

A piano, purchased early this year, for the sole use of nurses (who previously had no musical instrument), and placed in their sitting-room, is not included in the above list. If the interest for this, at 7 per cent. per annum, viz., £2 9s., were added to the above estimate, it would practically bring the present expenditure on music up to the original cost.

APPENDIX S.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Lunatic Asylum, Seacliff, to the INSPECTOR-GENERAL of Asylums, Wellington.

SIR,—

Seacliff, 13th July, 1890.

I have the honour to inform you that I consider it necessary to increase the staff of the female attendants by two or three. Hitherto (long as the hours are during which attendants have to work) no provision has been made for out-door relaxation and exercise. The result of this has been frequent sickness, and a general lowness of tone among a large proportion of the attendants. I purpose keeping two attendants solely for relieving purposes, by which means we shall be enabled to give each female attendant an hour for recreation and exercise during daylight every day. For some months I have been giving the attendants lectures upon health, nursing, &c., and this really forced upon me the necessity of enabling the women to carry out what was absolutely required for the preservation of their health and strength. With the men the case is different, because most of them are employed regularly out of doors, and we can give all of them spells of out-door work. Another attendant will be needed to look after the more recent and recoverable cases, which I purpose isolating from the herd of chronic patients.

Trusting that you will sanction the above additions to the staff,

Inspector-General of Asylums, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. TRUBY KING.

APPENDIX V.

ESTIMATED COST of FOUNTAIN being erected on Seacliff Asylum Grounds.

Description.	Amount.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenditure to 1st August—						
Oamaru stone, 100ft. 6in., at 1s. per foot ...	...	5	0	6		
Freight on stone ...	...	1	13	8		
Cement, 8½ casks, at 16s. 6d. ...	...	7	0	3		
Sand, 4 loads ...	...	0	8	0		
Freight on sand ...	...	0	16	0		
Lime, 3 bags, at 3s. ...	...	0	9	0		
Tools for carving ...	...	0	13	8		
Labour, 12 days of mason, at 8s. 4d. per day ...	...	5	0	0		
Board of mason, 12 days, at 10s. per week ...	...	0	17	2		
				21	18	3
Estimated expenditure to finish—						
Galvanized-iron pipe, ¾in., 50 yards ...	...	2	5	0		
Galvanized-iron pipe, 1½in., 15ft. ...	...	0	10	11		
Reducing sockets, 2ft. 1½in. ...	...	0	1	1		
Bend, 1ft. 1½in. ...	...	0	1	4		
Labour, say ...	...	1	10	0		
				4	8	4
				£26	6	7

NOTE.—The stones for base existed *in situ*, being an accumulation of piled up stones taken out of garden in trenching. The bricks used were some refuse from the portion of Asylum which was condemned and pulled down, the soundest of the bricks having been selected by the Public Works Department for rebuilding the part taken down.—F. T. K.