

PATEA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	53
Total under treatment	...	...	...	59
Discharged	...	...	...	53
Died	...	...	...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	3

Sex.—36 males, 23 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Stratford to Waitotara.

Nationality.—English, 20; Irish, 5; New Zealand, 27; Scotch, 5; American, 2.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,384; individual average days' stay, 23.46. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 4d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.				Expenditure.					
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
From Government	...	259	18	7	Rations	...	133	13	9
Local bodies	...	200	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	4	2	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	45	15	6	Fuel and light	...	40	9	10
Rents	...	3	10	0	Bedding and clothing	...	19	11	4
Patients' payments	...	83	11	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	38	10	5
Other sources	...	1	1	11	Washing and laundry	...	0	10	0
Balance from last year	...	17	14	11	Salaries and wages	...	211	4	0
					Funerals	...	3	2	6
					Repairs	...	50	5	4
					Additions to buildings	...	75	14	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	9	18	5
					Insurance	...	2	13	3
					Other expenses	...	9	2	0
Total	...	£611	11	11	Total	...	£598	17	4

I found this Hospital had been greatly improved since my last visit. The old kitchen has been converted into a nice little ward, while an addition at the back contains a new kitchen and pantry. I think it is a pity the new part was not made into a ward, so as to take advantage of the beautiful view up the river. I found everything in good order.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	10
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	20
Total under treatment	...	...	...	30
Discharged	...	...	...	16
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	8

Sex.—27 males, 3 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Picton Hospital District, 26; Wellington, 2; Christchurch, 1; Dunedin, 1.

Country.—England, 12; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 6; New Zealand, 2; Wallace Island, 1; Victoria, 1; West Island, 1; France, 1; Germany, 1; Greece, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 17; Roman Catholic, 5; Presbyterian, 6; Greek Church, 1; Freethinker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,523; individual average days' stay, 117.43. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 7.