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HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS IN THE COLONY

(REPORT ON THE), BY THE INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS.

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The INSPECTOR of HOSPITALS to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

I have the honour to lay before you the following report on the charitable institutions and hospitals of the colony:—

The leading ideas embodied in the law which regulates our New Zealand charitable institutions are—

1. To decentralise administration as much as possible, and at the same time keep in check the evil tendency towards the multiplication of small local bodies inaugurated by the abolition of the provinces in 1876.

2. To remedy the want of uniformity and justice in the distribution of subsidies to the different districts without at the same time drying up the springs of charity.

It would be difficult to find a more striking illustration of the evils of compromise, and of the difficulty of avoiding it, than is seen in the attempt to harness together contradictory tendencies under each of these two objects.

The necessity of decentralisation is imposed on New Zealand statesmen alike by the physical configuration of our country and by the history of its different settlements. This is the most unmistakable peculiarity of all our political and social problems. To superficial students of our institutions this central fact was obscured to a large extent by the centralising forces latent in what was called the great public works policy of 1870. No doubt this anomalous episode of our history was in some degree a struggle to strengthen the central power against the overshadowing powers of the provinces, but the real motive was the necessity of consolidating our securities with a view to a great borrowing policy. To this end the provinces were abolished in 1876, and no adequate provision was made for the devolution of the numerous local functions they performed. From time to time new local bodies were created as necessity arose, armed with rating and borrowing powers; so that in 1885, when Parliament found itself obliged to face the question of charitable institutions and hospitals, two great dangers had to be guarded against—too many local bodies and the killing of charity. The excessive multiplication of local bodies was fast becoming an intolerable evil; and yet it was a vital necessity that our charitable institutions and hospitals should be locally administered. The law passed in that year, with some amendments introduced in 1886, has been in operation ever since; and all the experience which has been gained in the working of it has only served to cast a strong light on the evils and the dangers which surround this problem. The Act attempted first of all to give effect to the prime necessity for local power based upon local taxation. This has been successfully achieved, and it is unquestionably the most statesmanlike step which has yet been taken in any of our Australasian Colonies in dealing with this question. What we possess owing to this law is at this moment the despair of New South Wales and Victoria. The old and incurably vicious system which prevailed here before 1885, under which political importunity was found to be successful in making up for the shortcomings of local charity, is still in full swing with them.

While, however, this great advance has been made, the excessive multiplication of local bodies has culminated in a *reductio ad absurdum* of the whole system, and it has become plain even to the dullest observer that contradictory tendencies cannot be successfully harnessed together even by a Parliament. In the creation of existing Charitable Aid Boards, the aim was to bind together large and important districts having a community of interests and easy means of intercommunication; but it was found necessary to make provision for the incorporation of separate institutions. The demand for this could not be resisted; and to illustrate how it has worked I cannot do better than set forth what has recently taken place in Auckland. The Auckland Charitable Aid Board has struggled gallantly to fulfil its difficult task of administering the various institutions within its province. It attempted to relieve all cases of genuine distress without at the same time sacrificing the ratepayers. There had been in existence in Auckland for many years an institution called the Ladies' Benevolent Society. This became a subsidiary organization under the Board, who handed over to it from year to year a proportion of the rates, on which a subsidy of £1 4s. in the pound was paid by the State. Finding itself compelled to adopt this society, while at the same time it was either unable

or unwilling to be responsible for the way in which the money was spent, the Board contented itself with informing the Controller-General that it could not be fully responsible for the expenditure. The Audit Department refused any longer to acquiesce in this state of things. The Board did not see their way properly to supervise the working of the society, and the society wanted to be free from control. The result was that a petition was sent in to the Government asking for incorporation as a separate institution under the Act. The consent of the Charitable Aid Board was required by law before the petition could be entertained. This consent was secured by giving an undertaking that the society should not in future become a burden on the rates. The Board in this way contracted itself out of its legal responsibilities by means of a bargain which had no real validity; and the society was left free, so far as local control was concerned, to collect subscriptions, which the State was bound to subsidise at the rate of £1 4s. in the pound. The bait is the State subsidy. As long as this is given for outdoor relief, so long does the State provide a nutrient medium for the culture of parasitical organisms to prey upon itself.

The second great object of the Act of 1885 was to remedy the glaring want of uniformity and justice in the distribution of charitable subsidies to the different provinces without at the same time drying up the springs of charity. The Province of Otago had for many years been honourably distinguished for the voluntary support of its charitable institutions, while the Province of Canterbury was similarly distinguished for the magnificence of its grants from the public treasury. In Dunedin every citizen of a liberal turn of mind was a marked man; benevolent ladies haunted his office by day and his home by night. In the easily-canvassed parts of the city, to have an office was equivalent to paying a second rent in charitable subscriptions. The willing and accessible few had to pay for the inaccessible and indifferent many. In this way the people of Otago were driven to rebel against the voluntary system; and their exasperation was intensified by the contrast offered by Canterbury. There, over and above the sums given on the pound-for-pound principle in 1884, they saw that a sum of £9,664 was given directly by the State for charitable-aid expenditure, as against £276 given to Otago; while in the same direct way—*i.e.*, without any local subscriptions—£2,931 was given in Auckland and £850 in Taranaki, where the voluntary contributions for the year amounted only to £66. Such was the state of things which compelled Parliament to systematize the distribution of State subsidies for charitable aid. It was felt, however, that any law which set the tax-gatherer to remedy these inequalities would be apt to kill the spirit of voluntary giving which it was so desirable to foster. Accordingly, it was provided that for all subscriptions the State would give £1 4s. in the pound subsidy, while the rates should only be subsidised to the extent of pound for pound.

As by the first great principle of the Act administration was successfully decentralised by the new law, yet the number of local bodies has been so increased as almost to paralyse its working altogether, so by the second great principle uniformity and justice in distributing the subsidies were secured, but at the price of almost entirely stopping voluntary subscriptions.

The following figures show how voluntary contributions have been affected by the law of 1885-86. In the year before the Act was passed—*i.e.*, in 1884,—Otago raised £3,242 by subscriptions, Canterbury raised £1,100. In 1892, Otago raised £203, Canterbury £29. Law has commuted the voluntary burdens of the benevolent minority into a compulsory tax on all citizens; constraint has superseded duty; and who shall appraise correctly the loss and gain of such an exchange? We cannot escape the consequences of our neglect of social duty. Let this fail beyond a certain point, and, if society is to exist, compulsion must be brought in to support it. This despairing of duty, and this falling-back on compulsion, is illustrated in rather a startling fashion in our dealings with many other social problems. With regard to nearly all of them we seem to have been living in a fool's paradise of hope. Duty is considered to have become bankrupt in so many of our undertakings that there seems to be a world-wide movement in favour of compulsion by law.

The New Zealand Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act of 1885 has successfully localised administration and taxation, it has established a uniform system of distributing subsidies; *but it has also fixed in the popular mind, and especially in the minds of the least self-reliant of our people, the belief that they have a right to a living whether they work or not.*

Every year my conviction deepens that we cannot leave this law where it is—we must complete the reforms which it has already made by removing the inconsistencies which compromise retained. What we need is a measure to consolidate the local bodies into about twenty strong Boards for the whole colony. I believe it is impossible to effect any real reform of the abuses of our charitable-aid and hospital system, except as part of a comprehensive Local Government Act. The whole system of subsidies in aid of local government must be recast. It is perfectly clear to me, for instance, that, so long as the local administrators of outdoor relief are able, as at present, to get half its cost from the consolidated revenue—that idlers and drunkards will absorb a very large proportion of what is meant for the victims of weakness and calamity—that respectable men and women, worn out with toil and old age, will be thrust aside by impudent beggars, and that deserted wives and families will abound.

To cast the whole burden of outdoor relief on the local ratepayers must, I fear, be admitted to be impossible in the present state of public opinion regarding the saving virtue of direct taxation. It must therefore be accompanied by a remission of existing burdens. To secure this vital reform it would be wise to concede a great deal. The State might take over the whole cost of the children who are now paid for partly out of rates, and who are being boarded out by the Boards, or otherwise provided for in a very parsimonious fashion. I have satisfied myself, by personally visiting all the children boarded out in the chief centres by the Boards, that the whole system must be reformed in the following points: (1) The children must not be intrusted to persons who are themselves in receipt of charitable aid; (2) they must be boarded out in the country; and (3) there must be organized a comprehensive and thoroughgoing system of visitation, such as it is not possible for the existing Boards to undertake. The following case, which occurred on my recent visit to Auckland, may be taken as an illustration of some of the evils which have to be guarded against:—

“Auckland, 11th May, 1892.

“SIR,—I regret to inform you that, in the course of my visitation of the children boarded-out by your Board, I found such a state of things in one of the houses I called at to-day that I dare not hesitate to state officially what I have already told you privately. Mr. Strathern, your visiting officer, accompanied me. At Mr. Stickley's house, Mount Eden, eight children are boarded. Four of these children are paid for by their mothers or friends. The other four are paid for by the Auckland Charitable Aid Board. The surroundings and interior of this house are squalid and dirty in the extreme. The wife, Mrs. Stickley, tried to excuse the confusion by saying that they were clearing-up and were caught at their worst; but it was evident that the normal condition of the place was filthy beyond measure. It was only by persisting in seeing everything for myself that I found my way into a side room, where two girls—Mabel and Alice Edgecumbe, aged respectfully ten and seven years—slept. The bed occupied by these children was unspeakably filthy. The bedding was very scanty, and so dirty as to be unfit for a dog-kennel. The mattresses were wet and rotting, and clearly had not been attended to in any way for a very long time. I called Mr. Strathern's attention to these facts, and asked why he had never reported these things. He said he had never seen this room, and did not know of its existence, and he agreed that never in all his life had he seen anything so bad; and, indeed, I can understand how a man by himself would hesitate before making such an examination as I found it necessary to make. After completing my investigation at Mr. Stickley's house, I resolved to see the two children, who were at school. I called out the two girls, whom I found fairly clean in their dress at first sight; but, on a closer examination, I found them very insufficiently clad for this cold weather, and the boots worn by the older one were completely useless. The soles were entirely gone, and the child would have been better bare-footed. The most distressing thing of all, however, was to hear these children, in reply to my questions about their bed, say, “We have a nice, clean, warm bed.” When I told them that I had just seen their bed, and tried to find out why they told me what was not true, they looked at me and were evidently too terrified to say a word more. All I could discover was that sometimes they were beaten by a big boy named “Cecil,” with a stick. The girls have a pinched look, and are very thin. I believe they are not sufficiently fed.—I have, &c., D. MACGREGOR.”

As I have already indicated, there seems to be arising all over the world a strong movement in favour of legally compelling society to deal more generously with the aged poor than is possible under the existing workhouse system. The experience of the English Poor-law administrators has demonstrated the necessity of putting an end to outdoor relief, or, at any rate, of limiting its evil effects by what is called the workhouse test. In many towns both in England and America outdoor relief has been entirely abolished, and with the most beneficial results—local charity organizations have sprung up and faced the difficulty in each case. Discrimination has superseded routine, and deserving applicants for relief have been treated more rationally and sympathetically than was possible under a system where shameless beggary and deception gave the best chance of success. This is the great reform in which all our efforts ought to be concentrated, for it is the only means of resuscitating the voluntary charity which our law has all but killed. I am sure that so long as the State finds half the money the existing abuses must continue. No subsidy, therefore, ought to be given for money spent in outdoor relief. Many of the Charitable Aid Boards who cried out against this proposal in the Bill of 1890 have since been taught by a hard experience how necessary it is: the Dunedin Trustees, whose then Chairman distinguished himself by his opposition to the Government proposals, have repented. I suggested to the Trustees at one of their meetings that they should send their Inspector to look up some of their cases in the country districts—with the result that in the *Otago Daily Times* of the 31st December, 1891, such a scandalous state of things was revealed as must have, I should think, satisfied every reflecting person that the system could no longer be tolerated.

In the hope of inducing the local bodies to throw the whole cost of outdoor relief on the rate-payers, and thus evoke the indispensable local supervision and discrimination by means of charity organization societies, while at the same time we revive the old system of voluntary charity, I have come to the conclusion that the State would do wisely in taking over from the local bodies the whole cost of properly caring for neglected children.

Recent legislation in Germany, Denmark, and other countries, and such old-age pension schemes as have been proposed by Mr. Chamberlain and others in England, indicate the rise of a strong public sentiment in favour of a more sympathetic and discriminating treatment of the aged poor. The idea is that the respectable poor ought not to be treated in the same way as thriftless spongers and broken-down drunkards, but rather as worn-out soldiers who have deserved well of their country. Our unjust system of distributing the proceeds of labour, it is argued, must compel society to face the duty of making such provision for deserving old age as shall not involve any sacrifice of self-respect in accepting it.

Of all the methods of effecting this desirable object that recently inaugurated in Denmark seems to me the safest. The object is to depauperise the aged and deserving poor. These people are no longer considered as paupers or treated as such. The law leaves the workhouse system untouched—it simply removes a carefully-selected class from its control, and constitutes them a class of State pensioners under strict conditions. The aid they need is to be theirs by right and not by charity, and its acceptance does not involve the forfeiture of their rights as citizens. Every applicant for admission to those privileges goes before a magistrate, who takes every precaution to prevent men and women who have idled away the best years of their lives from being accepted. No one is admitted as an old-age pensioner till he is sixty years of age. He must not have been sentenced for any transaction generally considered dishonourable. He must not have deprived himself of the means of living in favour of his children or others, or caused his poverty by a disorderly and extravagant mode of life, and for ten years preceding his application he must have had a fixed residence in the country, and during that period he must not have received charitable aid, nor have been

found guilty of vagrancy or begging. Each town or commune must find half the money required for this pension fund.

The establishment of a Labour Bureau and a Department of Labour marks a new departure in simplifying and making more manageable the problem of poverty. I have always felt that the rapid fluctuations of our labour-market and the nomadic conditions of life thrust upon a large section of our labourers loudly demanded some definite organization to meet the frequently-recurring difficulties arising therefrom. By the systematic collection, sifting, and focussing of information regarding the demand for and supply of labour in the different districts of the colony, the Government ought to be able to draw a clear line of distinction between the honest and willing labourer in search of work and the classes for whom our public charities are really required. The State control over the means of transport might, under a rigorous scrutiny to prevent imposition, be legitimately used to bring the labourer to his work as cheaply as possible. And, finally, by means of State farms or labour colonies the unemployed could be made self-supporting, and tided over times of depression. In any case, it is imperative that our methods of dealing with the unemployed shall be governed by and rooted in the laws of supply and demand as far as possible; and that our charities shall not be abused either in the interests of labour or capital—of labour by making existence possible for the loafer who will not work; of capital by subsidising the sundowner to await the intermittent needs of his employer, who is thus absolved from taking any human interest in his men.

ARROWTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	76
Total under treatment				77
Discharged	...	...	...	68
Died	...	...	...	4
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				5

Sex.—60 males, 17 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Arrowtown and Arrow district, 35; Macetown, 17; Cardrona, 13; Pembroke, 1; Skipper's, 7; Arthur's Point, 1; Queenstown, 3.

Country.—England, 15; Ireland, 9; Scotland, 12; New Zealand, 27; Victoria, 5; Queensland, 1; Tasmania, 2; Denmark, 2; Switzerland, 2; Germany, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 32; Roman Catholic, 13; Presbyterian, 27; Wesleyan, 1; Lutheran, 1; Salvation Army, 1; Confucian, 1; Freethought, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,432; individual average days' stay, 18.60. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 10d.

Outdoor Patients, 3; attendances, 3.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	281	3	6	Rations, and fuel and light	168	4	10
Local bodies	179	9	9	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	10	6	8
Subscriptions and donations	95	2	8	Surgery and dispensary	23	17	6
Patients' payments	87	19	0	Bedding and clothing	11	17	6
Balance from last year	3	4	7	Furniture, repairs, and earthenware	5	0	10
				Salaries and wages	315	16	8
				Funerals	3	0	0
				Printing and advertising	1	7	6
				Interest	1	14	0
				Insurance	3	15	0
				Other expenses	31	8	4
Total	£646	19	6	Total	£576	8	10

This Hospital is well planned, suitably furnished, and well managed in all respects. The tendency in small hospitals to swell their list of patients by repeated admissions of the same patient, of which I noticed one or two instances here last year, has been stopped.

It would be a great improvement if the drain from the back door were laid with earthenware pipes. The charge per week made on those who are able and willing to pay is £1 for subscribers, and for non-subscribers £1 10s.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	15
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	153
Total under treatment				168
Discharged	...	...	...	148
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				7

Sex.—138 males, 30 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Akaroa County.

Nationality.—English, 56; Irish, 49; Scotch, 20; Colonials, 30; Australians, 5; foreigners, 8.

Religion.—Church of England, 73; Roman Catholic, 44; Presbyterian, 35; Wesleyan, 7; Salvation Army, 3; Lutheran, 1; Unitarian, 1; Baptist, 3; New Connection, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,509; individual average days' stay, 26.90. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 8½d.

	<i>Revenue.</i>	REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.			<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
		£	s.	d.				
From Government	...	773	15	7	Rations and light	352	0	1
Local bodies	...	520	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	22	17	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	2	2	0	Surgery and dispensary	123	18	7
Patients' payments	...	128	17	0	Fuel	57	10	0
					Bedding and clothing	30	6	5
					Furniture, earthenware, and iron-			
					mongery	58	3	11
					Washing and laundry	39	12	6
					Salaries and wages	375	1	6
					Funerals	10	10	0
					Repairs	71	7	1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and			
					stationery	4	17	3
					Interest	5	3	0
					Insurance	10	10	0
					Other expenses	32	0	6
Total	...	£1,424	14	7	Total	£1,193	17	10

This Hospital I found in a thoroughly satisfactory state. I was especially struck with the unremitting attention with which Dr. Trevor was treating a bad case of amputation at the shoulder. I was afraid the man would die; but subsequently I found that he made a satisfactory recovery. The nursing department has been greatly strengthened by the addition to the staff of Nurse Doyle, who is a very capable assistant to Mrs. Mackay.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	94
Admitted during the year	...	...	954
Total under treatment	...	...	1,048
Discharged	...	...	847
Died	...	...	99

Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ... 102

Sex.—719 males, 329 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and Suburbs, 664; hospital district (other parts), 220; North of Auckland district, 89; southern districts, 40; shipping, 35.

Nationality.—English, 339; Scotch, 104; Irish, 158; New Zealand, 331; Australian, 25; American, 14; German, 13; Fijian, 1; Dutch, 4; Swedish, 5; Norwegian, 14; Canadian, 2; Finns, 7; African, 2; Samoan, 3; Indian, 4; French, 3; Danish, 4; Portuguese, 3; Austrian, 4; Chinese, 2; Nova Scotian, 1; Italian, 1; Russian, 2; Greek, 1; unknown, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 567; Roman Catholic, 203; Baptist, 27; Wesleyan, 66; Presbyterian, 137; Congregationalist, 5; Salvationist, 13; Lutheran, 3; Church of Christ, 4; Brethren, 7; Jewish, 4; unknown, 12.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 35,164; individual average days' stay, 33.55. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 1¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 473; attendances, 4,101.

	<i>Revenue.</i>	REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.			<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
		£	s.	d.				
From Government	...	2,405	15	9	Rations	1,856	4	5
Local bodies	...	2,405	15	9	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	198	1	5
Subscriptions and donations	...	10	10	0	Surgery and dispensary—			
Bequests—					Instruments	138	8	3
Interest	...	621	14	7	Drugs, &c.	1,014	10	4
Capital	...	2,500	0	0	Fuel and light	624	17	2
Rents	...	207	6	1	Bedding and clothing	184	4	3
Patients' payments	...	1,435	11	9	Furniture and earthenware	204	5	10
Other sources...	...	68	9	9	Washing and laundry	104	2	7
					Salaries and wages	2,212	6	8
					Water-supply	138	10	0
					Funerals	48	15	0
					Repairs	190	5	4
					Additions to buildings	935	10	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and			
					stationery	96	15	4
					Maintenance of grounds	114	13	11
					Nurses' home maintenance	608	1	4
					Insurance	13	17	6
					Stamp duty	12	1	1
					Cab-hire	35	9	6
					Costs Lovett's action against the			
					Board	728	3	6
					Proportion of office expenses	196	0	0
Total	...	£9,655	3	8	Total	£9,655	3	8

After much turmoil, this institution has entered on what, I hope, will be a long period of effective and peaceful work. I think there will be a danger to the efficiency of the nursing staff if the proportion of experienced nurses to probationers is allowed to fall by pressing economy too far.

It is a great pity that a proper supply of hot water was not provided for the fever wards. This ought to be remedied as soon as possible, considering how important properly-regulated bathing has become in the treatment of typhoid fever.

I noticed a considerable falling-off in the amount recovered from patients for their maintenance and treatment in the Hospital, and on inquiry I found that, since February, 1891, patients coming from the northern districts are charged only 3s. per day, while the daily cost per head is 4s. 11½d. The grounds round the Hospital are not kept so well as they ought to be, and especially the tennis-lawn in front ought to be kept in better order.

As a whole, this Hospital is thoroughly well managed, and deserves the confidence of the public.

I am glad to find that the Board won their case on appeal against Lovett, for I am certain that surgeons all over the country would have found their position very embarrassing had it been otherwise. Nowadays many fractures and other injuries are successfully treated which formerly would have been held to necessitate immediate amputation; and if the risk of failure which has to be faced in such cases were to be made a ground for actions of mal-praxis, wooden legs would be commoner than we hope to see them.

BLLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	21
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	90
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	111
Discharged	...	...	...	78
Died	...	...	...	8
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	25

Sex.—85 males, 26 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Marlborough, Wellington, Napier.

Nationality.—English, 52; Irish, 16; Scotch, 10; Maori, 1; New Zealand, 27; German, 1; Victorian, 2; Chinese, 1; French, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 67; Roman Catholic, 23; Wesleyan, 8; Presbyterian, 11; Freethinker, 1; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 7,638; individual average days' stay, 68·81. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	743	15	4	Rations	...	...	477	13	1
Local bodies	...	...	629	5	5	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	20	11	6
Patients' payments	...	...	126	7	0	Aerated waters	...	...	8	10	0
						Surgery and dispensary	...	...	184	4	10
						Fuel and light	...	...	70	10	0
						Bedding and clothing	...	...	78	7	2
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	85	12	6
						Washing and laundry	...	...	10	0	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	427	19	4
						Funerals	...	...	36	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	39	12	7
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	23	13	2
						Interest	...	...	4	5	7
						Insurance	...	...	11	0	0
						Other expenses	...	...	21	8	0
Total	...	...	£1,499	7	9	Total	...	...	£1,499	7	9

This Hospital continues to be one of the most effective country hospitals in the colony. Its surgical record for the year is even brilliant. Dr. Cleghorn's success in cases of brain surgery shows what can be done by a man who keeps himself thoroughly abreast of the most recent developments of medical science.

CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	28
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	33
Discharged	...	...	...	25
Died	...	...	...	4
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	4

Sex.—Male.

Localities from which Patients came.—Brighton to Westport,

Nationality.—English, 9; Irish, 13; Victorian, 1; Russian, 1; Scotch, 4; New Zealand, 3; French, 1; Canadian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 8; Roman Catholic, 13; Wesleyan, 2; Lutheran, 1; Presbyterian, 7; Freethinkers, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,146; individual average days' stay, 59. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9¼d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 11; attendances, 179.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	269	14	0	Rations	...	204	3	4
Local bodies	...	160	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	...	6	15	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	100	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	58	17	7
Patients' payments	...	128	5	4	Fuel and light	...	20	14	0
Other sources	...	0	14	11	Bedding and clothing	...	18	3	1
					Furniture and earthenware	...	11	4	0
					Salaries and wages	...	278	6	6
					Funerals	...	5	0	0
					Repairs	...	7	0	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	17	3
					Interest	...	0	4	0
					Insurance	...	4	0	0
					Other expenses	...	12	18	2
Total	...	£658	14	3	Total	...	£640	3	11

This Hospital is kept open simply as a means of subsidising a doctor at the expense of the State to induce him to stay in the district. The total number of patients treated during the year was thirty-three. In consequence of the individual average stay being so high as fifty-nine days, the average daily cost per head has been kept down to 5s. 11½d. Great interest is taken in the management by the people of the district; and, notwithstanding frequent outbreaks on the part of the doctor, the Hospital is well managed, and the patients are well attended to.

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	96
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,076
Total under treatment	...	...	...	1,172
Discharged	...	...	...	975
Died	...	...	...	86

Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ... 111

Sex.—756 males, 416 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Christchurch and suburbs, 841; Lyttelton, 59; Amuri, 16; Kaikoura, 14; Ashburton, 6; Hokitika, 1; Hawke's Bay, 1; other portions North Canterbury District, 234.

Country.—New Zealand, 399; England and Wales, 387; Ireland, 196; Scotland, 92; Australia, 20; Germany, 21; Austria, 4; France, 7; Sweden, 7; Norway, 8; Switzerland, 3; Portugal, 1; Holland, 4; Denmark, 7; Russia, 2; Greece, 2; America, 9; India, 1; China, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 569; Roman Catholic, 204; other denominations, 399.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 40,020; individual average days' stay, 34¼. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 8¼d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 873; attendances, 2,620.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	3,040	2	10	Rations	...	1,811	12	3
Local bodies	...	3,476	18	9	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	...	269	19	8
Subscriptions and donations	...	4	17	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	731	14	7
Bequests	...	50	0	0	Fuel and light	...	681	11	0
Patients' payments	...	723	1	3	Furniture and earthenware	...	128	12	2
Other sources	...	16	13	0	Bedding and clothing	...	300	9	10
Balance from last year	...	545	13	7	Salaries and wages (including washing and laundry, and those engaged in vegetable-gardens and recreation-grounds)	...	2,704	17	1
					Funerals	...	28	6	0
					Repairs	...	368	1	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	60	12	11
					Interest	...	11	7	6
					Insurance	...	54	7	6
					Other expenses (including £75 8s., casual ward, Lyttelton)	...	230	8	3
Total	...	£7,857	6	8	Total	...	£7,882	0	3

The great want of this Hospital is a nurses' home. At present the accommodation in this respect is very deficient, and it will continue to be impossible to put the nursing-staff on a proper footing of efficiency until it is remedied. The trustees have long been anxious to put this right; and, now that they have found a means of getting the money, I hope they will thoroughly reorganize the whole nursing-staff, and so put themselves abreast of the other metropolitan institutions in this respect. All the other departments of this Hospital are satisfactory, and, as a whole, it is a credit to the city.

AKAROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	4
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	17
Total under treatment				21
Discharged	...	...	...	19
Died	...	...	...	...
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				2

Sex.—17 males, 4 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Akaroa County.

Nationality.—English, 9; Colonials, 6; Irish, 3; Danes, 2; Maori, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 9; Roman Catholic, 5; other denominations, 7.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 914; individual average days' stay, 43.50. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 9½d.

Outdoor Patients, 15.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	155	16	5	Rations	...	...	100	3	7
Derived from North Canterbury	...	...	...	...	...	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	5	16	0
Hospital Board, of which it is a	...	...	...	...	...	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	25	7	8
branch hospital	...	...	155	16	5	Fuel and light	...	...	12	4	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	150	0	0
						Other expenses	...	...	18	1	7
Total	...	...	£311	12	10	Total	...	...	£311	12	10

This is administered as a branch of the Christchurch Hospital. I visited it on the 12th March, and found everything in good order. The only patient was one old chronic case, who has been a sort of nest-egg for years.

COROMANDEL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	9
Total under treatment				10
Discharged	...	...	...	10
Died	...	...	...	...
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				...

Sex.—Male.

Locality from which Patients came.—Coromandel.

Country.—New Zealand.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 243; individual average days' stay, 24.30. Daily average cost per head, £2 0s. 2d.; less patients' payments, £1 19s. 5d.

Outdoor Patients.—Eight.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	601	14	0	Rations	...	...	87	10	0
Local bodies	...	...	200	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	28	13	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	336	10	0	Fuel and light	...	...	9	6	0
Patients' payments	...	...	9	16	0	Washing and laundry	...	...	10	0	0
Balance from last year	...	...	59	12	8	Salaries and wages	...	...	343	8	8
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	3	15	0
						Insurance	...	...	5	5	0
						Paid to Mercury Bay Hospital Committee	...	...	691	18	0
Total	...	...	£1,207	12	8	Total	...	...	£1,179	15	8

The time has clearly come for closing this Hospital. A great many persons when taken ill in the district prefer to go to Auckland for treatment. The number of patients treated during the year was only ten, and each of these cost the colony two pounds a day.

CROMWELL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	59
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	61
Discharged	...	...	...	55
Died	...	...	...	3
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	3

Sex.—51 males, 10 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Bannockburn, 20; Cromwell, 9; Pembroke, 6; Mount Pisa, 5; Kawarau, 4; Lowburn, 4; Nevis, 2; Luggate, 2; Hawea, 2; Victoria Bridge, 2; Bendigo, 2; Clyde Road, 1; Tarras, 1; Dunedin, 1.

Country.—England, 19; New Zealand, 17; Ireland, 9; Scotland, 9; Greece, 3; America, 2; France, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 18; Roman Catholic, 15; Presbyterian, 18; Wesleyan, 4; Greek Church, 3; Freethinkers, 2; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,332; individual average days' stay, 21·84. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 11s. 1d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 16; attendances, 27.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.		
From Government	...	...	189	17	0	Rations	...	...	154	2	11
Local bodies	...	...	189	17	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	17	6	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	136	4	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	66	9	6
Patients' payments	...	...	107	7	1	Fuel and light	...	...	29	11	3
Sale of medicine	...	...	0	5	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	48	8	0
Sale of share of water-race	...	...	42	0	2	Salaries and wages	...	...	420	4	11
						Water-supply	...	...	39	1	11
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	19	8	1
						Insurance	...	...	5	5	0
						Commission	...	...	22	0	0
						Rent of office, two years...	...	...	10	0	0
						Other expenses	...	...	14	5	0
Total	...	...	£665	10	10	Total	...	...	£846	3	1

It is very difficult to justify the continued existence of this institution, so near to Arrowtown on the one hand, and Clyde on the other, and connected with both by a good road. It is only the fact that there is such a large extent of thinly-settled country extending to the head of Lake Wanaka, and where people cannot avail themselves of any other hospital, that makes any defence possible.

The efficiency of the management and the care taken of the patients by the doctor are beyond dispute.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	84
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	828
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	912
Discharged	...	...	...	705
Died	...	...	...	123
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	84

Sex.—578 males, 334 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Dunedin and suburbs, 674; Balclutha, Tuapeka, and Tapanui, 88; Palmerston, Nenthorn, Naseby, and Hyde, 96; Oamaru, 9; Timaru, 2; Invercargill, Bluff, and Riverton, 6; West Coast, 10; Queenstown, 2; Gore, 4; Cromwell, 1; Clyde, 2; shipping, 18.

Country.—England and Wales, 217; Scotland, 206; Ireland, 108; New Zealand, 273; China, 30; Victoria, 15; South Australia, 2; New South Wales, 3; Jersey, 5; Norway, 1; Germany, 6; France, 2; Sweden, 5; Peru, 1; Holland, 2; Denmark, 4; West Indies, 5; South Africa, 2; Italy, 1; Tasmania, 6; New Hebrides, 4; United States (America), 11; Russia, 1; Tripoli, 1; Nova Scotia, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 290; Roman Catholic, 146; Presbyterian, 332; Baptist, 22; Wesleyan, 37; Congregational, 5; Church of Christ, 15; Christian Brethren, 3; Freethinkers, 3; Confucian, 30; Jewish, 3; Independent, 3; Salvationist, 11; Quaker, 1; no religion, 11.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 29,822; individual average days' stay, 32·70. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 10d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,692; attendances, 7,956.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
From Government	...	4,590	2 8	Rations	...	1,585	16 6		
Local bodies	...	2,975	8 8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	...	170	17 10		
Subscriptions and donations	...	241	8 6	Surgery and dispensary	...	843	11 8		
Sales	...	48	12 8	Fuel and light	...	530	4 2		
Students' fees	...	24	3 0	Bedding and clothing	...	77	2 0		
Patients' payments	...	888	8 4	Furniture, earthenware, and stores	...	178	6 0		
Other sources	...	27	15 9	Salaries and wages	...	2,141	15 5		
				Water-supply	...	52	0 0		
				Funerals	...	36	0 0		
				Repairs	...	240	10 8		
				Additions to buildings	...	689	17 2		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	101	17 6		
				Interest	...	0	7 4		
				Insurance	...	31	3 6		
				Bedsteads	...	212	10 0		
				Incidental expenses	...	394	2 1		
Total	...	£8,795	19 7	Total	...	£7,286	1 10		

The opening of the new nurses' home, an admirably-designed and commodious building, marks a new departure in the history of this institution. The whole of the nursing department has been completely reorganized under Miss Mawe, an experienced nurse imported from England. At the date of my last visit this change was just being arranged for, and the new matron had not arrived, but I expect to find at my next inspection that many improvements have been effected. The two great objections urged against this Hospital by the local reformers were the old-fashioned nursing system and the unsuitable character of the building. With the completion of the new wards now in course of construction both these causes of complaint will have disappeared, and I hope to see this Hospital take its natural position at the head of the hospital system of the colony. Its position as the centre of our medical education system gives it an importance belonging to none of our other institutions. The system of local government established under our Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act does not seem to meet the requirements of the Dunedin Medical School; but surely it is not too much to hope that the interests concerned will somehow contrive to agree on some workable scheme for embodiment in the new Bill which must soon come before Parliament. The mere fact of the existence of the colonial Medical School in Dunedin must involve the gathering thither of interesting and difficult cases from all parts of the colony, and the local rate-payers will be blind indeed if they hesitate to make any sacrifices required to make this a thoroughly efficient institution. I observe the daily cost per head has risen to 4s. 5d., as compared with 3s. 10d. last year. This is accounted for by a rise of £56 for fuel and light and £606 under the head "Other expenses," of which the chief items were—bedsteads, £212 10s.; honorary medical staff, students' fees, £110 5s.; refund of matron's passage, £40; architect's fees, £20; cleaning dust-bins, &c., £22 0s. 3d.; wages cleaning wards, relieving staff for holidays, &c., £88 15s. 6d.

DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	4
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	36
Total under treatment	...	...	...	40
Discharged	...	...	...	35
Died	...	...	...	2
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	3

Sex.—30 males, 10 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Clyde and district, 6; Tinker's and Matakantui, 7; Alexandra and district, 10; Baldhill Flat, 7; St. Bathans, 3; Moa Flat, 1; Ida Valley, 3; Naseby, 1; Bannockburn, 1; Matukituki, 1.

Country.—England, 9; Scotland, 1; Ireland, 9; China, 4; Prussia, 1; Greece, 1; New Zealand, 12; Australia, 2; America, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 16; Roman Catholic, 10; Presbyterian, 8; Confucian, 4; Baptist, 1; Greek Church, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,376; individual average days' stay, 34·04. Daily average cost per head 9s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 11½d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.		
From Government	...	...	382	18	0	Rations	...	...	91	0	11
Local bodies	...	...	257	19	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	8	7	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	111	9	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	32	16	8
Patients' payments	...	...	120	10	6	Fuel and light	...	...	25	7	5
Other sources	...	...	0	8	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	6	14	11
Balance from last year	...	...	95	6	11	Furniture, earthenware, and repairs	...	...	20	18	2
						Salaries and wages	...	...	385	0	0
						Water-supply	...	...	15	12	6
						Funerals	...	...	4	0	0
						Fencing and grounds	...	...	4	0	0
						Repairs and additions	...	...	8	16	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	22	2	0
						Interest and exchange	...	...	0	14	6
						Insurance	...	...	12	19	6
						Rent of office	...	...	5	0	0
						Other expenses	...	...	26	1	0
Total	...	...	£968	11	11	Total	...	...	£669	10	7

I found this Hospital in good order. On looking through the cases treated during the year I ascertained that the trustees had gone to the expense of sending a patient suffering from stricture to Dunedin without any necessity for doing so. My visit having this year taken place earlier than usual, and before the dry weather had set in, I found the garden in good order, and well stocked with vegetables. There were only two patients in the house on the date of my visit. The average daily cost per head is 9s. 8½d.

GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	7
Admitted during the year ...	156
Total under treatment ...	163
Discharged ...	133
Died ...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...	11

Sex.—118 males, 45 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Borough of Gisborne, and Cook and Waiapu Counties.

Nationality.—British, 157; foreign, 9.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,160; individual average days' stay, 25.52. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			s.	d.	
From Government	...	...	453	3	3	Rations	...	...	177	2	7
Local bodies	...	...	300	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	24	8	7
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	146	17	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	71	11	0
Rents	...	...	60	16	0	Fuel and light	...	...	61	15	7
Patients' payments	...	...	252	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	53	17	4
Other sources	...	...	20	4	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	55	16	0
Balance from last year	...	...	64	18	0	Salaries and wages	...	...	446	19	6
						Repairs and additions to buildings			172	12	5
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	22	5	4
						Insurance	...	...	16	16	3
						Other expenses	...	...	28	12	4
Total	...	...	£1,297	19	0	Total	...	...	£1,131	16	11

The daily cost per head has fallen this year from 7s. 0¾d. to 5s. 5½d., mainly owing to an increase in the number treated during the year, which rose from 114 to 163, with an average individual stay of twenty-five instead of twenty-six days. There were twenty-six cases of typhoid up to the time of my visit on the 4th January. The matron and her assistants must have had a heavy time of it; and I have since been informed by Dr. Innes that Nurse Gifford deserved great credit for her efforts. A nurses' room is very much wanted. The hall and large ward have been freshly painted, and look much better than at my last visit.

GREYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	44
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	120
Total under treatment				164
Discharged	...	...	...	92
Died	...	...	...	25
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				47

Sex.—149 males, 15 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Grey Valley, 53; Maori Creek and Marsden, 27; Arnold, 25; Greymouth, 23; Brunnerton, 14; North Beach, 9; South Beach, 6; Reefton, 5; Dunedin, 1; Wanganui, 1.

Country.—England and Wales, 60; Ireland, 53; Scotland, 16; New Zealand, 11; China, 6; America, 6; Germany, 4; Sweden and Denmark, 4; Italy, 1; Isle of Man, 1; Victoria, 1; New South Wales, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 69; Roman Catholic, 53; Presbyterian, 21; Lutheran, 6; Confucian, 6; Wesleyan, 4; Freethinkers, 3; Baptist, 1; Salvationist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 15,581; individual average days' stay, 95. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 187; attendances, 603.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,327	0	3	Rations	684	11	6
Local bodies	731	8	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	80	0	0
Subscriptions and donations	531	0	4	Surgery and dispensary	55	15	9
Patients' payments	38	6	0	Fuel	69	6	0
Other sources	5	4	6	Light	45	18	9
				Furniture, earthenware, and iron-mongery	72	15	5
				Salaries and wages	1,243	16	0
				Funerals	12	2	0
				Repairs	53	7	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	56	3	6
				Interest	27	15	11
				Insurance	30	0	0
				Other expenses	26	17	3
Total	£2,632	19	5	Total	£2,458	9	4

This Hospital, on the day of my visit, contained thirty-seven male and six female patients. Of these, a very large proportion were refuge cases, so that the individual average stay was ninety-five days, thus bringing down the average daily cost per head to 3s. 1½d., and that notwithstanding the large sum of £1,243 paid for salaries and wages.

The medical and surgical work of this Hospital is thoroughly well done, and the management is excellent.

GREYTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	55
Total under treatment				58
Discharged	...	...	...	54
Died	...	...	...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				1

Sex.—48 males, 10 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Greytown, 13; Martinborough, 12; Foxton, 11; Carterton, 9; Lower Valley, 3; Te Whiti, 3; Gladstone, 3; Morrison's Bush, 1; Kaiwairai, 2; Masterton, 1.

Country.—England, 15; Ireland, 8; Scotland, 4; New Zealand, 21; Germany, 1; Wales, 2; Denmark, 1; France, 2; Sweden, 1; Australia, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 32; Roman Catholic, 8; Presbyterian, 13; Freethinkers, 2; Wesleyan, 2; Unitarian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 964; individual average days' stay, 16.62. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 9½d.

		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.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<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.

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.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	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.

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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
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.

MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	...	4
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	77
Total under treatment ...				81
Discharged ...	...	...	...	66
Died ...	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...				10

Sex.—71 males, 10 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Masterton, 21; Whareama, 17; Pahiatua, 13; Eketahuna, 8; Brancepeth, 5; Bideford, 5; Mauriceville, 5; Gladstone, 2; Martinborough, 2; Auckland, 1; Dunedin, 1; unknown, 1.

Country.—England, 27; Scotland, 13; Ireland, 17; New Zealand, 15; Norway, 2; Wales, 2; Australia, 1; Canada, 1; Austria, 1; Denmark, 1; Greece, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 28; Roman Catholic, 17; Presbyterian, 15; Wesleyan, 14; Lutheran, 4; Greek Church, 3.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,916; individual average days' stay, 36. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 10¾d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	358	6	11	Rations ...	...	176	12	1
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	286	1	10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	8	14	0
Bequests ...	...	43	19	1	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	56	11	8
Patients' payments ...	...	116	0	9	Fuel and light ...	...	36	10	7
					Bedding and clothing ...	...	27	8	4
					Furniture and earthenware ...	...	10	6	5
					Salaries and wages ...	...	269	16	2
					Funerals ...	...	12	0	0
					Repairs ...	...	14	6	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	26	16	6
					Insurance ...	...	11	0	0
					Commission ...	...	27	11	0
					Other expenses ...	...	7	7	6
Total ...	...	£804	8	7	Total ...	...	£685	0	3

This Hospital is an object of legitimate pride to the district. A very great deal of interest is taken in its welfare by the townspeople, and, as a consequence, it is thoroughly well looked after. A great deal of credit is due to Mr. Boddington for his careful supervision for so many years.

NAPIER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	...	20
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	319
Total under treatment ...				339
Discharged ...	...	...	...	295
Died ...	...	...	...	21
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...				23

Sex.—255 males, 84 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawke's Bay and adjoining districts.

Country.—England, 94; Scotland, 46; Ireland, 61; New Zealand, 109; Australia, 7; Tasmania, 2; Germany, 2; France, 1; Russia, 1; India, 2; Denmark, 4; Norway, 3; Sweden, 1; Austria, 1; Finland, 1; Jamaica, 1; Brazil, 1; China, 1; Newfoundland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 153; Roman Catholic, 81; Presbyterian, 73; Wesleyan, 7; Lutheran, 11; Salvation Army, 2; Baptist, 1; Congregationalist, 1; Adventists, 4; undenominational, 5; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 8,390; individual average days' stay, 24·75. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—970.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
From Government	...	906	6 8	Rations	...	409	10 8		
Local bodies	...	200	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	34	19 6		
Subscriptions and donations	...	341	0 9	Surgery and dispensary	...	198	12 6		
Bequests	...	235	6 0	Fuel and light	...	166	13 2		
Rents	...	60	7 6	Furniture and earthenware	...	91	12 2		
Patients' payments	...	531	19 5	Salaries and wages	...	824	3 1		
Other sources	...	317	10 0	Water-supply	...	24	7 9		
Balance from last year	...	291	19 3	Funerals	...	5	19 6		
				Repairs	...	200	10 9		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	31	14 10		
				Insurance	...	48	8 3		
				Other expenses	...	143	14 2		
Total	...	£2,884	9 7	Total	...	£2,180	6 4		

This is in many respects one of the best hospitals in the colony. The medical superintendent resides at the institution, and devotes his whole time to it. He has had very great hospital experience, and is most attentive to his work. I have observed some want of harmony among the nursing staff; but I understand that this has been remedied. The time cannot now be far distant when some change must be made regarding the head of the staff, though I am bound to say I have seen no signs of inefficiency in Dr. Menzies's work. When the time comes I think the Trustees ought to consider whether Napier, having regard both to the amount of its population and the number of medical practitioners resident in the town, ought not have an honorary visiting staff for its hospital. In a town of this size, with such a hospital, a junior resident surgeon, with an honorary staff, would enable the community as a whole to reap more fully the advantages which hospital practice gives to members of the medical profession. Should, however, the Trustees see fit to entertain this suggestion, they must expect a great deal more difficulty in the harmonious management of the institution than the existing system involves.

NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	56
Total under treatment	...	...	...	59
Discharged	...	...	...	50
Died	...	...	...	4
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	5

Sex.—50 males, 9 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Naseby, St. Bathans, Black's, Hamilton, Gimmerburn, Sowburn, Kyeburn.

Nationality.—English, 20; Scotch, 23; Irish, 11; German, 1; Italian, 2; Chinese, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 19; Roman Catholic, 13; Presbyterian, 23; Lutheran, 2; Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 998; individual average days' stay, 16.91. Daily average cost per head, 16s. 3d.; less patients' payments, 15s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients, 6; attendances, 20.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
From Government	...	370	1 9	Rations	...	129	7 8		
Local bodies	...	245	16 11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	22	8 6		
Subscriptions and donations	...	61	10 9	Surgery and dispensary	...	30	11 0		
Patients' payments	...	48	11 0	Fuel and light	...	27	10 10		
Other sources	...	9	10 0	Bedding and clothing	...	16	5 1		
Balance from last year	...	301	1 6	Furniture and earthenware	...	1	0 0		
				Washing and laundry	...	7	15 0		
				Salaries and wages	...	413	15 4		
				Water-supply	...	17	16 0		
				Funerals	...	14	6 0		
				Repairs	...	51	17 0		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	14 9		
				Interest	...	0	10 6		
				Insurance	...	7	0 0		
				Other expenses	...	57	5 8		
Total	...	£1,036	11 11	Total	...	£810	3 4		

This year has shown a great falling-off in this institution in the number of patients, and a great increase in the daily cost per head, which has risen from 10s. 7½d. to 16s. 2d. My experience leads me to believe that in such a place as Naseby this indicates a weakening of confidence in the institution. How far this may be owing to suspicions which I found current regarding the sobriety of the nursing staff, or how far it indicates want of confidence in the doctor, the Trustees, I have no doubt, will soon ascertain. It would be a great pity if, for any preventible reason, there should be any falling-off in the position which this Hospital has maintained for so many years. So far as my actual observations went I could find nothing to account for the change.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	17
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	98
Total under treatment ...	...	...	115
Discharged ...	...	...	86
Died ...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...	...	...	19

Sex.—81 males, 34 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—County of Waimea.

Country.—New Zealand, 52; England, 33; Scotland, 11; Ireland, 11; Germany, 3; other countries, 5.

Religion.—Church of England, 64; Roman Catholic, 21; Presbyterian, 9; Wesleyan, 12; Lutheran, 6; Baptist, 2; Jewish, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 7,368; individual average days' stay, 64·61. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5¾d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 0¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 458; attendances, 2,516.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	...	865	17	6	Rations ...	...	...	448	10	3
Local bodies ...	...	...	881	5	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	...	54	16	6
Rents ...	...	...	83	5	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	...	145	16	2
Patients' payments ...	...	...	155	5	0	Fuel and light ...	...	...	160	10	5
Other sources ...	...	...	3	2	2	Bedding and clothing ...	...	...	30	18	11
						Furniture and earthenware ...	...	...	61	12	11
						Salaries and wages ...	...	...	927	19	0
						Water-supply ...	...	...	29	15	0
						Funerals ...	...	...	7	3	0
						Painting ...	...	...	42	17	6
						Repairs ...	...	...	32	15	6
						Additions to buildings ...	...	...	379	12	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	...	14	17	6
						Other expenses ...	...	...	59	8	4
Total ...	...	...	£1,988	14	8	Total ..	...	...	£2,396	13	0

I have nothing further to report of this institution than simply to repeat that it continues to work harmoniously and efficiently. The number of patients treated during the year is the same within one as last year, and the daily cost per head is nearly the same.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	10
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	132
Total under treatment ...	...	...	142
Discharged ...	...	...	120
Died ...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1892...	...	...	12

Sex.—110 males, 32 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—New Plymouth, 21; Taranaki County, 76; Hawera County, 33; Clifton County, 2; Greymouth, 2; Auckland, 4; Wellington, 2; Mokau, 1; Patea, 1.

Nationality.—English, 63; Scotch, 7; Irish, 20; Colonial, 40; German, 3; Danish, 1; Swiss, 1; American, 1; Prussian, 4; Italian, 1; Java, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,099; individual average days' stay, 28·86. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 9d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record kept.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	581	19 2	Rations ...	295	3 4
Local bodies ...	541	19 3	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	41	3 7
Patients' payments ...	439	15 6	Surgery and dispensary ...	141	12 3
			Fuel and light ...	120	8 11
			Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware ...	73	9 8
			Washing and laundry ...	31	4 0
			Salaries and wages ...	511	1 7
			Water-supply ...	10	0 0
			Funerals ...	1	7 0
			Repairs ...	36	19 1
			Additions to buildings ...	30	12 2
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	20	13 11
			Interest ...	1	14 7
			Insurance ...	20	18 9
			Hawera Cottage Hospital ...	150	0 8
			Other expenses ...	77	4 5
Total ...	£1,563	13 11	Total ...	£1,563	13 11

In this Hospital there is an increase in the number of patients, and a fall in the daily average cost per head. The number of patients on the day of my visit was eight, so that a comparatively large part of the available accommodation was unused. Perhaps, if the district continues to increase so rapidly in population as it has been doing recently, it may be necessary to utilise the whole of this commodious building; but for a long time to come it is probable it will only require labour to keep it clean. The nursing is efficient, and the doctor is attentive to his patients. A harmonium has been provided by public subscription. The lighting of the operating-room has been greatly improved. The patients all spoke highly of the kindness with which they are treated.

OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	12
Admitted during the year ...	99
Total under treatment ...	111
Discharged ...	94
Died ...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...	9

Sex.—81 males, 30 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Oamaru, 53; Waitaki district, 58.

Country.—England, 23; Scotland, 18; Ireland, 20; New Zealand, 38; Australian Colonies, 9; America, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 38; Roman Catholic, 36; Presbyterian, 33; others, 4.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,960; individual average days' stay, 35 67. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 8d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 66; attendances, 320.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	112	17 5	Rations ...	184	16 5
Subscriptions and donations ...	102	8 11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	4	4 0
Rents ...	853	4 6	Surgery and dispensary ...	74	16 5
Patients' payments ...	30	18 1	Fuel and light ...	64	6 11
Interest, &c. ...	156	9 6	Bedding and clothing ...	40	14 7
Balance from last year ...	111	5 0	Furniture and earthenware ...	30	0 8
			Washing and laundry ...	1	10 0
			Salaries and wages ...	454	15 8
			Funerals ...	10	10 0
			Repairs and additions ...	55	11 3
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	12	12 1
			Improvement of grounds ...	30	4 3
			Other expenses ..	24	17 7
Total ...	£1,367	3 5	Total ...	£988	19 10

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
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	28
Discharged	...	...	...	26
Died	...	...	...	1
				—
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
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	60
Discharged	...	...	...	47
Died	...	...	...	2
				—
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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.					£	s. d.
From Government	...	240	0 4	Rations	...	121	10 8		
Local bodies	...	208	0 5	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	15	14 0		
Patients' payments	...	84	19 4	Surgery and dispensary	...	31	2 11		
				Fuel and light	...	20	10 5		
				Bedding and clothing	...	18	19 0		
				Furniture and earthenware	...	11	13 11		
				Washing and laundry	...	15	12 5		
				Salaries and wages	...	249	6 8		
				Travelling-expenses	...	2	5 0		
				Funerals	...	10	0 0		
				Repairs	...	3	8 6		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	3 2		
				Insurance	...	6	8 0		
				Other expenses	...	14	5 5		
Total	...	£533	0 1	Total	...	£533	0 1		

The opening of the Mahakipawa Goldfield has postponed indefinitely the closing of this Hospital, which seemed at one time inevitable. It is a homely, well-managed institution, half hospital and half refuge. It contained eight patients on the last occasion on which I visited it. Of these, four were chronic cases, all of whom were over three years in the Hospital.

QUEENSTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	92
Total under treatment	...	104
Discharged	...	92
Died	...	3

Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ... 9

Sex.—79 males, 25 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Lake County, Queenstown, Arrowtown, Vincent County, Southland.

Country.—New Zealand, 34; England, 13; Scotland, 23; Ireland, 21; China, 3; Australia, 2; Holland, 2; Italy, 1; Mexico, 1; Sweden, 1; America, 1; Austria, 1; Malta, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 21; Roman Catholic, 29; Presbyterian, 47; Confucian, 3; Wesleyan, 1; Salvationist, 1; Lutheran, 1; Freethought, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,723; individual average days' stay, 26.18. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 4d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 38; attendances, 75.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.					£	s. d.
From Government	...	368	19 3	Rations	...	207	5 10		
Local bodies	...	266	5 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	52	16 4		
Subscriptions and donations	...	117	0 8	Fuel and light	...	112	19 1		
Patients' payments	...	259	11 7	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c.	...	63	18 11		
				Salaries and wages	...	441	1 7		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	4	1 0		
				Other expenses	...	103	4 0		
Total	...	£1,011	16 6	Total	...	£985	6 9		

This Hospital contained four patients on the day of my inspection. The male ward is well designed and comfortably furnished. The centre block consists mainly of the doctor's quarters. It will probably be a long time before it will be either necessary or possible to complete the plan by providing a southern wing, and so give the whole a symmetrical appearance.

REEFTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	10
Admitted during the year	...	90
Total under treatment	...	100
Discharged	...	85
Died	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	5

Sex.—96 males, 4 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Inangahua County.

Country.—England, 21; Scotland, 12; Ireland, 30; New Zealand, 16; United States of America, 5; China, 4; Austria, 2; Sweden, 1; Wales, 1; Russia, 1; Finland, 1; Tasmania, 1; Germany, 1; Victoria, 1; Portugal, 1; Denmark, 1; New South Wales, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 41; Roman Catholic, 30; Presbyterian, 13; Wesleyan, 4; Lutheran, 4; Pagan, 4; Salvationist, 2; Greek Church, 1; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,224; individual average days' stay, 42·24. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 4d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 86; attendances, 445.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
		Revenue.	£	s.	d.			Expenditure.	£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	650	11	10	Rations	...	...	292 5 8
Local bodies	...	...	100	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	35 17 5
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	430	2	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	92 5 6
Patients' payments	...	...	150	5	3	Fuel and light	...	...	99 14 10
Balance from last year	...	...	192	5	2	Bedding and clothing	...	...	23 5 4
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	23 15 6
						Washing and laundry	...	...	5 7 5
						Salaries and wages	...	...	539 10 0
						Water-supply	...	...	4 11 10
						Funerals	...	...	3 15 0
						Repairs	...	...	52 5 4
						Additions to buildings	...	...	10 17 6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	26 9 0
						Insurance	...	...	9 3 9
						Commission	...	...	10 6 10
						Other expenses	...	...	45 17 3
Total	...	...	£1,523	4	11	Total	...	...	£1,275 8 2

This Hospital is in all respects a model of what a country hospital should be. The management is admirable, and the whole district has reason to be proud of it.

RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	97
Total under treatment	...	...	...	109
Discharged	...	...	...	95
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	6

Sex.—71 males, 38 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—County of Wallace.

Country.—England, 23; Scotland, 14; Ireland, 26; New Zealand, 30; Maori, 2; China, 6; Tasmania, 2; New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 2; Gibraltar, 3.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,646; individual average days' stay, 33·45. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 134; attendances, 219.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
		Revenue.	£	s.	d.			Expenditure.	£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	559	14	11	Rations	...	...	270 19 0
Local bodies	...	...	504	18	7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	59 7 5
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	74	3	11	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	114 15 4
Patients' payments	...	...	126	19	9	Fuel and light	...	...	55 4 2
Other sources	...	...	0	15	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	9 16 0
Balance from last year	...	...	11	15	3	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	57 18 5
						Salaries and wages	...	...	531 9 0
						Funerals	...	...	7 5 0
						Additions to buildings	...	...	129 15 4
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	10 14 9
						Interest	...	...	0 11 8
						Insurance	...	...	8 17 0
						Commission	...	...	32 19 5
						Other expenses	...	...	12 5 4
Total	...	...	£1,278	7	5	Total	...	...	£1,301 17 10

This is a new hospital, well designed and well managed. Mr. Thompson has a well-deserved reputation all over the district for his care of and kindness to the patients, and the doctor is attentive to his duties.

ROSS HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	...	32
Total under treatment	...	...	...	...	38
Discharged	...	...	...	...	24
Died	...	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1892...	...	...	...	...	9

Sex.—Males.

Locality from which Patients came.—Ross and neighbourhood.

Country.—England, 4; Scotland, 7; Ireland, 11; New Zealand, 4; Denmark, 4; Italy, 2; Germany, 2; Wales, 1; France, 1; United States of America, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,484; individual average days' stay, 65·37. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 3¼d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 2d.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.			
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
From Government	...	154	6 5	Rations, &c.	121 11 7
Local bodies	...	133	12 7	Surgery and dispensary	14 2 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	103	8 11	Fuel and light	18 5 10
Patients' payments	...	15	5 6	Furniture and earthenware	2 15 6
				Salaries and wages	220 0 0
				Water-supply	4 10 0
				Funerals	7 0 0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	3 14 0
				Insurance	6 2 6
				Other expenses	8 11 6
Total	...	£406	13 5	Total	£406 13 5

This institution has fallen on evil days. The Trustees have to keep it up with very straitened means, and it is badly in need of being refurnished. The doctor is devoted to his work, and is worthy of a better sphere. The patients are well looked after, and are very contented.

THAMES HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	13
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	182
Total under treatment	...	...	...	195
Discharged	...	...	...	165
Died	...	...	...	12
Remaining on 31st March, 1892...	...	...	...	18

Sex.—151 males, 44 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Thames Hospital District.

Country.—New Zealand, 80; England, 59; Scotland, 12; Ireland, 30; Australia, 3; China, 3; America, 1; Norway, 2; Germany, 3; West Indies, 1; Africa, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 5,125; individual average days' stay, 26·28. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 9¼d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9¼d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 207; attendances, 527.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.			
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
From Government	...	693	4 8	Rations, fuel, and light	349 0 10
Local bodies	...	610	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	4 17 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	62	11 3	Surgery and dispensary	185 7 9
Rents	...	18	0 0	Bedding, clothing, &c.	42 10 4
Patients' payments	...	257	12 6	Salaries and wages	703 0 0
Balance from last year...	...	19	10 11	Funerals	5 17 0
				Repairs	44 8 3
				Additions to buildings	98 5 6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	22 9 2
				Insurance	22 14 10
				Other expenses	105 7
Total	...	£1,660	19 4	Total	£1,583 18 5

This is one of the most satisfactory hospitals in the colony. My annual visit to it is a pleasure. The professional ability of the surgeon and his devotion to his work are in the highest degree satisfactory. The nursing staff are capable, and full of enthusiasm for their work. The vexed question of how to deal with *delirium tremens* cases has been dealt with here by providing a suitable detached ward, where the troublesome and noisy patients can be treated without upsetting the other patients. The patients are contented and thoroughly well treated.

TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	26
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	219
Total under treatment ...	...	...	245
Discharged ...	...	...	201
Died ...	...	...	16
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...	...	...	28

Sex.—134 males, 111 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 230; outside hospital district, 15.

Nationality.—English, 71; Scotch, 27; Irish, 51; Colonial, 90; German, 2; Chinese, 1; Finn, 1; Swedes, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 107; Roman Catholic, 65; Presbyterian, 42; Wesleyan, 10 Methodist, 6; Baptist, 7; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Salvation Army, 4; Jewish, 1; Pagan, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 7,609; individual average days' stay, 31.6. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 211; attendances, 761.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£ s. d.		<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.	
From Government ...	...	1,018	13 1	Rations ...	...	429	8 7
Local bodies ...	...	1,018	13 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	31	7 0
Bequests ...	...	35	0 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	141	14 5
Rents ...	...	14	12 6	Fuel and light ...	...	169	13 2
Patients' payments ...	...	134	4 5	Bedding and clothing ...	...	72	6 5
Other sources ...	...	1	5 0	Furniture and earthenware ...	...	7	10 5
				Washing and laundry ...	...	20	13 1
				Salaries and wages ...	...	631	6 3
				Water-supply ...	...	21	17 4
				Funerals ...	...	7	14 0
				Repairs ...	...	312	4 3
				Additions to buildings ...	...	52	19 5
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	35	10 8
				Insurance ...	...	16	13 5
				Law-costs ...	...	28	6 4
				Other expenses ...	...	58	1 4
Total ...	...	£2,222	8 0	Total ...	...	£2,037	6 1

This is an exceedingly commodious building, affording sufficient means of treating all the hospital patients in South Canterbury; but the existence of similarly excellent hospitals at Waimate and Ashburton gives such a plethora of hospital accommodation to this district that the Timaru institution has to be equipped for a great deal more work than it gets to do. For many years there had been a Medical Superintendent who did all the work, but last year the Trustees and the resident medical men laid their heads together and introduced a new system of management, which is as yet on its trial. The medical work is taken in turns by three doctors who are established in the town, and the resident has been dispensed with. It probably was felt that there was not enough work to keep him fully employed. I shall be in a better position next year to estimate the advantage or otherwise of the new departure. Meanwhile I am able to say that the management is as careful and vigorous as ever.

WAIKATO HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	10
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	169
Total under treatment ...	...	...	179
Discharged ...	...	...	155
Died ...	...	...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...	...	...	15

Sex.—134 males, 45 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waipa, 72; Waikato, 59; Piako, 36; Raglan, 5; King-country, 3; Auckland, 3; Kawhia, 1.

Country.—England, 58; Scotland, 13; Wales, 2; Ireland, 27; New Zealand, 65; Australia, 6; British America 1; East Indies, 1; Greece, 1; Denmark, 1; United States of America, 1; Germany, 1; Austria, 1; Rarotonga, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 91; Roman Catholic, 28; Presbyterian, 29; Wesleyan, 17; Salvation Army, 2; Hauhau, 8; Society of Friends, 1; Baptist, 2; Fatalist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 5,221; individual average days' stay, 29·17. Daily average cost per head, 7s.; less patients' payments, 5s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

	<i>Revenue.</i>	REVENUE AND		<i>Expenditure.</i>	EXPENDITURE.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	...	1,070	12 7	Rations	336	8 7
Local bodies	...	914	12 8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	22	11 0
Patients' payments	...	465	1 6	Surgery and dispensary	202	19 9
				Fuel and light	129	2 4
				Bedding and clothing	41	12 5
				Furniture and earthenware	46	13 2
				Washing and laundry	68	10 7
				Salaries and wages	659	4 8
				Water-supply	11	0 0
				Funerals	20	7 6
				Repairs	103	1 4
				Additions to buildings	620	0 6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	20	10 5
				Insurance	20	6 0
				Other expenses	147	18 6
Total	...	£2,450	6 9	Total	£2,450	6 9

On the day of my visit this Hospital contained thirteen patients. Owing to the increasing demand for accommodation, the building has been extended, at a cost of £620. The additions give two new wards, a useful side-room, and a dining-room. The institution is in a very satisfactory condition. The nursing is careful and intelligent, and shows that good results have attended the systematic instruction which Dr. Kenny has made a feature of his work. I observe that there is a considerable increase in the cost per patient, consisting chiefly of an increase of £75 for rations, £39 more than last year expended on the surgery and dispensary, and £49 increase in the item of fuel and light.

WAIMATE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	96
Total under treatment	...	...	...	102
Discharged	...	...	...	91
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	5

Sex.—78 males, 24 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Waimate County.

Nationality.—English, 21; Scotch, 23; Irish, 22; New Zealand, 30; Australian, 2; Dane, 1; German, 3.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,846; individual average days' stay, 27·90. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 67; attendances, 146.

	<i>Revenue.</i>	REVENUE AND		<i>Expenditure.</i>	EXPENDITURE.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	...	438	1 2	Rations	168	15 7
Local bodies	...	370	0 0	Surgery and dispensary	57	16 9
Subscriptions and donations	...	51	4 7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	11	12 0
Patients' payments	...	79	1 9	Bedding and clothing	6	13 7
Other sources	...	2	9 0	Furniture, &c.	26	2 10
				Fuel and light	60	17 10
				Salaries and wages	455	15 6
				Repairs	35	15 8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	14	16 6
				Consultation-fees	5	5 0
				Interest and insurance	31	11 6
				Other expenses	101	8 8
Total	...	£940	16 6	Total	£976	11 5

This Hospital has a chronic feud with the South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board, and gives a very instructive illustration of the working of the existing law. In South Canterbury, owing to the amount of money from the Land Fund available for local purposes at a certain stage of the provincial history, the ideas of the people were large. Splendid buildings for hospital purposes were erected at Timaru, sufficient for the whole of the district for years to come. Even yet they are never anything like full. At every visit I find splendid wards quite empty of patients. Not content with this, fine hospitals were erected also at Waimate and Ashburton. The members of the Charitable Aid Board are also Trustees of the Timaru Hospital, which is not a separate institution, while the Waimate Hospital is. The Timaru Board, having sufficient room, and to spare, for the whole district, grasp at every opportunity to shut up or starve the Waimate institution as unnecessary. The Waimate people for years raised voluntarily the £100 required of separate institutions until last year, when they were £43 short, and this year they are £49 short. The Timaru Board, who voluntarily raise nothing for their own Hospital, because the law does not require it, take advantage of the shortcoming of their neighbours to try to close their Hospital. They cannot legally do it, because the Act provides no penalty for failure on the part of any existing separate institution to continue to raise the full £100 by voluntary subscription. Here reason and injustice are so mixed up that it passes the wit of man to find a solution. The Waimate people want to be made into a separate hospital district, and thus add one more to the already excessive number of our independent local bodies. In my opinion, this would be a mischievous and retrograde step. It would be much better to carry on with as much mutual forbearance as possible until such time as the promised Local Government Consolidation Bill makes it possible to deal with the whole question in a comprehensive fashion. Apart from this burning question, which keeps the district in a perpetual turmoil, the Waimate Hospital is a thoroughly satisfactory institution, and deserves the public confidence to a very high degree.

WAIPAWA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	209
Total under treatment				217
Discharged	...	...	...	183
Died	...	...	...	17
Remaining on 31st March, 1892				17

Sex.—196 males, 21 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kaikora and coast, 21; Waipukurau, 9; Bush, 92; Makaretu, 13; Woodville, 17; Porangahau and Wainui, 25; Waipawa, 10; Te Aute, 10; Pahiatua, 9; Hastings, 4; Wellington, 3; Gisborne, 1; Napier, 1; Palmerston North, 1; Sydney, 1.

Nationality.—Colonial born, 52; English, 49; Scotch, 29; Irish, 47; Scandinavian, 18; Australian, 6; Maoris, 4; Russian, 3; American, 4; German, 2; French, 1; Swiss, 1; Portuguese, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 99; Roman Catholic, 43; Presbyterian, 45; Lutheran, 24; Wesleyan, 6.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 5,843; individual average days' stay, 27. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	559 6 3	Rations	...	...	422 10 7
Local bodies	...	...	400 0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	18 6 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	182 3 8	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	11 9 9
Patients' payments	...	...	120 0 6	Fuel and light	...	...	91 13 4
Other sources	...	...	70 15 0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	54 17 10
Balance from last year	...	...	112 3 8	Furniture, earthenware, and repairs	...	...	39 5 4
				Washing and laundry	...	...	13 0 0
				Salaries and wages	...	...	571 2 10
				Funerals	...	...	48 6 0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	18 1 6
				Interest	...	...	0 17 8
				Insurance	...	...	21 0 0
				Other expenses	...	...	51 17 6
Total	...	...	£1,444 9 1	Total	...	...	£1,362 8 10

I have nothing to report about this institution but that, as usual, it is in every respect one of the best managed hospitals in the colony.

WANGANUI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	22
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	209
Total under treatment ...			231
Discharged ...	...	...	187
Died ...	...	...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...			25

Sex.—203 males, 28 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wanganui, 63; north of Wanganui, 20; south of Wanganui, 148.

Country.—England, 71; Scotland, 19; Ireland, 60; Colonies, 72; United States of America, 2; Germany, 1; Sweden, 2; Holland, 1; Denmark, 1; Belgium, 1; Norway, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 98; Roman Catholic, 57; Presbyterian, 50; Wesleyan, 11; Baptist, 2; Lutheran, 2; Salvation Army, 3; Unknown, 8.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 8,093; individual average days' stay, 35.03. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 69; attendances, 295.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	419	0 8	Rations ...	322	18 0
Local bodies ...	439	18 11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	17	4 1
Subscriptions and donations ...	24	8 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	148	3 10
Rents ...	315	13 9	Fuel and light ...	103	9 9
Patients' payments ...	234	18 6	Bedding and clothing ...	27	19 3
Other sources ...	22	11 0	Furniture and earthenware ...	13	15 11
Balance from last year ...	90	3 4	Washing and laundry ...	41	15 7
			Salaries and wages ...	612	4 9
			Water-supply and rates ...	37	18 4
			Funerals ...	15	7 6
			Repairs ...	15	2 8
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	13	8 2
			Insurance ...	8	15 0
			Other expenses ...	59	17 0
Total ...	£1,546	14 2	Total ...	£1,437	19 10

It is no longer possible to justify the continued use of this building for hospital purposes. It is old, badly planned, badly ventilated, and the condition of the drainage arrangements makes it, I believe, dangerous to health. It contained one case of erysipelas at the date of my inspection, and I am aware that the visiting surgeons are thoroughly dissatisfied with its condition. The Trustees ought not to lose a day in taking steps to build a new hospital.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	122
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	983
Total under treatment ...			1,105
Discharged ...	...	...	877
Died ...	...	...	84
Remaining on 31st March, 1892 ...			144

Sex.—749 males, 356 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington, 775; suburbs of Wellington, 85; Featherston, 2; Carterton, 2; Greytown, 1; Masterton, 3; Palmerston North, 13; Canterbury, 2; Otaki, 36; Auckland, 3; Lyttelton, 1; Paremata, 1; Woodville, 5; Manakau, 9; shipping, 33; Levin, 7; Waikanae, 7; West Coast, 7; Christchurch, 8; Halcombe, 2; Campbelltown, 2; Pukerua, 1; Ashurst, 1; Rangitikei, 2; Blenheim, 1; Paikakariki, 2; Tenui, 2; Feilding, 4; Pahautanui, 6; Foxton, 8; Southland, 1; Tapanui, 1; Horokiwi, 2; Sandon, 1; Hawera, 3; Tawa Flat, 1; Dunedin, 4; Tekoa, 1; Shannon, 2; Wanganui, 3; Waipawa, 1; Hokitika, 1; Timaru, 1; Rotorua, 1; Wainuiomata, 1; Hunterville, 1; Karanga, 2; Taranaki, 2; Crofton, 1; other places, 5; no residence, 39.

Nationality.—English, 406; Scotch, 85; Irish, 152; Colonial, 405; Indian, 1; Swedish, 7; Danish, 5; Chinese, 3; French, 2; Maoris, 4; Swiss, 2; German, 10; Norwegian, 6; American, 6; Italian, 3; Welsh, 4; Channel Islands, 1; Holland, 1; Russian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 550; Roman Catholic, 270; Presbyterian, 132; Baptist, 18; Wesleyan, 67; Salvation Army, 19; Methodist, 10; Brethren, 11; Jewish, 1; Congregationalist, 5; Lutheran, 5; Freethinkers, 3; Confucians, 3; no religion, 11.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 43,010; individual average days' stay, 38·92. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,145; attendances, 6,232.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	2,530	0	0	Rations	...	...	2,611 12 3
Local bodies	...	...	2,530	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	195 19 10
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	82	0	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	638 4 6
Rents	...	...	1,514	2	3	Fuel and light	...	...	735 18 11
Patients' payments	...	...	1,242	8	6	Bedding and clothing	...	...	442 5 0
Other sources	...	...	18	15	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	136 11 4
Balance from last year	...	...	987	3	11	Washing and laundry	...	...	415 2 8
						Salaries and wages	...	...	2,544 5 4
						Water-supply	...	...	54 8 0
						Funerals	...	...	27 1 0
						Repairs	...	...	184 3 7
						Additions to buildings	...	...	426 9 3
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	60 17 3
						Interest	...	...	4 13 2
						Insurance	...	...	18 2 6
						Commission	...	...	22 3 0
						Other expenses	...	...	221 2 0
Total	...	...	£8,904	10	5	Total	...	...	£8,738 19 7

This Hospital I have visited frequently during the year, and its management is constantly under my eye. It is working with the utmost harmony and efficiency. There is only one point on which I think it necessary to give a note of warning—namely, the large proportions that the out-door department is assuming. The number of individual cases has risen from 1,936 last year to 2,145 this year, and the number of attendances from 4,095 to 6,232. When these figures are considered in relation to our population it will be seen that a very serious question emerges, and it becomes still more serious when I state that among the cases treated free there were sixty-five individuals suffering from venereal diseases in six months.

Very great credit is due to Dr. Ewart and his staff for the admirable devotion with which they faced the deplorable epidemic of typhoid fever which prevailed during the fall of the year. The resources of the institution were strained to the utmost, and there is no doubt that more accommodation is required, especially for females and surgical cases.

The daily average cost was 3s. 10½d., which is reduced to 3s. 3½d. by patients' payments.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	77
Total under treatment	...	...	...	91
Discharged	...	...	...	74
Died	...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1892	...	...	...	10

Sex.—76 males, 15 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Borough and County of Westport and Buller District.

Nationality.—English, 27; Scotch, 11; Irish, 20; Welsh, 3; New Zealand, 18; Australian, 2; Tasmanian, 3; Shetlander, 1; Norwegian, 3; French, 1; Greek, 1; German, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 46; Roman Catholic, 21; Presbyterian, 12; Lutheran, 2; Wesleyan, 2; Methodist, 3; Baptist, 1; Congregationalist, 1; Salvationist, 2; Greek Church, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,169; individual average days' stay, 45·81. Daily average cost per head, 5s.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Fifty.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.													
Revenue.				£	s.	d.	Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	...	443	16	6	Rations	...	...	...	264	16	6
Local bodies	...	...	...	419	16	7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	...	20	14	9
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	49	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	...	100	3	3
Patients' payments	...	...	...	97	18	3	Fuel and light	...	...	...	27	12	0
Other sources	...	...	...	30	0	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	...	74	10	4
							Salaries and wages	...	...	...	449	6	6
							Funerals	...	...	...	31	5	0
							Repairs	...	...	...	57	15	0
							Insurance	...	...	...	10	0	0
							Other expenses	...	...	...	4	8	0
Total	...	...	...	£1,040	11	4	Total	...	...	...	£1,040	11	4

I found that considerable improvements had been made in this Hospital since my last visit. The ventilation of some of the wards, which I complained of last year, has been attended to, the closets and urinals are improved, and the condition of the surroundings is much better. The number of chronic cases is still a marked feature of the Hospital. The management is good, and the surgeon is very attentive to his patients. There were nine patients on the day of my visit, and none of them made any complaint. There is a slight increase in the number treated during the year, and the daily average cost per patient has been reduced from 6s. 3¹/₄d. to 5s.

REFUGES.

The old people's refuges at Invercargill, Dunedin, Ashburton, Christchurch, Napier, and Auckland, have all been inspected and found to be well and carefully managed. The trustees of the Otago Benevolent Institute still persist in their indefensible system of keeping from forty to fifty children in the same institution as the old people, instead of boarding them out, as they ought to do, under proper supervision.

The Napier Charitable Aid Board have under consideration a scheme, which I hope they will carry out, for securing a suitable refuge in the country. They will thus be enabled soon to abandon the buildings on the hospital hill, which are getting too old for occupation.

D. MACGREGOR, M.A., M.B.,
Inspector of Asylums and Hospitals.

TABLE showing Admissions, Discharges, &c., of Patients at Hospitals for Year ended 31st March, 1892.

Hospitals.	No. of Patients March 31, 1891.	No. of Patients admitted during Year.	Total under Treatment.	No. discharged.	Deaths.	No. remaining March 31, 1892.	Sex.		Total Collective Days Stay in Hospital.	Individual Average Days Stay.	Daily Average Cost of Patient.	Percentage of Cost of Administration on Total Expenditure.*	No. of Outdoor Patients.	
							M.	F.					Individual Cases.	Attendances.
Akaroa	4	17	21	19	..	2	17	4	914	43.50	s. d. 6. 9 ³ / ₄	48.08	15	.. 3
Arrowtown	1	76	77	68	4	5	60	17	1,432	18.60	8 1	47.10	3	..
Ashburton	15	153	168	148	13	7	138	30	4,519	26.90	5 3 ¹ / ₄	31.83	..	..
Auckland	94	954	1,048	847	99	102	719	329	35,164	33.55	4 11 ¹ / ₄	25.94	473	4,101
Blenheim	21	90	111	78	8	25	85	26	7,638	68.81	3 11	30.16	..	..
Christchurch	5	28	33	25	4	4	33	..	2,146	59.00	5 11 ¹ / ₄	45.47	11	179
Christchurch	96	1,076	1,172	975	86	111	756	416	40,020	34.14	3 8 ¹ / ₄	37.47	873	2,620
Coromandel	1	9	10	10	..	..	10	..	243	24.80	40 2	71.11	8	..
Cromwell	2	59	61	55	3	3	51	10	1,332	21.84	12 8 ¹ / ₄	52.01	16	27
Dunedin	84	828	912	705	123	84	578	334	29,822	32.70	4 5	30.80	1,692	7,956
Dunstan	4	36	40	35	2	3	30	10	1,976	34.04	9 8 ³ / ₄	60.75	..	..
Gisborne	7	156	163	133	19	11	113	45	4,160	25.52	5 5 ¹ / ₄	41.43	..	..
Greytown	44	120	164	92	25	47	149	15	15,581	95.00	3 1 ¹ / ₄	52.89	187	603
Greytown	3	55	58	54	3	1	48	10	964	16.62	7 6 ¹ / ₄	44.63	..	..
Hokitika	29	192	221	172	19	30	171	50	11,700	52.94	3 6 ¹ / ₄	39.43	217	348
Invercargill	19	216	235	196	17	22	178	57	8,255	35.13	4 9 ¹ / ₄	42.23	577	1,707
Kumara	12	89	101	82	9	10	80	21	6,908	68.39	2 4 ¹ / ₄	49.10	60	265
Lawrence	9	146	155	137	12	6	108	47	3,970	21.74	5 6 ¹ / ₄	41.37	76	..
Masterton	4	77	81	66	5	10	71	10	2,916	36.00	4 8 ³ / ₄	43.86	..	..
Napier	20	319	339	295	21	23	255	84	8,390	24.75	5 2 ¹ / ₄	39.27	970	..
Naseby	3	56	59	50	4	5	50	9	998	16.91	16 3	52.72	6	20
Nelson	17	98	115	86	10	19	81	34	7,368	64.61	5 5 ³ / ₄	39.34	453	2,516
New Plymouth	10	132	142	120	10	12	110	32	4,099	28.86	6 9	37.62	..	..
Oamaru	12	99	111	94	8	9	30	81	3,960	35.67	4 10	47.42	66	320
Patea	3	25	28	26	1	1	25	3	487	17.39	11 11 ³ / ₄	67.46	..	..
Pictou	7	53	60	47	2	11	56	4	3,086	51.43	3 5 ³ / ₄	49.02	..	..
Queensdown	12	92	104	92	3	9	79	25	2,723	26.18	7 2 ¹ / ₄	44.77	38	75
Reefton	10	90	100	85	10	5	96	4	4,224	42.24	6 0 ¹ / ₄	44.39	86	445
Riverton	12	97	109	95	8	6	71	38	3,646	33.45	6 5 ¹ / ₄	41.63	134	219
Ross	6	32	38	24	5	9	38	..	2,484	65.37	3 8 ¹ / ₄	55.04	..	..
Thames	13	182	195	165	12	18	151	44	5,125	26.28	5 9 ¹ / ₄	48.79	207	527
Timaru	26	219	245	201	16	28	134	111	7,609	31.06	5 5 2 ¹ / ₄	33.62	211	761
Waikato	10	169	179	155	9	15	134	45	5,221	29.17	7 0	28.53	..	..
Waimate	6	96	102	91	6	5	96	30	2,846	27.90	6 10 ¹ / ₄	48.21	64	146
Waipawa	8	209	217	183	17	17	196	21	5,843	27.00	4 7 ³ / ₄	43.25	..	..
Wanganui	22	209	231	187	19	25	203	28	8,093	35.03	3 6 ¹ / ₄	43.53	69	295
Wellington	122	983	1,105	877	84	144	749	356	43,010	38.92	3 10 ¹ / ₄	38.92	2,145	6,232
Westport	14	77	91	74	7	10	76	15	4,169	45.81	5 0	43.17	50	..
Totals	787	7,614	8,401	6,844	703	854	6,006	2,395	301,841	35.93		..	8,712	29,365

* Cost of administration includes salaries, wages, and office expenses.

TABLE showing Receipts on Account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

Hospitals.	From Government.	From Hospital Boards and Local Authorities.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents.	Payments by Patients.	Other Sources.	Balances from Last Year.	Total Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa	155 16 5	155 16 5	95 2 8	..	..	87 19 0	..	3 4 7	311 12 10
Arrowtown	281 3 6	179 9 9	2 2 0	..	..	138 17 0	..	..	646 19 6
Ashburton	773 15 7	520 0 0	2 2 0	..	..	1,435 11 9	68 9 9	..	1,424 14 7
Auckland	2,405 15 9	2,405 15 9	10 10 0	3,121 14 7	207 6 1	1,326 7 0	..	..	9,655 3 8
Blenheim	743 15 4	629 5 5	..	..	..	136 7 0	..	..	1,499 7 9
Christchurch	269 14 0	160 0 0	100 0 0	..	..	723 1 3	16 13 0	545 13 7	658 14 8
Christchurch	3,040 2 10	3,476 18 9	4 17 3	50 0 0	..	9 16 0	..	59 12 8	1,207 12 8
Cromandel	601 14 0	200 0 0	336 10 0	..	..	107 7 1	..	..	665 10 10
Crownwell	189 17 0	189 17 1	136 4 6	..	..	888 8 4	100 11 5	95 6 11	8,795 19 7
Dunedin	4,590 2 8	2,975 8 8	111 9 0	..	..	190 10 6	0 8 0	64 18 0	968 11 11
Dunstan	382 18 0	257 19 6	146 17 9	..	60 16 0	232 0 0	20 4 0	..	1,297 19 0
Gisborne	453 3 3	300 0 0	531 0 4	..	..	36 15 6	5 4 6	..	2,632 19 5
Greymouth	1,327 0 3	731 8 4	163 15 0	7 2 0	..	58 14 0	..	42 1 4	471 15 9
Hokitika	229 3 11	..	569 4 6	..	..	148 12 1	89 9 9	..	2,058 5 10
Invercargill	1,032 2 9	769 15 0	121 18 3	..	5 0 0	232 12 6	..	248 3 4	2,069 17 7
Kumara	253 6 6	83 7 8	197 10 8	..	..	116 0 9	..	..	716 12 1
Lawrence	551 19 0	264 14 0	0 10 0	..	..	531 19 5	..	..	1,311 15 0
Masterton	353 6 11	..	286 1 10	43 19 1	..	116 0 9	..	..	804 8 7
Napier	906 6 8	200 0 0	341 0 9	235 6 0	60 7 6	48 11 0	317 10 0	231 19 3	2,884 9 7
Naseby	370 1 9	245 16 11	61 10 9	..	..	155 5 0	9 10 0	301 1 6	1,036 11 11
Nelson	865 17 6	881 5 0	..	..	83 5 0	439 15 6	3 2 2	..	1,988 14 8
New Plymouth	581 19 2	541 19 3	..	..	..	30 18 1	156 9 6	111 5 0	1,563 13 11
Oamaru	112 17 5	..	102 8 11	..	853 4 6	22 0 2	..	107 6 11	1,367 3 5
Patea	100 0 0	..	..	..	..	84 19 4	..	..	329 7 1
Pieton	240 0 4	208 0 5	..	..	..	259 11 7	..	..	533 0 1
Queenstown	368 19 3	266 5 0	117 0 8	..	..	150 5 3	..	192 5 2	1,011 16 6
Reefton	650 11 10	100 0 0	430 2 8	..	..	136 19 9	0 15 0	..	1,523 4 11
Riverton	559 14 11	504 18 7	74 3 11	..	..	15 5 6	..	11 15 3	1,278 7 5
Ross	154 6 5	133 12 7	103 8 11	..	..	237 12 6	..	19 10 11	406 13 5
Thames	693 4 8	610 0 0	62 11 3	35 0 0	18 0 0	134 4 5	1 5 0	..	1,660 19 4
Timaru	1,018 13 1	1,018 13 0	..	..	14 12 6	465 1 6	..	..	2,222 8 0
Waikato	1,070 12 7	914 12 8	..	..	..	79 1 9	..	2 9 0	2,450 6 9
Waimate	488 1 2	370 0 0	51 4 7	..	..	120 0 6	70 15 0	112 3 8	940 16 6
Waipawa	559 6 3	400 0 0	182 3 8	..	..	234 18 6	22 11 0	90 3 4	1,444 9 1
Wanganui	419 0 8	439 18 11	24 8 0	..	315 13 9	1,242 8 6	18 15 6	987 3 11	1,546 14 2
Wellington	2,530 0 0	2,530 0 0	82 0 3	..	1,514 2 3	97 18 3	30 0 0	..	8,904 10 5
Westport	443 16 6	419 16 7	49 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	1,040 11 4
Totals	30,658 10 4	23,559 15 3	4,736 6 7	3,493 1 8	3,132 7 7	9,318 7 10	995 2 10	3,235 13 11	79,189 6 0

TABLE showing the Expenditure on account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

Hospitals.	Rations or Provisions.	Wine, Ale, &c.	Surgey and Dispensary.	Fuel and Light.	Bedding and Clothing.	Furniture, Crockery, &c.	Washing and Laundry.	Salaries and Wages.	Water-supply.	Funerals.	Repairs.	Additions to Buildings.	Printing, Advertising, Postage, and Stationery.	For Interest.	For Commission.	For Insurance.	Other Expenses.	Total.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa	100 3 7	5 16 0	25 7 8	11 17 6	11 17 6	5 0 10	...	150 0 8	...	...	...	...	1 7 6	1 14 0	...	...	18 1 7	311 12 10
Arrowtown	a 168 4 10	22 17 0	23 17 8	30 6 5	30 6 5	58 3 11	39 12 6	315 16 8	...	3 0 0	...	...	4 17 3	5 3 0	...	3 15 0	31 8 4	576 8 10
Ashburton	352 0 1	198 1 5	123 18 7	624 17 2	184 4 3	204 5 10	104 2 7	375 1 6	...	10 10 0	71 7 1	...	96 15 3	...	...	10 10 0	32 0 6	1,193 17 10
Auckland	1,856 4 5	29 1 6	152 18 7	78 7 2	78 7 2	85 12 6	10 0 0	2,212 6 8	138 10 0	36 0 0	190 5 4	935 10 3	23 13 2	4 5 7	...	13 17 6	94 9 4	9,655 3 8
Blenheim	477 13 1	29 1 6	152 18 7	78 7 2	78 7 2	85 12 6	10 0 0	427 19 4	...	36 0 0	39 12 7	...	12 17 3	0 4 0	...	11 0 0	21 8 0	1,499 7 9
Charleston	204 3 4	6 15 6	58 17 7	18 3 1	18 3 1	11 4 0	...	278 6 6	...	5 0 0	7 0 6	...	60 12 11	11 7 6	...	4 0 0	12 18 2	640 3 11
Christchurch	1,811 12 3	269 19 8	73 14 7	300 9 10	300 9 10	128 12 2	10 0 0	2,170 17 1	...	28 6 0	368 1 6	...	19 8 1	...	...	54 7 6	230 8 3	7,382 0 3
Coromandel	87 10 2	...	28 13 0	...	...	...	...	343 8 8	...	...	...	...	3 15 0	...	...	5 5 0	691 18 0	1,179 15 8
Cromwell	154 2 11	17 6 6	66 9 6	48 8 0	48 8 0	...	...	420 4 11	39 1 11	...	...	689 17 2	19 8 1	...	22 0 0	24 5 0	24 5 0	846 3 1
Dunedin	1,585 16 6	170 17 10	843 11 8	77 2 0	77 2 0	178 6 0	...	2,141 15 5	52 0 11	36 0 0	240 10 8	...	101 17 6	0 7 4	...	31 3 6	606 12 1	7,286 1 10
Dunstan	91 0 11	8 7 0	32 16 8	6 14 11	6 14 11	20 18 2	...	385 0 0	15 12 6	4 0 0	8 16 0	...	22 2 0	0 14 6	...	12 19 6	35 1 0	669 10 7
Gisborne	177 2 7	24 8 7	71 11 0	53 17 4	53 17 4	55 16 0	...	446 19 6	...	...	172 12 5	...	22 5 4	...	...	16 16 3	28 12 4	1,131 16 11
Greytown	684 11 6	80 0 0	55 15 9	...	...	72 15 5	...	1,243 16 0	...	12 2 0	53 7 3	...	56 3 6	27 15 11	...	30 0 0	26 17 8	2,458 9 4
Greymouth	a 92 10 8	1 14 6	30 19 11	5 12 5	5 12 5	17 15 2	...	159 10 8	...	1 2 0	43 3 1	...	38 4 8	...	...	4 10 0	4 17 8	363 6 1
Hokitika	592 0 3	88 2 0	148 16 8	124 3 2	124 3 2	13 4 0	28 10 0	772 6 8	...	30 4 0	35 9 8	...	14 11 6	24 18 2	...	9 4 6	23 5 10	2,057 3 6
Invercargill	389 6 3	30 14 10	166 13 11	88 0 0	88 0 0	74 12 1	54 6 6	791 11 6	4 5 0	15 0 0	18 14 2	...	14 11 6	12 18 9	...	8 15 0	22 12 10	832 15 1
Kumara	266 1 8	37 7 6	44 14 4	12 4 1	12 4 1	15 5 0	...	394 7 6	...	...	22 18 9	...	9 16 1	...	...	1 17 6	49 18 0	933 5 3
Lawrence	176 12 1	8 14 0	56 11 8	27 8 4	27 8 4	10 6 5	...	269 16 2	...	12 0 0	14 6 0	...	26 16 6	...	...	7 7 6	57 5 8	685 0 3
Masterton	409 10 8	34 19 6	198 12 6	166 13 2	166 13 2	91 12 2	...	824 3 1	24 7 9	5 19 6	200 10 9	...	31 14 10	...	...	48 8 3	143 14 2	2,180 6 4
Napier	129 7 8	22 8 6	30 11 0	27 10 10	27 10 10	1 0 0	7 15 0	413 15 4	17 16 0	14 6 0	51 17 0	...	14 17 6	...	...	7 0 0	59 8 4	2,396 13 0
Naseby	448 10 3	54 16 6	145 16 2	160 10 5	160 10 5	61 12 11	...	927 19 0	29 15 0	7 3 0	75 13 0	379 12 0	14 17 6	...	...	...	57 5 8	2,396 13 0
Nelson	295 3 4	41 3 7	141 12 3	120 8 11	120 8 11	...	31 4 0	511 1 7	10 0 0	1 7 0	36 19 1	30 12 2	20 13 11	1 14 7	...	20 18 9	227 5 1	1,563 13 11
New Plymouth	184 16 5	4 4 0	74 16 5	64 6 11	64 6 11	30 0 8	...	454 15 8	...	10 10 0	55 11 3	...	12 12 1	...	...	...	55 1 10	988 19 10
Oamaru	59 1 4	5 2 0	3 9 6	13 14 3	13 14 3	6 0 0	...	194 7 0	...	3 6 6	3 8 6	...	2 13 6	...	...	1 10 0	16 10 5	291 15 7
Patea	121 10 8	15 14 0	31 2 11	18 19 0	18 19 0	11 13 11	15 12 5	249 6 8	...	10 0 0	...	...	12 3 2	...	...	6 8 0	103 4 0	985 6 9
Pictou	207 5 10	...	52 16 4	112 19 1	112 19 1	...	...	441 1 7	...	...	...	...	4 1 0	...	...	...	103 4 0	985 6 9
Queenstown	292 5 8	35 17 5	92 5 6	99 14 10	99 14 10	23 15 6	5 7 5	539 10 0	4 11 10	3 15 0	52 5 4	10 17 6	26 9 0	...	10 6 10	9 3 9	45 17 3	1,275 8 2
Reefton	270 19 0	59 7 5	114 15 4	55 4 2	55 4 2	57 18 5	...	531 9 0	...	7 5 0	...	129 15 4	10 14 9	0 11 8	32 19 5	8 17 0	12 5 1	1,301 17 10
Riverton	121 11 7	...	14 2 6	18 5 10	18 5 10	2 15 6	...	220 0 0	4 10 0	...	...	...	3 14 0	...	...	...	8 11 6	406 13 5
Ross	a 349 0 10	4 17 0	185 7 9	42 10 4	42 10 4	7 10 5	20 13 1	703 0 0	...	5 17 0	44 8 3	98 5 6	22 9 2	...	...	22 14 10	105 7 9	1,583 18 5
Thames	429 8 7	31 7 0	141 14 5	169 13 2	169 13 2	46 13 2	68 10 7	631 6 3	21 17 4	7 14 0	312 4 4	52 19 5	35 10 8	...	...	16 13 5	86 7 8	2,037 6 1
Timaru	336 8 7	22 11 0	202 19 9	129 2 4	129 2 4	26 2 10	...	659 4 8	...	20 7 0	103 1 4	620 0 6	20 10 5	...	...	20 6 0	147 18 6	2,450 6 9
Waikato	168 15 7	11 12 0	57 16 9	60 17 10	60 17 10	39 5 4	13 0 0	455 15 6	...	...	35 15 8	...	14 16 6	...	...	...	106 13 8	976 11 5
Waimate	422 10 7	18 6 6	11 9 9	91 13 4	91 13 4	13 15 11	41 15 7	612 4 9	137 18 4	15 7 6	15 2 8	...	18 1 6	0 17 8	...	...	51 17 0	1,362 8 10
Waipawa	322 18 0	17 4 1	148 3 10	103 9 9	103 9 9	136 11 4	415 2 8	2,544 5 4	54 8 0	27 1 0	184 3 7	426 9 3	60 17 3	4 13 2	22 3 0	8 15 0	59 17 0	1,437 19 10
Wanganui	2,611 12 3	195 19 10	638 4 6	735 18 11	735 18 11	442 5 0	...	2,544 5 4	54 8 0	27 1 0	184 3 7	426 9 3	60 17 3	4 13 2	22 3 0	8 15 0	59 17 0	1,437 19 10
Wellington	264 16 6	20 14 9	100 3 3	27 12 0	27 12 0	74 10 4	...	449 6 6	...	31 5 0	57 15 0	...	...	...	...	10 0 0	221 2 0	8,738 19 7
Westport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 8 0	1,040 11 4
Totals	16,918 13 3	1,635 1 46	325 17 7	4,831 17 6	4,831 17 6	21,582 5 11	867 7 426	143 2 0	475 13 8	491 19 0	2,609 2 4	3,373 19 1	898 0 6	98 16 1	1117 0	3518 2	9,134 16 10	74,039 4 7

a Including fuel and light. b Including £608 1s. 4d., maintenance of nurses' home, and £728 3s. 6d., costs of Lovett's action against the Board. c Including £75 8s., casual ward, Lyttelton.

d Amount paid to Mercury Bay Hospital Committee. e Including interest.

N.B.—In those hospitals where nothing is set down under the heading of "Washing and Laundry," the expenditure on these items is included in "Salaries and Wages," thus adding to the percentage of cost of administration on total expenditure.

Return showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the under-mentioned Charitable Institutions during the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

District.	Balance from Last Year.	Receipts.						Expenditure.					
		From Government.	From Rates.	Repayments by Persons relieved.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents.	Other Sources.	Total.	Indoor Relief.	Outdoor Relief.	Total.	Children's Portion of Expenses.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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Auckland ..	27 0 10	3,873 4 4	2,376 0 7	797 14 1	98 15 9	..	..	9 6 0	12,290 13 8	5,701 19 3	4,199 5 2	9,901 4 5	842 10 5
Coromandel and Thames ..	84 12 4	610 14 4	446 12 2	157 8 8	2 1 0	..	14 14 6	66 6 0	2,264 2 7	1,024 0 7	1,123 10 0	2,147 10 7	522 10 6
Bay of Plenty ..	..	160 14 6	160 14 6	..	..	..	..	27 8 6	1,225 0 4	391 8 8	307 17 3	699 5 11	138 18 0
Cook ..	78 5 5	272 18 2	240 0 0	7 5 0	..	..	..	..	356 2 6	..	235 19 4	235 19 4	..
Hawke's Bay ..	570 12 0	864 9 5	947 14 1	13 0 0	38 7 6	..	40 0 0	3 3 9	642 11 1	246 15 1	360 5 11	607 1 0	67 14 0
Taranaki ..	11 7 6	694 4 6	624 13 7	63 9 6	22 1 2	..	3 0 0	..	2,511 9 11	804 19 1	1,302 2 2	2,107 1 3	204 1 0
Patea and Wanganui ..	198 5 2	678 1 11	708 12 3	..	19 0 0	..	..	..	1,352 5 7	100 12 6	1,251 1 0	1,351 13 6	111 16 6
Palmerston North* ..	..	637 8 5	258 12 5	5 10 0	12 9 0	..	..	1 17 0	1,602 18 4	557 16 7	1,007 6 2	1,565 2 9	318 2 0
Wellington ..	3,167 3 0	4,321 8 11	3,856 19 1	219 7 1	317 0 4	..	42 0 0	906 17 6	13,074 14 1	3,073 1 4	7,049 17 1	10,122 18 5	2,464 3 4
Wairau ..	39 2 8	650 18 7	509 5 1	..	560 18 6	..	..	0 16 0	1,239 7 4	168 16 10	428 8 4	597 5 2	172 15 0
Picton ..	221 14 10	84 6 8	88 14 11	..	39 5 0	..	7 10 0	13 17 6	421 16 11	..	113 18 7	113 18 7	..
Nelson ..	516 13 3	989 2 11	881 5 0	370 2 6	5 13 0	..	..	..	2,829 19 8	1,307 9 6	1,002 7 2	2,309 16 8	688 1 11
Buller ..	..	410 3 6	344 3 5	..	72 16 0	..	..	78 12 5	382 19 4	1,145 18 6	644 3 10	790 2 4	145 18 6
Inangahua ..	80 11 10	400 0 0	400 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	880 11 10	267 19 3	510 16 0	778 15 3	240 14 8
Grey ..	506 10 6	484 0 0	506 1 3	1 0 0	51 16 3	27 7 9	..	..	1,576 15 9	840 10 7	705 13 5	1,546 4 0	622 5 1
Westland ..	..	870 7 4	549 14 11	14 2 6	150 19 0	..	..	..	1,585 3 9	110 5 5	862 8 6	1,972 13 11	55 11 6
Ashburton and N. Canterbury ..	676 16 3	6,808 0 7	6,320 1 8	141 13 8	29 11 11	..	15 14 0	67 17 5	13,382 19 3	4,853 9 5	8,280 7 11	13,133 17 4	2,822 18 5
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North Otago ..	102 2 11	591 8 0	747 19 7	..	42 14 6	..	2 16 0	21 14 5	1,508 15 5	703 1 4	671 6 10	1,379 8 2	639 19 8
Otago United ..	776 8 3	5,521 6 8	5,685 1 9	299 4 5	160 6 0	251 12 7	339 1 4	512 11 8	13,945 12 8	6,345 2 1	8,130 16 2	14,475 18 3	2,572 0 6
Southland ..	160 16 6	1,168 0 5	1,238 10 4	77 3 0	..	..	4 0 0	22 9 3	2,670 19 6	979 1 1	1,450 6 0	2,429 7 1	491 18 0
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* From 3rd December, 1891.

TABLE showing the Number of Cases of Disease and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1891.

Orders, Diseases, &c.	Auckland.		Coro-mandel.		Thames.		Waikato.		Gisborne.		New Plymouth.		Patea.		Napier.		Waipukuruan.		Wellington.		Wanganui.		Masterton.		Greytown.		Picton.		Blenheim.		Nelson.		Westport.		Charles-ton.		Reefton.		Greymouth.		Kumara.		Deaths.			
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2. Chicken-pox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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5. Scarlet Fever (Scarlatina)	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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7. Relapsing Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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12. Cerebro-spinal Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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TABLE showing the Number of Cases and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1891—continued.

Class.	Orders, Diseases, &c.	Hokitika		Ross.		Christ Church.		Akaroa.		Ashburton.		Timaru.		Waimate.		Oamaru.		Dunedin.		Dunstan.		Cromwell.		Arrowtown.		Wakatipu.		Naseby.		Lawrence.		Invercargill.		Riverton.		Total Cases.	Total Deaths.	
		Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.			
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	1. Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2. Chicken-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	3. Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	4. Epidemic Rose-rash ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	5. Scarlet Fever (Scarlatina)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	6. Typhus Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	7. Relapsing Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	8. Influenza ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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	10. Mumps ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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	12. Cerebro-spinal Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	13. Simple and ill-defined Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	14. Typhoid Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	15. Other Miasmatic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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	3. Splenic Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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DISEASES AND DEATHS IN HOSPITALS.

TABLE showing the Number of Cases of Disease and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1891—continued.

Class.	Orders, Diseases, &c.	Auckland.		Coro-mandel.		Thames.		Waikato.		Gisborne.		New Plymouth.		Patea.		Napier.		Waipukurangi.		Wellington.		Wanganui.		Master-ton.		Greytown.		Picton.		Blenheim.		Nelson.		Westport.		Charleston.		Reefton.		Grey-mounth.		Kumara.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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TABLE showing the Number of Cases of Disease and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1891—continued.

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DISEASES AND DEATHS IN HOSPITALS.

TABLE showing the Number of Cases and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1891—continued.

Orders, Diseases, &c.	Auckland		Coromandel		Thames	Waikato	Gisborne	New Plymouth	Patea	Napier	Waipukurau	Wellington	Wanganui	Master-ton	Greytown	Picton	Blenheim	Nelson	Westport	Charles-ton	Reefton	Grey-mouth	Kumara	
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ORDER 3.—Diseases of Circulatory System—contd.																								
11. Varicose Veins, Piles ..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Order 3 ..	64	12	..	..	9	1	1	7	2	1	9	1	10	3	3	3	2	1	5	1	6	4	7	3
ORDER 4.—Diseases of Respiratory System.																								
1. Laryngitis ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Croup ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Other Diseases of Larynx and Trachea ..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Emphysema, Asthma ..	..	..	..	..	7	2	2	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Bronchitis ..	15	2	..	..	8	2	1	14	2	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Pneumonia ..	30	7	..	..	3	1	3	14	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Pleurisy ..	16	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Order 4 ..	64	9	1	..	22	3	12	18	2	2	21	1	83	4	13	5	7	8	12	4	2	13	20	5
ORDER 5.—Diseases of Digestive System.																								
1. Stomatitis, Cancreum Oris ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Dentition ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Sore Throat, Quinsy ..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Dyspepsia ..	10	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Hæmatemesis ..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Melæna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Diseases of Stomach, Gastritis ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Enteritis ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Ulceration, Perforation of Intestine ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine ..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Stricture or Strangulation of Intestine ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Intussusception of Intestine ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Hernia ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Fistula ..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15. Peritonitis ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16. Ascites ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17. Gallstones ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18. Cirrhosis of Liver ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
19. Other Diseases of Liver, Hepatitis, Jaundice ..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20. Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	6	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Order 5 ..	49	4	..	..	18	2	9	7	10	4	48	1	54	4	17	3	3	8	2	11	2	7	10	11
ORDER 6.—Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.																								
1. Diseases of Lymphatic System ..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Diseases of Spleen ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Bronchocele ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Addison's Disease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Order 6 ..	5	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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		Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.				
VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—continued.	ORDER 3.—Diseases of Circulatory System—contd.																																								
	11. Varicose Veins, Piles	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	12. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	Total Order 3	18	7	60	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	ORDER 4.—Diseases of Respiratory System.																																								
	1. Laryngitis	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	2. Croup	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	3. Other Diseases of Larynx and Trachea	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	4. Emphysema, Asthma	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	5. Bronchitis	12	..	33	1	3	14	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	6. Pneumonia	2	..	21	7	..	1	7	1	3	1	5	1	25	12	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	7. Pleurisy	1	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	8. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	Total Order 4	20	..	82	8	3	19	1	27	1	15	1	19	1	74	21	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	ORDER 5.—Diseases of Digestive System.																																								
	1. Stomatitis, Cancrum Oris	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	2. Dentition	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	3. Sore Throat, Quinsy	1	..	17	..	..	6	1	8	..	..	..	..	3	13	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	4. Dyspepsia	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
	5. Hæmatemesis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
6. Melæna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
7. Diseases of Stomach, Gastritis	4	..	13	1	..	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	2	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
8. Enteritis	..	..	3	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
9. Ulceration, Perforation, of Intestine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
10. Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							

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		Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.		
	ORDER 7.—Diseases of Urinary System.																																						
	1. Acute Nephritis ..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	3		
	2. Bright's Disease ..	1	..	1	1	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	23			
	3. Uræmia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1			
	4. Suppression of Urine ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1			
	5. Calculus ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	2			
	6. Hæmaturia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..			
	7. Diseases of Bladder and Prostate ..	..	..	..	..	13	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	8			
	8. Other Diseases of Urinary System ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	5			
	Total Order 7 ..	1	..	1	1	30	3	1	..	6	1	8	1	2	..	4	..	21	7	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	1	3	1	4	1	4	3	216	46		
	ORDER 8.—Diseases of Reproductive System.																																						
	(a.) Diseases of Organs of Generation,—																																						
	1. Ovarian Disease ..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	4			
	2. Diseases of Uterus and Vagina ..	..	..	1	..	33	3	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	26	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	153	4			
	3. Disorders of Menstruation ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..				
	4. Pelvic Abscess ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..			
	5. Perineal Abscess ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..			
	6. Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	..			
	(b.) Diseases of Parturition,—																																						
	7. Abortion, Miscarriage ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1			
	8. Puerperal Mania ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	9. Puerperal Convulsions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	10. Placenta Prævia, Flooding ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1			
	11. Phlegmasia Dolens ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..			
	12. Other Accidents of Childbirth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..		
	(c.) Childbirth (Lying-in Patients) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	Total Order 8 ..	2	..	2	2	64	3	..	..	11	1	7	..	5	..	7	..	56	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	357	10			
	ORDER 9.—Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.																																						
	1. Caries, Necrosis ..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	2	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165	4			
	2. Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis ..	..	..	1	..	23	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	34	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	167	1			
	3. Other Diseases of Organs of Locomotion ..	1	..	3	..	17	..	..	..	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	..			
	Total Order 9 ..	3	..	4	..	76	..	..	..	7	..	17	..	..	..	2	..	63	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	407	5			
	ORDER 10.—Diseases of Integumentary System.																																						
	1. Carbuncle ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1			
	2. Phlegmon, Cellulitis ..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..			
	3. Lupus ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..			
	4. Ulcer, Bed-sore ..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	177	..			
	5. Eczema ..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73	..			
	6. Pemphigus ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	7. Other Diseases of Integumentary System ..	7	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..			
	Total Order 10 ..	19	..	1	..	43	..	..	..	3	..	10	..	3	..	..	..	24	..	1	..	8	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	388	2				
	Total Class VI. ...	109	13	19	4	546	39	8	..	74	7	13	10	39	3	57	3	489	54	17	1	41	1	36	2	63	1	22	4	78	11	107	9	50	8	3,847	356		

