

REPORTS ON SICK AND WOUNDED MAORI PRISONERS.

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“Marion” Hulk.]

Commencing 1st February, and ending 1st March, 1864.

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Diseases.	Remained.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.	Remarks.
Vulnus Sclop....	1	...	1	...	...	The cases under treatment during the month were favourably disposed of, with the exception of one which resulted in death. Dysentery of rather a formidable character prevailed, and in all instances the acute inflammatory symptoms were followed by sudden and untimely depression. Te Rakatau, (chief), who expired on the 28th February, was admitted at the beginning of the month. He was treated with large doses of ipecac. (pil. hydrag. opic., combined in regular quantities,) and local application, was also allowed wine, eggs, and beef-tea liberally. The symptoms in this case appeared at the onset obstinate in yielding to remedies, and were attended with great depression of the vital powers. A week prior to death, the patient seemed to be getting stronger, and so satisfied was he of recovery that he looked quite cheerful, and began to take his meals with relish. This continued till the afternoon of the 28th, when a sudden change took place, profuse passive hemorrhage from the mouth, and he sank gradually, and expired at 7.40 p.m. The other dysenteric cases, though quite as formidable as the above, yielded more readily to treatment; and those now on the sick list are more or less convalescent. I cannot attribute any specific cause for the disease beyond the excessively depressing heat which prevailed during the middle period of the month. One case of bronch. ac. occurred in a strong and robust young man without any apparent cause, and was treated with the usual remedies. The disease has left no traces in the respiratory organs further than a slight cough, which I am satisfied was the result of depression and nervous excitement. Five cases of ophthalmia were admitted, and all, save one which is nearly well, thoroughly recovered. Psora has entirely disappeared. Other diseases treated were trivial and uninteresting. The ship has been kept remarkably clean. Fumigation regularly done. Decks scrubbed and sprinkled with chloride of lime daily. Provisions and water, with one or two exceptions, have been regularly supplied, and of good quality. The prisoners appear satisfied, comfortable, and well behaved.
Dysent. Chron....	3	6	5	1	3	
Diarrhœa	...	1	1	...	...	
Debility	1	...	1	...	...	
Abscess	3	2	2	...	3	
Scrofula	1	...	...	...	1	
Psora	3	...	3	...	...	
Catarrh Ac.	2	2	2	...	2	
Ophthalmia	4	1	4	...	1	
Obstipatio	...	3	3	...	...	
Contusio	1	...	1	...	...	
Dyspepsia	1	...	1	...	...	
Bronch. Ac.	...	1	1	...	...	
	20	16	25	1	10	