

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	265	13	10	Rations ...	139	12	1
Local bodies ...	341	3	2	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	21	0	9
Subscriptions and donations ...	5	1	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	49	10	6
Patients' payments ...	8	4	0	Fuel and light ...	38	4	2
Other sources ...	30	7	2	Bedding and clothing ...	15	16	2
				Salaries and wages ...	267	19	0
				Water-supply ...	3	10	0
				Repairs ...	28	7	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	10	14	11
				Interest ...	0	11	0
				Insurance ...	5	0	0
				Other expenses ...	70	3	1
Total ...	£650	9	2	Total ...	£650	9	2

This Hospital is now practically in the hands of Dr. Owen, who is Dr. Scott's partner. I shall be interested to find how the Old-age Pensions Act will affect this institution, since the great majority of the inmates have always been chronic cases. There is a desire on the part of some members of the Board to build a new hospital. This I think would be an unjustifiable waste of public money.

QUEENSTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	11
Admitted during the year ...	111
Total under treatment ...	122
Discharged ...	110
Died ...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	6

Sex.—100 males, 22 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Lake, Vincent, Southland, and Clutha Counties, Dunedin, London.

Country.—New Zealand, 55; England, 9; Ireland, 16; Scotland, 20; Australia, 3; Holland, 3; Germany, 5; Tasmania, 4; Sweden, 2; Malta, 2; America, 1; China, 1; France, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 31; Roman Catholic, 31; Presbyterian, 51; Lutheran, 1; Greek Church, 1; Wesleyan, 1; Baptist, 1; Methodist, 1; Buddhist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,516; individual average days' stay, 28.82. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 89; attendances, 186.

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<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	310	12	11	Rations ...	223	8	11
Local bodies ...	268	10	0	Wines, &c., and surgery and dispensary ...	67	2	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	65	1	5	Fuel and light ...	78	8	5
Patients' payments ...	324	11	0	Salaries and wages ...	421	0	0
Balance from last year ...	272	9	11	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c. ...	97	5	6
				Repairs ...	6	15	6
				Additions (fever ward) ...	263	5	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	1	8	0
				Interest ...	0	9	3
				Insurance ...	15	5	3
				Commission ...	8	16	3
				Other expenses ...	44	12	11
Total ...	£1,241	5	3	Total ...	£1,227	17	6

My visit to this Hospital was made early in the day, so that a little confusion was inevitable. I found the patients all very comfortable, and speaking in the highest terms of the treatment they received. The advantages of this climate in cases of phthisis is becoming so well understood that I think it is only a question of time when this Hospital must be enlarged. Meanwhile the Trustees ought as soon as possible to provide a hot-water supply. As in all our goldfield hospitals, the patients feel as comfortable as if they were at home, and in many cases it is the best home they ever knew, so far as comfort is concerned.