

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	19
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	216
Total under treatment				235
Discharged	...	...	...	196
Died	...	...	...	17
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				22

Sex.—178 males, 57 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Southland.

Country.—England, 51; Scotland, 56; Ireland, 41; New Zealand, 64; Denmark, 4; Finland, 2; Germany, 5; Holland, 1; Jersey, 1; Africa, 1; Victoria, 2; New South Wales, 1; Tasmania, 1; Sweden, 2; United States America, 2; St. Helena, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 74; Roman Catholic, 46; Presbyterian, 93; Lutheran, 5; Wesleyan, 6; Salvationist, 7; Independent, 1; Baptist, 1; United Presbyterians, 1; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 8,255; individual average days' stay, 35.13. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 577; attendances, 1,707.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
		Revenue.					Expenditure.		
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	935	2	6	Rations	...	389	6	3
Local bodies	...	769	15	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	30	14	10
Subscriptions and donations	...	121	18	3	Drugs	...	89	16	3
Rents	...	5	0	0	Instruments	...	76	17	8
Patients' payments	...	148	12	1	Fuel and light	...	161	9	11
Other sources	...	89	9	9	Bedding and clothing	...	88	0	0
					Furniture and earthenware	...	74	12	1
					Washing and laundry	...	54	6	6
					Salaries and wages	...	791	11	6
					Water-supply	...	4	5	0
					Funerals	...	20	10	0
					Repairs	...	93	8	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	42	14	9
					Interest	...	24	18	2
					Insurance	...	9	4	6
					Other expenses	...	23	5	10
Total	...	£2,069	17	7	Total	...	£1,975	1	5

This Hospital, except for the defects alluded to in former reports, I found in good order. The surgeon is skilful and attentive to his duties. I called the attention of the Chairman to the position of one of the attendants, and the matter was promptly put right.

The number of patients on the date of my visit was twenty-one. All spoke well of the treatment they received. Owing to some friction between the Trustees and the Charitable Aid Board, another medical man was employed to look after the inmates of the Old People's Home instead of the hospital surgeon, who formerly did the work. I am not able fully to judge of all the circumstances; but I hope those concerned will carefully consider how far it is justifiable to cause increased expenditure of public money by their action.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	89
Total under treatment				101
Discharged	...	...	...	82
Died	...	...	...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				10

Localities from which Patients came.—Kumara district, 73; Grey district, 14; Hokitika district, 4; Christchurch Road, 8; Reefton, 2.

Nationality.—Colonial born, 22; English, 38; Irish, 24; Scotch, 8; Chinese, 3; Italian, 2; Prussian, 1; Danish, 2; Portuguese, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 6,908; individual average days' stay, 68.39. Daily average cost per head, 2s. 4¾d.; less patients' payments, 1s. 10¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 60; attendances, 265.