

and other accommodation be provided for their use. In connection with this subject it may be well to mention that the salary of a probationer is only £25 a year, whereas an ordinary nurse would cost twice that amount. Some provision should be made elsewhere for the refuge-patients; and, if the fever-hospital is to be used for the two sexes simultaneously, common decency demands the erection of another ward. My visit has given me much pleasure, and I have seen abundant evidence of the administrative ability of Dr. Hammond, and of the undoubted good qualifications of the Lady Superintendent for the responsible position she now occupies.

1st August, 1883.

WESTPORT.

THERE are at present in this hospital six patients, all of whom are of the male sex. Three of these are of the chronic or refuge class. The total number of beds is twelve; but fourteen patients have been treated simultaneously since my last visit. Altogether there have been sixty-six in-patients since the last inspection, three of whom have died. The register is properly kept, as also is a book containing sums due by patients for treatment and maintenance. These amounts are collected, whenever practicable, by the Secretary. An inventory of all hospital properties has now been taken. The condition of the hospital, as regards order and cleanliness, is very creditable; and I noticed many improvements which have been carried out. The piles supporting the building have been renewed, and the window-sashes repaired. Paths have been formed in the garden, grass-seed sown, and flowers planted; the kitchen-garden is very well cultivated and cropped. A commodious shed has been erected behind the kitchen, serving for a coal and wood store, and for other uses. The kitchen has been cleaned, the doors painted, and a cupboard added. In the wards I noticed some additional unframed pictures, and a new commode (on wheels). There is much, however, still needed. The large ward is very draughty and cold at times, and has a bare and poverty-stricken look. Some of the bedsteads require replacing by new ones, or, failing this, new iron laths should be fitted where necessary. Several of the straw-mattresses are quite worn out, and, though very clean, are full of holes. Some additional counterpanes are also needed, and a few comfortable chairs. It would be well to replace the kitchen-range, which is small and much worn, by an American stove of good construction. The storage for rainwater is not larger than is absolutely necessary, and one of the iron tanks is completely worn out. Some commencement should be made in procuring a stock of surgical instruments and appliances. No proper accommodation exists for convalescent patients: a room in which they could sit, read, and take their meals, away from other offensive cases, would be a great boon. There can be no doubt whatever that this hospital supplies a want and does good work; it is also evident that the imperfect appliances existing are made the best possible use of. The patients receive very careful medical attention, and are otherwise well cared for. The dinner to-day consisted of good broth, boiled beef, parsnips, and potatoes. I could hear no complaints whatever.

3rd November, 1883.

TABLE I.—SHOWING RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF HOSPITALS during the Year 1883.

Hospitals.	Subscriptions and Donations.	Received from Patients.	Received from Government.	Received from Borough Council.	Received from County Council.	From Rents and other Revenue.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa ..	..	54 19 0	318 17 10	..	..	..	373 16 10
Arrowtown ..	381 8 9	70 19 6	244 6 6	..	..	200 0 0	896 14 9
Ashburton ..	..	158 4 3	436 5 3	70 0 0	600 0 0	..	1,264 9 6
Auckland ..	193 10 8	323 7 9	5,747 0 9	..	..	12 3 6	6,276 2 8
Blenheim ..	..	107 11 8	353 2 11	..	..	..	460 14 7
Charleston ..	91 9 7	19 10 0	129 2 1	..	..	19 11 0	259 12 8
Christchurch ..	..	357 15 6	4,707 1 8	..	..	..	5,064 17 2
Coromandel ..	176 15 4	..	301 6 0	..	25 0 0	..	503 1 4
Cromwell ..	367 17 2	77 9 4	266 9 8	..	25 0 0	17 18 0	754 14 2
Dunedin ..	..	424 7 9	6,775 18 0	..	..	9 15 0	7,210 0 9
Dunstan ..	493 1 10	134 8 3	535 2 9	..	25 0 0	..	1,187 12 10
Gisborne ..	634 0 11	100 5 3	594 18 6	25 0 0	50 0 0	..	1,454 5 1
Greymouth ..	849 6 0	577 11 0	1,897 13 4	..	..	6 3 6	3,320 13 10
Greytown ..	85 7 6	67 1 0	80 1 6	7 5 0	..	7 12 6	247 7 6
Hokitika ..	493 2 2	83 5 0	2,455 19 0	..	..	61 13 0	3,093 19 2
Invercargill ..	771 5 10	93 9 0	1,062 11 1	..	100 0 0	60 13 4	2,087 19 3
Kumara ..	290 0 6	5 5 0	492 0 0	50 0 0	..	..	837 5 6
Lawrence ..	434 17 3	133 19 8	974 11 3	10 10 0	40 0 0	34 2 6	1,628 0 8
Masterton ..	214 4 7	9 10 0	225 2 7	..	..	..	448 17 2
Napier ..	1,131 0 5	143 13 6	3,451 5 5	..	290 0 0	66 5 2	5,082 4 6
Naseby ..	336 13 11	94 12 7	245 11 1	..	25 0 0	..	701 17 7
Nelson ..	..	162 18 6	1,727 0 0	..	..	25 7 0	1,915 5 6
New Plymouth ..	1 0 0	198 8 11	723 3 3	..	..	..	927 12 2
Oamaru ..	439 17 9	26 11 0	771 2 9	..	..	328 5 0	1,615 16 6
Patea* ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pictou ..	0 8 0	6 15 0	156 17 2	..	..	1 5 0	165 5 2
Queenstown ..	238 10 11	111 1 6	335 2 4	..	10 10 0	449 19 1	1,195 3 10
Reefton ..	562 3 6	109 15 6	432 12 9	..	..	379 9 6	1,484 1 3
Riverton ..	243 16 6	41 0 6	239 14 6	25 0 0	50 0 0	83 19 0	694 10 6
Ross ..	123 7 0	4 0 0	311 7 0	200 0 0	..	..	638 14 0
Thames ..	132 4 6	66 3 10	1,992 1 1	..	..	331 19 10	2,521 15 8
Timaru ..	42 9 9	199 10 1	2,099 3 4	..	..	..	2,322 3 2
Waimate ..	65 2 1	111 17 9	881 4 3	..	..	5 3 5	1,063 7 6
Waipawa ..	193 16 11	64 10 3	951 10 4	..	250 0 0	..	1,459 17 6
Wanganui ..	79 15 3	0 13 0	863 10 10	315 10 3	337 14 0	1 10 6	1,658 18 10
Wellington ..	19 10 0	212 1 9	5,916 16 11	..	..	..	6,139 8 8
Westport ..	37 5 0	120 6 6	1,092 8 6	..	..	..	1,250 0 0
Totals ..	9,269 9 7	4,454 4 6	49,833 2 2	703 5 3	1,888 4 0	2,058 15 10	68,206 7 9

* No return received.