

institution. In every respect the district has reason to be proud of it. The attention of the doctor and of the master and his wife deserve the fullest acknowledgment. I inspected the hospital on the 20th January, 1889, and found everything in perfect order.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

THE movements of patients in this hospital were as follows :—

Remaining in hospital, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	11
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	134
Total under treatment	...	...	...	145
Discharged	...	...	...	124
Died	...	...	...	11
Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	...	...	10

Sex.—132 males, 13 females.
Country.—England, 48; Ireland, 57; Scotland, 23; Colonies, 12; Sweden, 2; France, 2; Germany, 1
Religion.—Church of England, 59; Roman Catholic, 28; Presbyterian, 17; Wesleyan, 18; Baptist, 4; Salvation Army, 16; no church, 3.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Amount contributed by Government	431	4	0	Rations	304	15	10
Contributed by Hospital Board and local authorities	400	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	19	15	0
Subscriptions and donations	2	1	0	Surgery and dispensary	85	13	6
Bequests	...	...	...	Fuel and light	44	17	0
Rents	...	...	...	Bedding and clothing	40	15	6
Payments by patients	87	1	0	Furniture and earthenware	45	6	8
Other sources	8	5	5	Washing and laundry	29	2	6
				Salaries and wages	361	5	0
				Water-supply	...	...	...
				Funerals	10	0	0
				Repairs	33	11	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	19	5	2
				Payments for interest	2	15	0
				Insurance	10	10	0
				Commission	...	...	...
				Other expenses not otherwise mentioned	52	15	8
Total	£928	11	5	Total	£1,060	7	10

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,787; individual average days' stay, 19.22. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 7s.

INSPECTION.

This hospital was inspected by me on the 5th February, 1889. I found nurse Hall and her sister in charge, Mrs. Mackay, the matron, being absent on a holiday. There were seven patients on the day of my visit. All spoke in the highest terms of the treatment they received, except one man, who is being turned out by the doctor as a case of chronic alcoholism, and who thinks he ought to be allowed to stay. I approved the doctor's action. The state of the institution is very satisfactory. A male nurse has been appointed since my last visit at a salary of £1 per week. This is a great improvement.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Movements of Patients :

Number, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	110
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	902
Total under treatment	...	...	...	1,012
Discharged	...	...	...	804
Deaths	...	...	...	93
Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	...	...	115

Localities Patients came from.—Auckland City and Suburbs, 545; Auckland outlying districts, 213; north of Auckland, 58; Waikato, Thames, Coromandel, and East Coast, 34; Royal Navy, shipping, &c., 42; Taranaki, 3; other New Zealand towns, 6; other places, 1.
Sex.—628 males, 274 females.
Country.—England, 303; New Zealand, 251; Ireland, 176; Scotland, 65; Australia, 22; America, 19; Norway and Sweden, 16; Germany, 13; India, 7; France, 5; other Continental countries, 13; Fiji and South Sea Islands, 5; China, 1; Mauritius, 2; West Indies, 3; born at sea, 1.