

## WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1906	...	...	201
Admitted during the year	...	...	2,192
Total under treatment			2,393
Discharged	...	...	1,999
Died	...	...	156
Remaining on 31st March, 1907			238

Sex.—1,466 males, 927 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Wellington Hospital District: Wellington City, 1,643; Wellington Suburbs, 239; Petone, 130; Lower Hutt, 50; Upper Hutt, 30; Levin, 15; sundry small places in district, 216. Wairarapa Hospital District, 38; Inangahua Hospital District, 27; Palmerston North Hospital District, 31; Auckland Hospital District, 16; Wanganui Hospital District, 14; Taranaki Hospital District, 6; Hawke's Bay Hospital District, 6; North Canterbury Hospital District, 5; Waipawa Hospital District, 2; Grey Hospital District, 5; Nelson Hospital District, 7; South Canterbury Hospital District, 3; Wairoa Hospital District, 5; Dunedin Hospital District, 2; ships in port, 76; Sydney, 2; Melbourne 1; locality not stated, 6.

*Nationality of Patients.*—Colonials (New Zealand), 1,244; Colonials (Australian), 128; English, 493; Irish, 269; Scotch, 160; Welsh, 8; Norwegians, 14; Swedes, 9; Italians, 5; Americans, 6; Germans, 27; Jews, 4; Syrians, 8; Danes, 3; Dutch, 3; Finlanders, 2; South Africans, 4; Canadians, 2; Chinese, 9; French, 2; Russian, 1; Swiss, 4; Maltese, 1; Austrian, 2; Greek, 1; Jersey, 1; Cingalese, 1; Japanese, 1; Manxman, 1.

*Religion of Patients.*—Church of England, 1,093; Roman Catholic, 524; Presbyterian, 388; Primitive Methodist, 14; Baptist, 57; Salvation Army, 18; Plymouth Brethren, 3; Lutheran, 13; Hebrew, 21; Church of Christ, 5; Congregationalist, 21; Spiritualist, 4; Greek Church, 1; Christadelphian, 1; Confucian, 4; Unitarian, 4; Methodist, 167; Brethren, 4; Freethinkers, 3; Latter-day Saint, 1; Buddhist, 1; Druse, 1; religion not given, 45.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 79,600; individual average days' stay, 33.21. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 3½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 2,568; attendances, 11,531.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	9,501	16 9	Rations	4,745	0 4
Local bodies	8,340	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	166	18 6
Loan	1,000	0 0	Surgery and dispensary	1,763	3 4
Subscriptions and donations	1,020	11 5	Fuel and light	1,668	5 4
Bequest	200	0 0	Bedding and clothing	652	8 4
Rents	2,643	6 6	Furniture and earthenware	210	0 7
Patients' payments	2,681	0 9	Washing and laundry	736	17 11
Other sources	133	7 0	Salaries and wages	7,024	0 6
Balance from last year	3,488	6 11	Water-supply	280	7 0
			Funerals	30	7 6
			Repairs	1,003	8 11
			Additions to buildings, grounds, &c.	3,779	5 10
			New Buildings	3,965	12 10
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	180	2 6
			Interest	832	13 3
			Insurance	99	10 11
			Repayment of loan (part)	500	0 0
			Other expenses	413	6 9
Total ...	£29,008	9 4	Total ...	£28,051	10 4

Visited several times.—The chief wants are a children's ward and proper isolation ward for infectious cases. The present scarlet-fever ward is too near the main building, and also too near the children's ward. At any moment infection might spread to either. The children's ward is entirely unsuitable for its purpose.

At the present moment the Trustees are being subjected to considerable criticism on account of the Hospital expenditure, but critics must remember that the Wellington Hospital has undertaken greater responsibilities with regard to the sick of the district than any other hospital in the colony. In addition to the ordinary beds, special accommodation is available for forty chronic invalids and seventeen consumptives. Added to the above, a sanatorium for the open-air treatment of consumption has just been opened at Otaki.

I cannot but think that much of the criticism is directed at the "system" and not at the Trustees. The Chairman and Trustees take a deal of interest, and spend a considerable amount of time in hospital affairs. Dr. Ewart has the economics of the institution much on his mind, and I have no doubt that under his able management the expenditure will be considerably reduced, especially as I understand he has been given a free hand. The institution maintains its reputation for efficiency and discipline. Miss Payne has gone Home on leave for a few months, Miss Berry taking her place.