

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	229	3	11	Rations, fuel, and light	...	92	10	8
Local bodies	...	...	...	...	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	1	14	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	163	15	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	30	19	11
Patients' payments	...	36	15	6	Bedding and clothing	...	5	12	5
Balance from last year	...	42	1	4	Furniture and earthenware	...	17	5	2
					Salaries and wages	...	159	10	8
					Funerals	...	1	2	0
					Repairs	...	43	3	1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	2	0	0
					Insurance	...	4	10	0
					Other expenses	...	4	17	8
Total	...	£471	15	9	Total	...	£363	6	1

A very commendable feature of this Hospital is the fact that the individual average stay is sixteen days, the lowest in the colony, and that notwithstanding the temptation to reduce the daily average cost by allowing patients to stay on. The Hospital is well managed, and the patients are well looked after. One of the two detached cottages has been moved close up to the back door, thus giving additional ward space, and greatly adding to the convenience of the Hospital. I do not think it a safe plan to depend so largely on water drawn from a well close to the back door, and sunk through a deposit of shingle.

HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	29
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	192
Total under treatment	...	...	...	221
Discharged	...	...	...	172
Died	...	...	...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	30

Sex.—171 males, 50 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Westland.

Nationality.—English, 56; Scotch, 36; Irish, 52; German, 14; Italian, 9; Colonial, 45; Chinese, 9.

Religion.—Church of England, 65; Roman Catholic, 66; Presbyterian, 62; Lutheran, 8; Baptist, 7; Confucian, 13.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 11,700; individual average days' stay, 52.94. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 5d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 217; attendances, 348.

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<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,032	2	9	Rations	...	592	0	3
Local bodies	...	375	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	88	2	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	569	4	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	148	16	8
Bequests	...	7	2	0	Fuel and light	...	124	3	2
Patients' payments	...	58	14	0	Bedding and clothing	...	98	16	2
Other sources	...	16	2	7	Furniture and earthenware	...	13	4	0
					Washing and laundry	...	28	10	0
					Salaries and wages	...	772	6	8
					Funerals	...	30	4	0
					Repairs	...	35	9	8
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	38	4	8
					Interest	...	0	19	9
					Insurance	...	26	5	0
					Commission	...	2	0	0
					Other expenses	...	58	1	6
Total	...	£2,058	5	10	Total	...	£2,057	3	6

This institution has been reorganized since my last visit, and I observe that a reduction of £300 has been made in the sum paid for salaries and wages. A matron and an assistant nurse have now sole charge of the nursing.