

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>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	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
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Total under treatment	462
Discharged	415
Died	23
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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.