

Sex.—76 males, 68 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Marlborough, Nelson, West Coast, Canterbury, Napier, Wellington, Otago, Auckland, Wanganui, Taranaki.

Country.—England, 29; Scotland, 11; New Zealand, 85; Wales, 3; Australia, 1; Germany, 1; France, 7; Africa, 1; Sweden, 4; aboriginals, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 75; Roman Catholic, 20; Presbyterian, 33; Wesleyan, 5; Salvationist, 2; Lutheran, 5; Plymouth Brethren, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,741; individual average days' stay, 60·70. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 11d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s. d.
From Government	...	1,108	0 0	Rations	...	476	17 7
Local bodies	...	1,108	9 7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	9	11 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	68	7 11	Surgery and dispensary	...	274	4 11
Patients' payments	...	481	6 4	Fuel and light	...	114	7 6
Other sources	...	25	11 0	Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware	...	221	10 6
				Salaries and wages	...	687	1 8
				Funerals	...	31	5 0
				Repairs	...	56	3 9
				Additions to buildings...	...	701	15 0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	41	4 7
				Insurance	...	19	2 9
				Commission	...	25	12 10
				Other expenses	...	132	17 3
Total	...	£2,791	14 10	Total	...	£2,791	14 10

This Hospital, in Dr. Cleghorn's hands, has gained such a hold on the public approval that it is quite a pleasure to find that the whole of Blenheim is proud (not of the hospital building, that would be impossible), but of the way it is conducted. I concur in the local judgment.

CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	7
Admitted during the year... ..	28
Total under treatment	35
Discharged	27
Died	4

Remaining on 31st March, 1899 4

Sex.—35 males.

Localities from which Patients came.—Charleston district, Westport, Brighton, Cape Foulwind, Addison's Flat, Christchurch.

Nationality.—Irish, 12; Scotch, 5; English, 4; New Zealand, 10; Orkney Islands, 1; Australia, 2; Denmark, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 9; Presbyterian, 6; Roman Catholic, 20.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,824; individual average days' stay, 80·68. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 6¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 9; attendances, 144.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	283	0	8	Rations	...	...	191	9	10
Local bodies	...	...	163	6	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	1	5	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	135	19	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	59	15	7
Rents	...	...	15	0	0	Fuel and light	...	...	15	5	2
Patients' payments	...	...	66	16	4	Bedding and clothing	...	...	19	8	4
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	1	3	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	235	0	0
						Funerals	...	...	6	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	3	1	6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	7	15	10
						Insurance	...	...	2	7	3
						Other expenses	...	...	27	2	10
Total	...	...	£664	3	2	Total	...	...	£569	14	4

As a relic of the departed glory of a great mining centre, this institution survives as a comfortable refuge mostly for old broken-down diggers, with an occasional acute case or accident. It is well looked after.