

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

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