

REEFTON HOSPITAL.

Number remaining, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	10
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	76
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Total under treatment	...	...	...	86
Discharged	...	...	...	73
Died	...	...	...	9
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Remaining, 31st March, 1889	..	...	...	4

Locality from which Patients came.—Inangahua County.

Sex.—79 males, 7 females.

Country.—Ireland, 32; England, 19; Scotland, 9; New Zealand, 8; Victoria, 5; China, 3; Germany, 3; France, 2; Wales, 2; United States of America, 1; Finland, 1; Tasmania, 1.*

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 38; Church of England, 29; Presbyterian, 9; Wesleyan, 6; Chinese, 3; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective number of hospital days, 2,869; individual average stay, 33.33 days. Average daily cost per patient, 8s. 1½d.; less repayments by patients, 7s. 5½d. Out-patients—individuals, 41; attendances, 281.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	525 2 5	Rations	...	...	255 17 0
Local bodies	...	...	100 0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	...	24 5 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	436 15 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	60 9 4
Patients' payments	...	...	96 3 0	Fuel and light	...	...	56 7 7
Other sources	...	...	4 4 0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	37 8 2
				Furniture and earthenware	...	...	55 2 6
				Washing	...	...	11 8 1
				Salaries and wages	...	...	519 17 0
				Funerals	...	...	11 5 0
				Repairs	...	...	38 2 10
				Printing, stationery, &c.	...	...	48 13 3
				Insurance	...	...	10 10 0
				Commission	...	...	17 5 6
				Other expenses	...	...	21 14 4
Total	...	...	£1,162 4 5	Total	...	...	£1,168 6 1

INSPECTION.

I found this hospital in admirable order in all respects. It is a credit to all concerned in its administration. The fact that the item "Subscriptions and donations" amounts to £436 out of a total expenditure of £1,168 sufficiently shows the local appreciation of this institution. It is the most signal instance in New Zealand of the lively interest that is taken all over the goldfields in the local hospital, and indicates the direction of progress to the whole of our hospital districts. Where a hospital is really wanted, and is properly managed, the people will not grudge to support it; or, what is perhaps the truer view, where the local interest is lively, there the local institutions are well managed. I examined the plans for the proposed additions to the hospital and approved, with the understanding that the lean-to at the north end should be so placed as to admit of a bath-room being made available for the female-ward.

RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number remaining, 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	83
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Total under treatment	...	...	...	92
Discharged	...	...	...	78
Died	...	...	...	4
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Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	...	...	10

Locality from which Patients came.—Wallace County.

Sex.—60 males, 32 females.

Nationality.—Scotch, 15; English, 9; Irish, 16; Chinese, 9; Maori, 2; Austrian, 1; German, 2; Colonial, 38.

Total collective days' hospital stay, 2,953; individual average stay, 32 days: and daily average cost per patient, 5s. 7½d.; less repayments by patients, 5s. 4½d. Out-patients—individuals, 80; attendances, 200.