

This Hospital continues to be managed with vigour. Owing to a falling-off in the number of patients treated during the year the daily cost per head has risen from 6s. 8½d. in 1889 to 10s. 10d. in 1890. Notwithstanding the reduced number of patients, causing a diminution of 554 in the total collective hospital days' stay, I find there is an increase of £75 in the total cost for the year.

#### GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	108
Total under treatment				114
Discharged	...	...	...	97
Died	...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				7

*Sex.*—85 males, 29 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—County of Cook and Borough of Gisborne.

*Nationality.*—British, 98; foreign, 16.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,022; individual average days' stay, 26·51. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 0¾d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10¾d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Nil.

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	424 0 7	Rations	...	...	168 9 11
Local bodies	...	...	170 0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	21 16 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	128 19 11	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	55 17 8
Rents and interest	...	...	49 4 0	Fuel and light	...	...	35 17 6
Patients' payments	...	...	178 0 0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	42 6 4
Other sources	...	...	8 7 1	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	39 0 8
Balance from last year	...	...	215 3 1	Salaries and wages	...	...	438 5 9
				Repairs	...	...	121 4 11
				Additions to buildings	...	...	40 0 0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	31 0 5
				Insurance	...	...	15 5 0
				Telephone account	...	...	81 18 3
				Other expenses	...	...	17 14 3
Total			£1,173 14 8	Total			£1,108 16 8

At the date of my last visit there was a medical interregnum in this Hospital. I found Dr. Johnston in charge for Dr. Pollen, who had removed to Wellington. There were in all eight patients, six males and two females. All spoke highly of their treatment by the doctor. I formed the opinion that Miss Stewart was an attentive and capable matron. The institution as a whole was in a satisfactory condition. The total cost has increased by £273; but £121 has been spent on repairs, as against £44 in the previous year; and the number of patients has increased by thirty-two.

#### GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	40
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	125
Total under treatment				165
Discharged	...	...	...	102
Died	...	...	...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				44

*Sex.*—141 males, 24 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Grey Valley, 55; Arnold, 34; Maori Creek and Marsden, 24; Brunner, 15; Greymouth, 12; North Beach, 10; Blackball, 7; South Beach, 4; Reefton, 3; Hokitika, 1.

*Country.*—England, 54; Ireland, 42; Scotland, 18; New Zealand, 14; China, 10; Victoria, 6; Sweden, 3; America, 2; Austria, 2; Azores, 2; Germany, 2; Holland, 2; Tasmania, 2; Belgium, 1; Canada, 1; Denmark, 1; Italy, 1; New South Wales, 1; Russia, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 61; Roman Catholic, 55; Presbyterian, 23; Confucian, 10; Wesleyan, 6; Lutheran, 4; Church of Christ, 2; Freethinkers, 2; Salvation Army, 1; unsectarian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 16,335; individual average days' stay, 99·0. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 1¾d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 152; attendances, 482.