	280	10	4	52	19	2	0	0	425	18	1	...	9	7	0	0	0	62	3	10																	
Masterton	104	13	4	86	13	0	0	0	500	4	8	...	45	7	1	0	0	386	5	7																	
Mercury Bay	1,271	9	3	19	17	10	0	0	508	3	0	...	6	18	7	0	0	39	18	0																	
Napier	187	15	1	85	3	7	0	0	1,547	17	1	350	0	0	10	9	9	62	3	10																	
Naseby	658	13	0	16	15	10	0	0	562	1	6	...	77	7	10	0	0	386	5	7																	
Nelson	861	6	2	363	3	0	0	0	1,189	3	7	1,668	3	1	9	4	0	39	18	0																	
New Plymouth	217	11	0	280	7	9	0	0	1,064	11	8	1,700	17	6	25	10	6	186	14	2																	
North New Wairoa	414	0	3	64	10	0	0	0	919	3	1	...	40	0	0	0	0	317	16	1																	
Oamaru	280	10	8	37	10	10	0	0	658	5	1	...	17	6	0	0	0	14	16	5																	
Otaki	243	17	4	61	19	6	0	0	623	8	10	...	17	6	0	0	0	148	9	7																	
Pahiatua	684	11	10	258	2	11	0	0	461	19	5	...	22	5	6	0	0	95	19	11																	
Palmerston N.	178	0	5	82	17	11	0	0	1,221	10	5	954	1	5	2	4	0	899	9	5																	
Patea	243	10	0	78	15	7	0	0	251	6	11	...	15	8	4	0	0	647	0	3																	
Pictou	147	12	10	57	7	3	0	0	412	3	8	...	14	4	4	0	0	16	10	3																	
Queenstown	65	17	1	41	6	10	0	0	466	14	0	...	5	8	0	0	0	3	18	0																	
Rawene	521	6	2	114	6	9	0	0	126	8	1	...	5	0	3	0	0	92	2	1																	
Reefton	387	8	11	111	5	6	0	0	788	7	2	...	50	16	3	0	0	420	15	3																	
Riverton	203	1	5	29	8	0	0	0	643	12	3	...	18	4	9	0	0	13	15	10																	
Ross	220	2	0	75	12	5	0	0	348	2	4	...	24	6	4	0	0	12	18	3																	
S. Wairarapa	482	17	0	153	18	0	0	0	517	7	11	...	25	6	4	0	0	13	8	6																	
Te Puna, Wai-	1,460	14	1	440	3	3	0	0	37	10	0	...	1	2	6	0	0	21	1	10																	
piro Bay	484	14	9	262	16	11	0	0	1,086	17	2	...	35	18	6	0	0	131	15	11																	
Thames	995	0	6	190	1	8	0	0	1,325	0	9	...	17	8	4	0	0	130	6	8																	
Timaru	166	16	10	71	16	0	0	0	735	18	2	...	33	0	1	0	0	139	15	0																	
Waikato	688	5	8	180	18	11	0	0	1,470	12	9	...	35	3	10	0	0	259	12	9																	
Waimate	127	3	4	128	16	3	0	0	570	14	10	...	14	7	0	0	0	224	13	5																	
Waipawa	1,464	2	6	472	11	3	0	0	1,148	12	8	...	12	18	9	0	0	153	7	4																	
Wairoa	4,363	13	0	71	33	2	0	0	339	6	15	...	4	4	3	0	0	50	18	6																	
Wanganui	1,464	2	6	472	11	3	0	0	1,513	19	3	...	47	2	11	0	0	244	10	3																	
Wangarui	4,363	13	0	71	33	2	0	0	1,765	5	4	...	212	18	9	0	0	3,855	19	7																	
Westport	669	0	6	139	8	5	0	0	724	2	11	...	31	10	1	0	0	32	12	10																	
Whangarei	310	19	3	39	14	3	0	0	259	18	5	...	8	1	4	0	0	...	...	...																	
Totals	33,546	9	21	1,152	1	413,732	14	9	10,616	12	0	4,734	2	94,885	12	1	1,391	8	850,833	13	41,900	1	2,530	17	11,059	17	61,059	17	11,095	19	10,268	0	814,475	14	816,437	3	9

TABLE showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the under-mentioned Charitable-aid Districts during the Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

District.	Balance from Last Year.	Receipts.						Expenditure.						Number of Children boarded out.	Total Cost of Children boarded out.	Average Weekly Cost of Children boarded out.
		From Government.	From Rates.	Voluntary Con- tributions.	Bequests.	Rents, &c.	Payments by Patients relieved.	Other Sources.	Total.	Indoor Relief.	Outdoor Relief.	Total.	Children's Portion of Expenses.			
North of Auckland..	£ s. d. 1,081 4 5	£ s. d. 1,091 14 3	£ s. d. 1,159 12 10	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 211 13 3	£ s. d. 29 8 2	£ s. d. 3,573 12 11	£ s. d. (*)1,687 1 0	£ s. d. 998 8 11	£ s. d. 2,685 9 11	£ s. d. 126 11 10	..	£ s. d. ..	s. d. ..
Auckland ..	515 8 9	6,710 6 11	3,518 19 10	1,622 13 8	442 8 8	67 14	62,779 13 2	2,027 12 10	17,684 18 4	12,171 10 2	4,829 18 6	(*)17,001 8 8	1,094 12 1	17	195 11 6	6 4
Thames and Coro- mandel ..	676 13 7	1,387 12 0	1,000 12 1	76 11 3	..	7 0 0	320 17 11	141 1 0	3,610 7 10	1,983 4 10	1,195 5 10	3,178 10 8	178 0 4	14	178 0 4	5 2
Waikato ..	3 12 1	40 0 0	40 0 0	..	..	..	262 13 4	17 13 11	83 12 1	..	78 0 8	78 0 8	..	..	..	..
Bay of Plenty ..	121 0 3	266 8 11	266 9 0	..	..	..	49 18 6	..	813 5 2	516 11 11	296 13 3	813 5 2	118 0 0	7	80 0 0	6 6
Cook ..	257 9 0	26 0 0	447 0 0	..	..	36 13 1	235 3 0	..	612 15 6	..	314 5 1	248 1 9	8 0 5	2	8 0 5	5 8
Hawke's Bay ..	2,068 15 9	2,721 19 7	2,066 18 11	105 15 1	100 0 0	7 5 0	412 9 3	21 6 2	965 12 0	(*)4,372 4 5	1,244 3 2	5,616 7 7	63 14 0	4	63 14 0	5 6
Taranaki ..	..	1,203 14 11	1,203 14 11	..	..	..	..	..	7,504 4 9	(*)4,372 4 5	1,244 3 2	5,616 7 7	109 10 4	5	77 18 4	6 1
Hawera ..	..	280 16 11	280 16 11	..	..	..	..	..	2,407 9 10	1,546 17 7	860 12 3	2,407 9 10	261 1 3	17	261 1 3	8 0
Wanganui and Patea ..	1,290 16 0	979 13 4	979 13 4	..	..	..	367 9 3	43 8 8	3,661 0 7	1,280 7 2	826 12 10	2,107 0 0	7 19 9	1	7 19 9	8 0
Palmerston North ..	277 13 9	488 17 4	488 17 4	..	..	..	97 4 6	..	1,852 12 11	75 8 10	1,080 13 1	1,156 1 11	262 10 0	6	102 17 5	6 6
Wellington ..	7,501 12 5	6,235 1 6	5,107 5 5	837 19 11	..	52 10	01,458 0 9	1,141 5 4	22,333 15 4	8,809 19 2	5,418 8 4	14,228 7 6	123 17 4	12	213 4 0	6 10
Wairau ..	..	352 7 10	352 7 9	..	..	..	..	..	704 15 7	350 6 1	354 9 6	704 15 7	99 9 6	6	15 12 0	6 0
Picton ..	178 5 7	1,031 5 0	999 0 0	159 12 3	..	..	1,671 17 10	572 6 7	187 15 0	46 16 0	140 19 0	187 15 0	46 16 0	..	226 19 9	6 1
Nelson ..	12 15 2	693 6 2	916 0 11	..	..	..	..	284 15 6	4,612 7 3	2,616 16 8	1,508 7 0	4,125 3 8	1,377 18 3	16	..	..
Buller ..	368 5 0	448 0 0	325 0 0	101 8 3	..	..	3 10 0	29 0 5	1,906 17 9	263 16 4	390 11 0	654 7 4	263 16 4	..	..	..
Inangahua ..	21 2 9	570 5 11	668 9 6	..	..	..	..	4 5 0	1,275 3 8	77 10 0	824 2 7	901 12 7	77 10 0	..	..	..
Grey ..	..	565 7 4	402 15 7	166 17 6	..	..	13 14 4	17 0 0	1,364 3 2	601 9 0	712 17 8	1,314 6 8	546 9 10	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,166 7 8	181 15 5	979 6 0	1,161 1 5	185 1 8	8	113 2 5	5 5½
North Canterbury ..	3,697 13 6	6,163 1 11	5,273 8 9	120 9 3	1,370 3 5	94 9 3	31,520 11 5	76 3 0	18,321 0 6	9,888 10 7	6,413 12 1	16,302 2 8	4,171 10 1	65	1,069 18 1	7 6
and Ashburton ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Canterbury ..	362 8 0	2,419 3 8	2,220 18 10	..	..	..	287 7 11	..	5,389 18 5	931 8 1	2,023 11 2	2,954 19 3	454 10 1	36	450 6 1	5 0
North Otago ..	1,100 8 6	795 13 6	1,382 13 6	40 18 0	..	..	166 10 6	83 13 1	3,588 17 1	1,545 9 7	744 4 0	2,289 13 7	247 6 5	..	..	..
Otago United ..	1,129 8 1	6,219 17 5	5,849 12 8	160 12 5	400 10 2	742 18	23,058 5 0	519 17 1	18,081 1 0	9,600 5 11	5,793 0 2	15,393 6 1	4,267 2 3	..	..	..
Southland ..	943 1 1	2,537 13 7	1,574 17 1	65 16 10	..	115 0 0	742 5 6	567 13 5	6,846 7 6	4,177 2 10	2,106 6 4	(*)6,283 9 2	65 16 9	1	26 0 0	10 0
Totals ..	21,603 6 7	43,451 0 2	37,200 6 8	3,458 14 5	2,313 2 3	3,142 10	013,659 5 5	5,576 10 2	128,409 15 8	63,726 2 1	39,546 11 11	103,272 14 0	16,765 3 9	221	3,138 13 10	..

(a) Including £800 paid to Auckland Hospital and Charitable-aid Board.

(b) Including £3,398 3s. expended by Jubilee Institute for the Blind.

(c) Including £2,685 11s. 1d. purchase of land and expenses.

(d) Including £1,663 1s. 9d. purchase of land.

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1905, and 31st March, 1906.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1906.	31st March, 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1906.	31st March, 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1906.	31st March, 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland ...	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	7	7	...	...
Auckland ...	17	11	6	...	47	54	...	7	64	65	...	1
Coromandel and Thames...	1	...	1	...	11	15	...	4	12	15	...	3
Waikato ...	...	3	...	3	7	5	2	...	7	8	...	1
Bay of Plenty ...	...	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...
Cook ...	4	4	...	...	2	...	2	...	6	4	2	...
Hawke's Bay ...	5	5	...	...	2	2	...	...	7	7	...	...
Taranaki ...	17	14	3	...	...	...	...	...	17	14	3	...
Hawera ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Patea and Wanganui ...	6	6	...	...	9	9	...	...	15	15	1	...
Palmerston North ...	4	5	...	1	6	6	...	...	10	11	...	1
Wellington Charitable Aid Board...	...	...	...	...	154	115	39	...	166	137	29	...
Wellington Benevolent Trustees ...	12	18	...	6	...	...	...	...				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	6	5	1	...
Wairau ...	1	1	...	...	5	4	1	...	3	3	...	...
Picton ...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	32	31	1	...
Nelson ...	16	12	4	...	16	19	...	3	8	8	...	...
Buller...	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	...	7	9	...	2
Inangahua ...	...	...	...	...	7	9	...	2	33	46	...	13
Grey ...	...	15	...	15	33	31	2	...	12	16	...	4
Westland ...	8	12	...	4	4	4	...	...	137	121	16	...
Ashburton and North Canterbury...	54	54	...	...	83	67	16	...	36	43	...	7
South Canterbury ...	36	42	...	6	...	1	...	1	18	14	4	...
North Otago ...	...	...	...	...	18	14	4	...	180	173	7	...
Otago United ...	...	...	...	...	180	173	7	...	2	4	...	2
Otago Benevolent Institution ...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...
Southland ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	183	209	15	41	605	549	75	19	788	758	64	34

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).

(This table refers to outdoor relief and to heads of families only.)

	Thames and Coromandel Charitable Aid Board.	Cook Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trustees.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board.	South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	North Otago Benevolent Society.
Lack of employment—												
(1.) Able-bodied ..	2	...	16	75	9	28	...	...	17	...	2	2
(2.) Inefficient ..	1	...	...	10	25	35	...	12	9	...	1	1
Sickness ..	5	7	13	25	45	10	4	2	114	16	16	16
Accident ..	1	...	2	4	...	1	2	...	5	1	...	...
Insanity of bread-winner ..	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	11	...	...	...
Imprisonment of bread-winner ..	...	3	4	1	2	...	...	2	8	...	...	2
Desertion of bread-winner ..	3	2	3	3	20	3	...	1	31	7	5	5
No male support—												
(1.) Widows ..	10	4	27	10	23	3	5	8	80	33	26	26
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children ..	2	...	...	1	3	1	1	...	22	...	2	2
Intemperance ..	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	11	...	1	1
Shiftlessness ..	...	...	1	7	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...
Physical defects ..	...	...	4	10	4	1	2	3	20	1	...	...
Old age ..	32	3	15	60	9	8	7	8	74	2	5	5
Causes undetermined ..	...	1	...	10	6	...	...	...	14	...	1	1
Total number of cases	55	27	8	85	218	146	95	22	36	421	63	61

TABLE II.—DECISIONS IN CASES OF APPLICANTS FOR RELIEF.

	Thames and Coromandel Charitable Aid Board.	Cook Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trustees.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board.	South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	North Otago Benevolent Society.
Continuous outdoor relief ..	53	4	6	40	16	36	15	6	17	239	42	38
Intermittent outdoor relief ..	36	10	..	27	3	57	22	11	12	64	12	12
Temporary outdoor relief ..	..	5	4	18	71	53	75	4	7	103	7	2
Indoor relief.. ..	30	12	10	60	..	72	6	..	..	352	..	41
Transportation ..	3	9	..	..	20	..	15	1	..	15	..	9
Work rather than relief ..	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE III.—NUMBER OF RATIONS ISSUED.

	Number of Rations issued Year ended 31st March, 1906.	Number of Rations issued Year ended 31st March, 1905.	Amount given in Cash, Year ended 31st March, 1906.	Amount given in Cash, Year ended 31st March, 1905.	Total Number relieved, Year ended 31st March, 1906.	Total Number relieved, Year ended 31st March, 1905.	Description and Value of Ration.
Thames and Coromandel Charitable Aid Board	a2,640 b20,145	a20,861 b4,266	£ ..	£ 20 0 0	152	136	Meat, groceries, &c., value (a) 2d., (b) 1½d.
Cook Hospital and Charitable Aid Board	13	13	..	2 0 0	37	9	Orders for goods to value from 5s. to 10s. weekly.
Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board	..	..	7 19 9	1 6 10	25	29	
Napier Charitable Aid Board	41,463	44,428	15 0 0	13 10 0	214	332	Groceries to the value of 4d.
Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board	1,252	837	..	..	224	179	Groceries, meat, and bread to the value of 4s. 3½d. per week.
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	41,257	47,457	732 1 6	963 18 8	387	461	1 lb. bread, 1 lb. potatoes, 8 oz. meat, 1½ oz. sugar, ¼ oz. tea value, 4d.
North Wairarapa Benevolent Trustees	..	..	..	..	..	..	Orders given on storekeepers.
Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board	916	1,040	129 5 0	194 0 0	45	53	Bread, meat, flour, and potatoes to the value of 6s. 1d. per week.
Hokitika Benevolent Trustees	..	..	99 5 0	129 17 3	..	..	Orders given for meat, bread, milk, groceries, and rent.
North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board	164,187	..	1,833 0 5	1,936 10 11	1,103	1,373	Meat, bread, and groceries to the value of 3½d. Total value of rations issued, £2,394 7s. 10d.
South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board	..	..	..	..	267	333	Rations supplied from Board's store in town. Orders given on storekeepers for outside recipients.
North Otago Benevolent Society	..	..	2 13 0	8 17 0	163	214	Necessaries supplied at society's store, and orders given on country storekeepers.

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