

Some of the floors in this Hospital were lately taken up and found in a very decayed state, and covered with fungus. The ventilation of the large male ward is still very bad. I am afraid that there is a tendency to crowd too many patients into this ward to save trouble. On the day of my visit ten of the twelve male patients in the Hospital were in this room, and the air was very close and oppressive. The doctor is very attentive, and the patients spoke highly of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond.

PATEA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	25
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Total under treatment	...	...	...	28
Discharged	...	...	...	26
Died	...	...	...	1
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Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	1

Sex.—25 males, 3 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Patea, 10; Hawera, 2; Alton, 5; Waitotara, 1; Waverley, 8; Normanby, 1; Manutahi, 1.

Nationality.—English, 12; Scotch, 2; Irish, 7; Colonial, 5; Maori, 1; Swede, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 487; individual average days' stay, 17·39. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 11s. 1d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	100	0 0	Rations	59	1 4
Local bodies	100	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	5	2 0
Patients' payments	22	0 2	Surgery and dispensary	3	9 6
Balance from last year	107	6 11	Fuel and light	13	14 3
			Furniture and earthenware	6	0 0
			Salaries and wages	194	7 0
			Funerals	3	6 6
			Repairs	0	13 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	2	13 6
			Insurance	1	10 0
			Other expenses	1	18 0
Total	£329	7 1	Total	£291	15 7

On the date of my visit this Hospital was empty; and, so far as I can see, it is not necessary to keep it open any longer.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	7
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	53
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Total under treatment	...	...	...	60
Discharged	...	...	...	47
Died	...	...	...	2
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Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	11

Sex.—56 males, 4 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 53; shipping, 7.

Country.—England, 20; Scotland, 3; Ireland, 7; New Zealand, 13; Tasmania, 1; North America, 3; Italy, 1; St. Helena, 1; Holland, 3; Norway, 3; Germany, 3; West Indies, 1; Denmark, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,086; individual average days' stay, 51·43. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.