

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	704	4	10	Rations, fuel, and light...	452	8	7
Local bodies ...	617	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	11	16	3
Subscriptions and donations ...	554	4	5	Surgery and dispensary ...	183	9	3
Rents ...	18	0	0	Bedding and clothing, furniture, and earthenware ...	65	8	7
Patients' payments ...	332	15	3	Salaries and wages ...	775	12	7
Balance from last year ...	160	5	1	Water-supply and rates ...	32	5	10
				Funerals ...	18	12	6
				Repairs and additions ...	44	11	7
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	30	0	2
				Insurance ...	15	8	9
				Chloroform-fees ...	91	7	0
				Other expenses ...	53	8	3
Total ...	£2,386	19	7	Total ...	£1,774	9	4

This Hospital, so far as management is concerned—i.e., both as regards the work of the surgeon and the nurses—is one of the best in the colony, but as regards the building it is the very worst. I am thankful that at length the people of the district are showing some indications of a desire to help themselves, so as to make it possible for the Government to give effective aid. Plans for a new hospital have been forwarded to me, but I can never be a party to building a new hospital on the present site—it would be a crime against the future of the Thames were I to do so; while to spend more money on the present building would be quite unjustifiable.

TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	26
Admitted during the year ...	234
Total under treatment ...	260
Discharged ...	213
Died ...	26
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	21

Sex.—155 males, 105 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 234; outside hospital district, 26.

Nationality.—English, 54; Scotch, 24; Irish, 34; Colonial, 143; Swede, 2; Norwegian, 1; German, 1; Belgian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 100; Roman Catholic, 60; Presbyterian, 58; Wesleyan, 20; Salvation Army, 3; Brethren, 3; Congregationalist, 3; Primitive Methodist, 12; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,567; individual average days' stay, 29.10. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 129; attendances, 323.

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Local bodies ...	1,417	10	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	39	14	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	26	10	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	219	6	0
Rents ...	10	0	0	Fuel and light ...	189	4	2
Patients' payments ...	229	7	2	Bedding and clothing ...	103	11	2
Other sources ...	1	0	0	Furniture and earthenware ...	98	10	5
				Washing and laundry ...	28	2	0
				Salaries and wages ...	783	3	5
				Water-supply ...	8	0	0
				Repairs ...	121	13	7
				Additions to buildings ...	881	8	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	48	3	0
				Insurance ...	16	14	6
				Members' travelling-expenses ...	15	18	4
				Other expenses ...	51	5	3
Total ...	£3,101	17	4	Total ...	£3,101	17	4