

NAPIER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	29
Admitted during the year	...	...	344
Total under treatment			373
Discharged	...	...	316
Died	...	...	16
Remaining on 31st March, 1899			41

Sex.—238 males, 135 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawke's Bay and adjoining districts.

Country.—England, 64; Scotland, 31; Ireland, 40; New Zealand, 175; Victoria, 30; Germany, 3; Norway, 4; America, 3; Wales, 4; Denmark, 6; Queensland, 5; New South Wales, 4; Guernsey, 3; Isle of Man, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 190; Roman Catholic, 74; Presbyterian, 60; Wesleyan, 29; Lutheran, 4; Salvation Army, 3; Congregationalist, 6; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Baptist, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 9,803; individual average days' stay, 26.28. Daily average cost per head, 6s.; less patients' payments, 5s. 2d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 882.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,857	16	11	Rations	758	9	0
Local bodies	1,250	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	26	13	6
Subscriptions and donations	444	16	3	Surgery and dispensary	184	1	8
Bequest	450	13	9	Fuel and light	206	9	8
Rents	60	7	6	Bedding and clothing, furniture, and earthenware	291	12	7
Patients' payments	413	8	0	Salaries and wages	1,261	18	9
Other sources	4	17	4	Water-supply	41	13	9
Balance from last year	9	1	8	Additions to buildings, and repairs	824	16	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	35	7	4
				Interest	0	3	6
				Insurance	73	11	9
				Commission	9	12	0
				Other expenses	50	16	9
Total	£4,491	1	5	Total	£3,765	6	11

This is an excellent Hospital, and is in all respects in admirable order. A practice, however, has been allowed to grow up here which, up to the present in spite of my remonstrances, still continues. Outside practitioners are allowed to send in any patients they please, treat them themselves, and charge what they like after the hospital costs are paid. Not only this, but the honorary staff are allowed to charge in the same way. The Minister has given instructions that no further subsidy is to be paid till this practice is forbidden.

NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	10
Admitted during the year	...	...	143
Total under treatment			153
Discharged	...	...	134
Died	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1899			9

Sex.—107 males, 46 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Naseby, 32; Gimmerburn, 12; Kyeburn, 13; Eweburn, 10; Wedderburn, 7; Hamilton's, 10; St. Bathans, 6; Hyde, 15; Patearoa, 18; Cambrian's, 1; Pigroot, 1; Ida Valley, 2; Gore, 1; Bald Hill, 4; Macrae's, 1; Upper Kyeburn, 4; Rough Ridge, 1; Eweburn Reservoir, 1; Kokonga, 1; Dunedin, 1; Waipiata, 1.

Country.—England, 19; Scotland, 24; Ireland, 17; New Zealand, 63; China, 7; Victoria, 4; Tasmania, 2; Holland, 1; Jersey, 1; Malta, 1; Germany, 1; United States of America, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 37; Roman Catholic, 37; Presbyterian, 55; Confucian, 7; Salvationist, 3; Lutheran, 1; Wesleyan, 1; Jewish, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,162; individual average days' stay, 27.20. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 42; attendances, 97.