

INSPECTION.

I inspected this hospital on the 26th August, 1888. Everything was in satisfactory order, except that there were evidences of neglect and incapacity on the part of the gardener and porter. In Miss Swayne's department everything was very clean. The patients, of whom there were six, spoke highly of their treatment both by Dr. Pollen and the matron. The walls have been repainted, and have a very cheerful appearance. A hot-water supply ought to be added, and the baths ought to be enlarged. Here, as elsewhere, the difficulty of keeping refuge cases will cause complications.

GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

The number of patients, 31st March, 1888 ...	...	...	43
Number admitted during the year ...	...	...	131
Total under treatment ...	...	...	174
Discharged ...	...	...	116
Died ...	...	...	29
Remaining, 31st March, 1889 ...	...	...	29

Localities from which Patients came.—Grey Valley, 64; Greymouth, 34; Brunnerton, 31; Marsden, 24; Teremakau, 11; North Beach, 9; Wanganui, 1.

Sex.—157 males, 17 females.

Country.—England, 46; Scotland, 16; Ireland, 52; New Zealand, 21; Australia, 7; Germany, 4; China, 10; America, 2; Austria, 2; Isle of Man, 2; France, 3; Canada, 2; Sweden, 2; Wales, 2; Azores, 1; Belgium, 1; Spain, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 66; Presbyterian, 24; Roman Catholic, 62; Wesleyan, 4; Confucian, 9; Church of Christ, 1; Baptist, 1; Lutheran, 3; Salvation Army, 2; Freethinker, 2.

The total collective days' stay in the hospital was 13,818; individual average days' stay, 79.41. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 8½d. Out-patients, 323; attendances, 752.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	1,205	4	11	Rations ...	...	607	19	5
From local bodies ...	...	275	0	0	Wines, spirits, ales, &c. ...	...	87	7	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	729	4	10	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	127	17	10
Patients' payments ...	...	42	8	7	Fuel and light ...	...	111	15	9
Other sources... ..	...	15	6	4	Bedding and clothing ...	...	66	17	7
					Furniture and earthenware ...	...	142	14	0
					Salaries and wages ...	...	1,225	9	6
					Funerals ...	...	26	8	8
					Repairs ...	...	91	9	7
					Printing, advertising, stationery ...	...	63	6	3
					Insurance ...	...	25	0	0
					Other expenses ...	...	36	13	6
Total ...	...	£2,267	4	8	Total ...	...	£2,612	19	1

INSPECTION.

I inspected this hospital on the 15th February, 1889, and found thirty patients in residence—twenty-five males and five females. There is one feature of this hospital which calls for some remark. In one of the wards of the new part of the building there were nine patients, whose ages ranged from fifty to seventy-one, and who had all been from two to twelve years in the hospital. In the large male ward there were thirteen patients, and of these five were chronic cases—one in hospital six years suffering from asthma, another had been in two years suffering from chronic bronchitis, another three years and a half suffering from paralysis, and so on. It is apparent, therefore, that owing to the fact that there is no suitable refuge for old broken-down miners on the coast the hospitals, and especially the Greymouth hospital, are largely diverted from their proper uses. In the preceding statement it will be observed that the comparatively small average cost per head is so low as compared with other goldfields hospitals mainly because so many of the inmates were there all the year round.

The appearance of the wards is greatly improved as well as the comfort of the patients by the beautiful new beds which have been procured. I was also much pleased to find that the dirt and slovenliness which I found fault with in some of the wards have entirely disappeared.

GREYTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients, 31st March, 1888 ...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	27
Total under treatment ...	...	...	28
Discharged ...	...	...	25
Died ...	...	...	1
Remaining on 31st March, 1889 ...	...	...	2