

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

| <i>Revenue.</i>                 | £    | s. | d. | <i>Expenditure.</i>                                | £    | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| From Government ...             | 211  | 0  | 6  | Rations ...                                        | 150  | 3  | 3  |
| Subscriptions and donations ... | 158  | 4  | 2  | Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...                       | 9    | 5  | 0  |
| Patients' payments ...          | 255  | 3  | 6  | Surgery and dispensary ...                         | 59   | 2  | 3  |
| Balance from last year ...      | 100  | 17 | 1  | Fuel and light ...                                 | 28   | 8  | 6  |
|                                 |      |    |    | Bedding and clothing ...                           | 15   | 16 | 6  |
|                                 |      |    |    | Furniture and earthenware ...                      | 28   | 3  | 0  |
|                                 |      |    |    | Salaries and wages ...                             | 375  | 16 | 0  |
|                                 |      |    |    | Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ... | 7    | 13 | 0  |
|                                 |      |    |    | Interest ...                                       | 0    | 7  | 3  |
|                                 |      |    |    | Insurance ...                                      | 8    | 14 | 9  |
|                                 |      |    |    | Other expenses... ..                               | 49   | 7  | 4  |
| Total ...                       | £725 | 5  | 3  | Total ...                                          | £732 | 16 | 10 |

This Hospital is looked after with the utmost solicitude by the Trustees and the people generally. A very pleasing feature of the general interest in the institution is the fact that a beautiful bookcase has been provided at the Trustees' expense. On the day of my visit there were four men and two women patients. In the fever hospital there was a case of phlegmonous erysipelas, and it was being treated with great care and skill by Dr. Thomson. The condition of the Hospital is quite satisfactory.

## ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

|                                            |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ... | 12  |
| Admitted during the year ...               | 163 |
| Total under treatment ...                  | 175 |
| Discharged ...                             | 152 |
| Died ...                                   | 10  |
| Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...          | 13  |

*Sex.*—140 males, 35 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Rakaia to Rangitata.

*Nationality.*—English, 47; Irish, 43; Scotch, 15; New Zealand, 52; Australians, 12; Welsh, 2; Scandinavian, 4.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 67; Presbyterian, 37; Roman Catholic, 46; Wesleyan, 19; Salvation Army, 2; Lutheran, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,187; individual average days' stay, 18.21. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 2½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—None.

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|---------------------------------|--------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| From Government ...             | 614    | 0  | 11 | Rations and light ...                              | 396    | 14 | 4  |
| Local bodies ...                | 630    | 0  | 0  | Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...                       | 10     | 8  | 8  |
| Subscriptions and donations ... | 1      | 18 | 11 | Surgery and dispensary ...                         | 152    | 7  | 9  |
| Patients' payments ...          | 69     | 11 | 7  | Fuel ...                                           | 56     | 9  | 11 |
| Other sources ...               | 4      | 0  | 0  | Bedding and clothing ...                           | 37     | 14 | 9  |
| Balance from last year ...      | 106    | 8  | 3  | Furniture and earthenware ...                      | 30     | 2  | 11 |
|                                 |        |    |    | Washing and laundry ...                            | 5      | 5  | 0  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Salaries and wages ...                             | 486    | 15 | 8  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Water-supply ...                                   | 11     | 1  | 6  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Funerals ...                                       | 6      | 15 | 0  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Repairs ...                                        | 61     | 7  | 0  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ... | 8      | 17 | 9  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Interest ...                                       | 0      | 2  | 6  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Insurance ...                                      | 10     | 3  | 0  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Commission ...                                     | 0      | 14 | 3  |
|                                 |        |    |    | Other expenses... ..                               | 102    | 18 | 3  |
| Total ...                       | £1,425 | 19 | 8  | Total ..                                           | £1,377 | 18 | 3  |

On the 17th December this Hospital contained six men and three women. The enlarged ward and the new convalescent room are an immense improvement; the latter is in every respect most comfortable, and has a small waiting-room opening out of it. The Matron's household arrangements were all in their usual first-rate order.