

GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	52
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	150
Total under treatment				202
Discharged	...	...	...	127
Died	...	...	...	27
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				48

Sex.—179 males, 23 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Grey Valley, 140; Marsden, 14; Dunganville, 15; South Beach, 10; North Beach, 8; Kumara, 1; Reefton, 1; Otira, 2; Jackson, 8; shipping, 3.

Country.—England, 53; Ireland, 64; Scotland, 47; New Zealand, 11; Scandinavia, 7; Italy, 3; China, 11; Germany, 4; France, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 50; Roman Catholic, 78; Presbyterian, 33; Lutheran, 11; Confucian, 11; Wesleyan, 19.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 16,585; individual average days' stay, 82.10. Daily average cost per head, 8s.; less patients' payments, 2s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 139; attendances, 241.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	1,135	8	5	Rations	...	...	767	14	6
Local bodies	...	...	645	16	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	57	8	11
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	391	18	10	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	104	19	7
Rents	...	...	10	0	0	Fuel and light	...	...	155	5	1
Patients' payments	...	...	87	18	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	153	4	3
Other sources	...	...	7	10	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	22	8	0
						Washing and laundry	...	...	84	0	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	789	8	4
						Funerals	...	...	80	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	88	18	8
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	66	9	2
						Interest	...	...	30	2	0
						Insurance	...	...	30	0	0
						Other expenses	...	...	54	6	8
Total	...	...	£2,278	11	11	Total	...	...	£2,484	5	2

This is the Hospital of all others where the benefits of the Old-age Pensions Act can best be observed when sufficient time has elapsed. It has always been a well-managed institution so far as the comfort of the patients and their skilful medical and surgical treatment is concerned. The nucleus of a fine new hospital of the most approved design is to be built a little distance to the south of the old building, which will then apparently be used for an old man's home. I have never been in favour of having the two institutions in such close proximity, but now I suppose it is too late to object.

HAWERA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	65
Total under treatment				68
Discharged	...	...	...	57
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				3

Sex.—54 males, 14 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawera, 59; Stratford, 3; Auckland, 2; Taranaki, 1; Nelson, 1; Halcombe, 1; Wanganui, 1.

Nationality.—Colonial, 27; English, 16; Irish, 10; Scotch, 9; German, 3; Norwegian, 1; Swede, 1; Canadian, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,737; individual average days' stay, 25.54. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.