

## ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1896	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	140
Total under treatment				154
Discharged	...	...	...	135
Died	...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1897				12

*Sex.*—118 males, 36 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Rakaia to Rangitata.

*Nationality.*—English, 44; Irish, 43; Scotch, 13; New Zealand, 41; Australians, 6; Welsh, 1; Swedes, 2; German, 1; Dutch, 1; American, 2.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 64; Presbyterian, 32; Roman Catholic, 43; Methodist, 11; Salvation Army, 2; Lutheran, 1; Hebrew, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,830; individual average days' stay, 24.87. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 6½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—None.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.		
From Government	...	654	16	2	Rations and light	...	402	15	3
Local bodies	...	630	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	16	10	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	20	13	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	152	18	10
Patients' payments	...	136	0	6	Fuel	...	53	18	9
Other sources	...	10	7	0	Bedding and clothing	...	71	16	4
Balance from last year	...	97	16	0	Furniture, earthenware, and iron- mongery	...	87	12	1
					Salaries and wages	...	443	16	0
					Funerals	...	11	6	6
					Repairs	...	40	6	5
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	4	5	0
					Interest	...	0	8	0
					Insurance	...	14	19	3
					Other expenses	...	93	9	8
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,549</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,394</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Inspected by me on the 31st March, 1897, and by Mrs. Neill on the 12th January. Of the ten beds in the large male ward nine were occupied. Two patients occupied one bed in the female ward, and one male patient was in one of the single rooms. The whole was scrupulously clean, and very comfortable. Mrs. Mackay is assisted by a nurse trained in Dunedin. I called attention to the absence of temperature charts at the head of the beds.

## AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1896	...	...	...	111
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,229
Total under treatment				1,340
Discharged	...	...	...	1,093
Died	...	...	...	109
Remaining on 31st March, 1897				138

*Sex.*—898 males, 442 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Auckland City and Suburbs, 845; Auckland district, 300; Auckland North, 89; Auckland South, 76; shipping, 30.

*Nationality.*—English, 356; Scotch, 82; Irish, 148; New Zealand, 627; Australian, 47; American, 13; German, 15; Swedes, 22; French, 1; Austrian, 6; Danish, 2; Chinese, 3; Indian, 6; South Sea Islands, 5; Portuguese, 1; Belgians, 2; Italians, 2; Africans, 2.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 646; Roman Catholic, 292; Baptist, 33; Wesleyan, 114; Presbyterian, 198; Congregationalist, 13; Salvationist, 16; Lutheran, 14; Jewish, 2; Christian Brethren, 4; other denominations, 7; Nil, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 43,313; individual average days' stay, 32.32. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 518; attendances, 4,238.