

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ..	175	15	3	Rations ..	300	17	2
Subscriptions and donations ..	98	13	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c ..	47	10	7
Bequest ..	100	0	0	Surgery and dispensary ..	174	3	2
Rents ..	828	4	6	Fuel and light ..	82	14	2
Patients' payments ..	115	19	0	Bedding and clothing ..	44	14	4
Other sources ..	181	12	9	Furniture and earthenware ..	123	12	4
Balance from last year ..	138	7	8	Salaries and wages ..	557	11	7
				Funerals ..	2	19	0
				Repairs and additions ..	39	4	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ..	9	16	3
				Insurance ..	6	12	0
				Other expenses ..	26	4	7
Total ..	£1,638	12	8	Total ..	£1,415	19	10

This Hospital has for many years received my hearty approval, and still continues to deserve it. A movement is on foot to build a new ward, for which a special grant was asked. I was not able to recommend it to the Minister, not because it is not wanted—*i.e.*, the ward—but because many districts are more necessitous.

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ..	24
Admitted during year ..	245
Total under treatment ..	269
Discharged ..	216
Died ..	25
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ..	28

Sex.—193 males, 76 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Palmerston North, 228; Masterton, 3; Wanganui, 13; Wellington, 17; Waipawa, 4; Auckland, 1; New Plymouth, 1; Gisborne, 1; Christchurch, 1.

Nationality.—English, 69; Scotch, 20; Irish, 29; New Zealand, 122; Australian, 3; German, 9; Canadian, 1; Danish, 5; Swedish, 2; Norwegian, 3; Tasmanian, 1; Fijian, 1; American, 1; French, 1; West Indian, 1; Finn, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 136; Roman Catholic, 48; Presbyterian, 33; Wesleyan, 21; Lutheran, 8; Salvation Army, 3; Brethren, 6; Seventh Day Adventists, 1; Primitive Methodist, 6; no religion, 7.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,618; individual average days' stay, 32.04. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record.

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Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ..	770	7	3	Rations ..	396	18	7
Local bodies ..	677	5	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c ..	20	6	4
Subscriptions and donations ..	69	1	9	Surgery and dispensary ..	145	9	4
Patients' payments ..	332	1	5	Fuel and light ..	174	6	10
Other sources ..	14	15	0	Bedding and clothing ..	41	9	8
				Furniture and earthenware ..	47	12	4
				Washing and laundry ..	38	6	7
				Salaries and wages ..	797	3	11
				Funerals ..	7	2	6
				Repairs ..	49	19	2
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ..	16	7	6
				Interest ..	15	9	3
				Insurance ..	31	12	0
				Other expenses ..	115	3	3
Total ..	£1,863	10	11	Total ..	£1,897	7	3

This is a very satisfactory institution. Drs. McIntyre and Wilson are efficient and attentive; the nursing is skilful and kindly, and the management as a whole excellent