

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	18
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	209
Total under treatment				227
Discharged	...	...	...	191
Died	...	...	...	20
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				16

Sex.—169 males, 58 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Taranaki County, 78; Hawera County, 41; Stratford County, 42; New Plymouth, 45; Clifton County, 13; Waverley, 2; Auckland, 2; Wairarapa, 1; Awakino, 1; Mokau, 2.

Nationality.—English, 55; Scotch, 16; Irish, 29; Colonial, 109; German, 5; Swedish, 2; French, 1; Solomon Islands, 1; Shetlanders, 3; Pole, 2; Indian, 2; Dutch, 1; Danish, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,706; individual average days' stay, 29.54. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 7d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record kept.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.				Expenditure.					
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
From Government	...	800	6	2	Rations	...	309	13	0
Local bodies	...	694	16	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	40	6	3
Subscriptions and donations	...	43	19	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	201	2	5
Patients' payments	...	378	12	8	Fuel and light	...	177	12	2
Rents	...	1	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	64	8	6
					Furniture and earthenware	...	157	9	11
					Washing and laundry	...	141	10	9
					Salaries and wages	...	619	14	1
					Water-supply	...	10	0	0
					Repairs	...	50	11	10
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	35	6	3
					Interest	...	25	3	11
					Insurance	...	20	13	0
					Other expenses	...	65	2	4
Total	...	£1,918	14	5	Total	...	£1,918	14	5

Like Nelson Hospital, this, too, is spacious, well designed, and well equipped, with a small population. I must admit, however, that Taranaki is advancing so rapidly that in a few years its capacity will be required to accommodate the patients of the district. Hawera Hospital, however, drains off a part of the patients that ought to come here. In Dr. Leatham's hands this Hospital is admirably conducted, and the nursing is good. I regret that after many years' faithful and kindly devotion Dr. O'Carroll has been obliged to resign his charge of this institution.

OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	19
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	167
Total under treatment				186
Discharged	...	...	...	156
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				17

Sex.—135 males, 51 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Oamaru, 56; Oamaru district, 96; Dunedin, 4; North Island, 3; other places, 27.

Country.—England, 36; Scotland, 36; Ireland, 35; New Zealand, 65; Australia, 6; Continent of Europe, 8.

Religion.—Church of England, 60; Roman Catholic, 44; Presbyterian, 70; Wesleyan, 4; Salvation Army, 6; Baptist, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,923; individual average days' stay, 31.84. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 155; attendances, 200.