

unnecessarily large that it is impossible to get sufficient hot water for a bath. A great improvement has been effected by draining the fever hospital; the walls which formerly were soaked and discoloured with damp are now quite dry.

There has been no additions to the stock of instruments since my last visit. The record of out-patients is defective, for it does not show the number of attendances, but only the number of individual applicants for advice and medicine. The doctor's duties are very satisfactorily performed, and the matron and male attendant are careful and attentive.

MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients remaining, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	...	33
Total under treatment					34
Discharged	...	...	...	...	32
Died	...	...	...	...	1
Remaining, 31st March, 1889					1

Localities from which Patients came.—Wairarapa, 30; Wellington, 2; Hawke's Bay, 2.

Sex.—33 males and 1 female.

Nationality.—English, 12; Irish, 9; Scotch, 1; New Zealand, 5; South Africa, 1; Denmark, 1; Australia, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; Wales, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,566; individual average stay, 46 days. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 3½d.; less repayments by patients, 5s. 9¼d. No out-patients.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount contributed by Government	283	11	8	Rations	...	133	12 11
Subscriptions and donations	...	247	9 9	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	...	...
Patients' payments	...	...	19 10 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	32	13 11
				Fuel and light	...	17	16 4
				Bedding and clothing	...	24	9 2
				Furniture and earthenware	...	...	...
				Salaries and wages	...	225	12 6
				Repairs	...	6	9 8
				Printing, stationery, &c.	...	18	6 9
				Insurance	...	11	0 0
				Commission	...	12	3 6
				Other expenses	...	6	15 8
Total	...	£550	11 5	Total	...	£489	0 5

INSPECTION.

This hospital maintains its high character for the attention which is devoted to the patients and the comfort of all their surroundings. It is well equipped with all necessary appliances for a hospital of its size, and the interest which the trustees take in all its concerns is extremely creditable. A gratifying feature of the management is that the voluntary contributions have enabled the trustees to do without assistance from the local bodies. If only the trustees had elected to do without the Government subsidy instead, they would have given such an example as would have been most beneficial to the country. As it is they deserve great credit for their energy; and the people are to be congratulated on their liberality.

OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	...	11
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	...	116
Total under treatment					127
Discharged	...	...	...	...	103
Died	...	...	...	...	13
Remaining, 31st March, 1889					11

Localities from which Patients came.—Oamaru, 67; Merton to Ngapara, 6; Kahurangi and Maheno, 17; north of Oamaru, 6; Papakaio, 24; unknown, 7.

Sex.—96 males, 31 females.

Nationality.—England, 36; Scotland, 37; Ireland, 28; New Zealand, 24; Continent, 2.

Total collective number of days' hospital stay, 3,808; individual average stay, 30 days. Daily average cost per patient, 4s.; less repayments by patients, 3s. 8d. Out-patients—individuals, 109; attendances, 327.