

INSPECTION.

I inspected this hospital on the 5th February, 1889, and found it not merely comfortable, but luxurious in all its appointments. No hospital that I have ever seen—except the Prince Alfred Hospital, in Sydney—approaches either this hospital or that of Waimate in this respect. The management of Mr. Jowsey aims at living up to the high standard set for all institutions in Canterbury, and especially South Canterbury, during the time of the Land Fund; and, all things considered, I am rather surprised that he manages to carry on at the cost of 5s. per patient per day. I find by referring to old records that in 1881 each patient cost 5s. 8d. per day for attendance alone.

The doctor and the nurses are most efficient and attentive, and the condition of the institution and grounds is very satisfactory.

WAIMATE HOSPITAL.

The number of patients remaining, 31st March, 1888	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	82
Total under treatment	...	87
Discharged	...	68
Died	...	8
Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	11

Locality from which Patients came.—Waimate County.

Sex.—58 males, 24 females.

Country.—England, 25; Ireland, 23; Scotland, 9; Germany, 6; New Zealand, 19.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,273; individual average stay, 26 days. The average daily cost per patient was 8s.; deducting patients' payments, 7s. 2½d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	368	7	2	Rations	135	0	9
Local bodies	242	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	26	15	6
Subscriptions and donations	101	6	9	Surgery and dispensary	44	8	0
Patients' payments	86	1	6	Fuel and light	73	6	6
	798	5	5	Bedding and clothing	7	7	8
Balance from previous year	255	13	4	Furniture and earthenware	2	1	6
				Salaries and wages	502	6	3
				Funerals	5	5	0
				Repairs	9	15	10
				Printing, stationery, &c.	15	18	3
				Consultation-fees	7	7	0
				Dunedin Hospital	7	10	0
				Insurance	2	17	4
				Other expenses	80	18	4
Total	£1,053	18	9	Total	£920	17	11

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This hospital is a very satisfactory institution. Dr. Stackpoole is most careful and attentive. Some complaints that I heard I inquired into and found them absolutely baseless. The master and his wife are well fitted for their work, and do it well.

WAIPAWA HOSPITAL.

Patients remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	10
Admitted during the year	...	170
Total under treatment	...	180
Discharged	...	153
Died	...	10
Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	17

Locality from which Patients came.—Bush district, 82; Makaretu, 22; Waipawa, 20; Kairourā, 17; Porangahau, 18; Waipukurau, 8; Napier, 5; Wellington, 3; Auckland, 2; Canterbury, 1; Poverty Bay, 1.

Sex.—160 males, 20 females.

Country.—England, 70; Scotland, 18; Ireland, 41; New Zealand, 22; Scandinavia, 11; Australia, 8; France, 2; America, 4; Africa, 2; India, 1; Tasmania, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 109; Roman Catholic, 38; Presbyterian, 19; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective number of hospital days, 5,689; individual average stay, 31½ days. The average daily cost per head was 4s. 5½d.; less repayments by patients, 4s. 1d. Out-patients, none.