

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.

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| Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Admitted during the year | ... | ... | ... | 203 |
| | | | | 214 |
| Discharged | ... | ... | ... | 180 |
| Died | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| | | | | 19 |
| 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.

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| Number of patients on 31st March, 1905 | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Admitted during the year | ... | ... | ... | 106 |
| | | | | 122 |
| Discharged | ... | ... | ... | 99 |
| Died | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| | | | | 17 |
| 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.