

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	253	6	6	Rations	...	...	206	1	8
Local bodies	...	...	83	7	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	...	...	37	7	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	197	10	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	44	14	4
Patients' payments	...	...	182	7	3	Fuel and light	...	...	32	1	6
						Bedding and clothing	...	...	10	5	4
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	15	5	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	394	7	6
						Funerals	...	...	15	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	18	14	2
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	14	11	6
						Interest	...	...	12	18	9
						Insurance	...	...	8	15	0
						Other expenses	...	...	22	12	10
Total	...	...	£716	12	1	Total	...	...	£832	15	1

The number of patients at this Hospital who were treated during the year has very nearly doubled, while the cost per head per day has fallen from 4s. 7½d. to 2s. 4¾d.—the lowest in the colony. This result must, however, be taken in connection with the fact that the average days' stay for each patient was sixty-eight days. This is owing to the fact that here, as all over the West Coast, helpless chronics have to be admitted, and cannot be got rid of till a central refuge is provided. The marked improvement in the results for last year is due to the great vigour and ability of Dr. Miles.

LAWRENCE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	146
Total under treatment	...	...	...	155
Discharged	...	...	...	137
Died	...	...	...	12
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	6

Sex.—108 males, 47 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Tuapeka County.

Country.—New Zealand, 57; England, 25; Scotland, 25; Ireland, 26; Wales, 2; Victoria, 8; Tasmania, 2; Canada, 1; Italy, 1; China, 3; Denmark, 1; Portugal, 1; St. Helena, 1; Russia, 1; Sweden, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,370; individual average days' stay, 21·74. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2d.

Outdoor Patients.—Seventy-six.

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From Government	...	...	551	19	0	Rations	...	...	266	3	0
Local bodies	...	...	264	14	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	28	5	9
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	0	10	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	92	3	9
Patients' payments	...	...	232	12	6	Fuel and light	...	...	60	10	10
Other sources	...	...	13	16	2	Bedding and clothing	...	...	12	4	1
Balance from last year	...	...	248	3	4	Washing and laundry	...	...	0	5	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	376	2	6
						Water-supply	...	...	10	0	0
						Funerals	...	...	3	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	22	18	9
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	9	16	1
						Insurance	...	...	1	17	6
						Other expenses	...	...	49	18	0
Total	...	...	£1,311	15	0	Total	...	...	£933	5	3

The management of this Hospital continues to be highly satisfactory in all respects. I observe, however, that there is an increase of over 1s. in the average daily cost. This, I find, is accounted for by the total collective days' stay being 1,822 days less than the previous year, while the number of patients treated is all but the same as last year.