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HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON THE), BY THE INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The INSPECTOR of HOSPITALS and CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS to the Hon. the MINISTER of
EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Last year I went fully into the general problem of the management of our hospitals. This year I have judged it best to give Mrs. Neill the opportunity of setting forth independently the conclusions she has drawn from her experience of our charitable institutions. Her report is as follows :—

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit to you a report dealing with poor relief throughout New Zealand, based on observations made since I entered the department in May, 1895.

Poor relief in New Zealand is called “charitable aid,” and is distributed either by Charitable Aid Boards, or through the medium of “separate institutions,” usually called “benevolent societies.”

We have twenty-three Charitable Aid Boards and eight “separate institutions” that are relief-distributing bodies. In addition to these, twenty-two of the hospitals are “separate institutions,” and five other institutions are each devoted to some special purpose. The special duty of a Charitable Aid Board is to levy a poor rate. “The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885,” section 21, requires each Board, before the 31st March annually, to ascertain the amount of the expenditure required for the maintenance of institutions and for outdoor relief in its district during the coming year, and to allocate the proportion of such expenditure to be contributed by each local authority within its district. Every three years the Governor, by Order in Council, apportions the representation of these various local bodies on the District Board in proportion to population and amount contributed. No local authority can have more than four members, and the smaller ones are grouped so as to return either one or more representative members.

“Separate institutions” in each district furnish the District Charitable Aid Board with an estimate of the amount they will require during the coming year, and practically the District Board must meet their claim. For the incorporation of a “separate institution” “The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885,” sections 38, 42, and 43, and also the Amendment Act, 1886, section 31, provide that it must be supported in whole or part by the voluntary contributions of not less than one hundred persons, who shall have signified their intention to contribute, in sums of not less than 5s., a yearly amount of £100. However, experience has shown that in some cases, after a “separate institution” is incorporated, the voluntary contributions become a very small proportion of the expenditure, and the support of the “separate institution” devolves in reality on local rates, together with the Government subsidy thereon, whilst neither the Charitable Aid Board nor the central authority has power to reform or to abolish it. These incorporated institutions are governed by not less than six nor more than nine Trustees. If the voluntary contributions amount to less than one-sixth of the total amount required for maintenance, the voluntary contributors elect two of the nine, and the remaining seven are elected by the local authorities who contribute to the maintenance of the institution through the compulsory rate levied by the District Charitable Aid Board. Take as instances the two largest “separate institutions” we have—the Wellington Benevolent Trust and the Otago Benevolent Institution. For the year 1897–98, the former expended a total of £7,759, and voluntary contributions to the institution amounted to only £54; the latter expended a total of £10,736, and the voluntary contributions amounted to £344.

The outcome of this dual method is that a District Charitable Aid Board levies requisite funds by rating, and receives a subsidy from the consolidated revenue of £1 for £1 on these rates, and if poor relief is dealt with by a "separate institution"—i.e., a benevolent society—the District Board hands over to its Trustees the amount they apply for, and has no further responsibility. The Government, out of consolidated revenue, supplies more than half the total amount, but neither the Government nor the District Board is directly represented on the Board of Trustees. Further, neither the Government department nor the District Board have the smallest control over the management or expenditure of these "separate institutions," beyond merely the Government auditing of accounts. Thus "separate institutions" are practically irresponsible bodies, distributing public money for the relief of the poor. Neither are Charitable Boards responsible for either expenditure or administration to any central authority.

The total amount expended on charitable aid in New Zealand for 1898–99 (exclusive of hospitals) was £93,070, an increase of £6,997 over the previous year. Of this amount £50,850 was distributed in outdoor relief.

The diversity of working under the Act of 1885 is best illustrated by noting the methods adopted in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

The Auckland Charitable Aid Board, for the year ending the 31st March, 1899, expended £4,039 on indoor relief, £5,993 on outdoor, a total of £10,032. In Auckland there are no "separate institutions" for the relief of the poor, the District Hospital and Charitable Aid Board have control of distribution. Mr. Garland, the secretary, has one or more clerks in the office, and the records of all cases are filed for reference. Mr. and Mrs. Strathern are the Visiting Officers. No printed list of recipients is issued, but a yearly statement of accounts is sent to the Government department. Contracts for supply of groceries, &c., are let to local firms, and the value of a single ration is from 2½d. to 3½d. In 1898 the amount given in cash, chiefly rents paid, was £2,004. The Costley Home is an admirably managed institution. There is an atmosphere of content and comfort unusual in these homes, and I was impressed with the friendly feeling existing between Mr. and Mrs. Moss and the inmates. On the 25th June there were one hundred and forty men and fifty-eight women in the Costley Home. Mrs. Moss has one nurse-assistant, and Mr. Moss has one day- and one night-assistant on the male side. The dinner was excellent and plentiful, and the inmates were tidily clothed and seated in orderly fashion at table. Both in building construction and management the Costley Home is to be commended.

The Wellington and Wairarapa Charitable Aid Board, for the year ending the 31st March, 1899, expended a total of £3,678. Wellington has four "separate institutions." Three of these are favourable examples of the intention of the Act—viz., the Wellington Ladies' Christian Association, and the two very excellently managed institutions, the Convalescent Home and the Society for the Relief of the Aged Needy. These three make no claim on the District Charitable Aid Board, but maintain themselves by voluntary contributions, aided by a subsidy of £1 4s. in the pound from the consolidated revenue. The fourth "separate institution" is the Wellington Benevolent Trust. It expended in the year ending the 31st March, 1899, £5,664 upon outdoor relief, and £3,340 upon indoor relief, a total of £9,004. In 1898 the amount distributed in cash, chiefly rents paid, was £2,742. It will be seen that a large and increasing amount of money from rates and Government passes through the hands of the Wellington Benevolent Trust, yet the clerical arrangements are well nigh as primitive as they were thirteen or fourteen years ago. The secretary, Mr. A. G. Johnson, has no clerk in the office, and records of cases have not been kept on file for reference. Contracts for groceries, meat, &c., are let to local firms, and the value of a single daily ration is 2½d. A monthly printed list of recipients and their addresses is furnished to the Government department, also a yearly statement of accounts, although this is not obligatory by Act. About two years ago a much needed reform was made in the appointment of Mrs. Dudfield as Visitor. The Benevolent Trustees have sole responsibility for the Ohiro Road Home. On the date of my last visit, 8th November, 1898, there were 98 inmates, 66 men and 32 women. The new wing recently added to the building gives better accommodation to the women. Some improvements in diet and in the manner of serving the food have been made this year. Public feeling made itself heard a few months ago on the subject of a bequest to the officers. An aged inmate died after a residence of three years, leaving, by a will made shortly after admission, a bequest of some £300 to Mrs. McCleary and her daughters. The Trustees have now made a rule to prevent the future occurrence of such a grave irregularity.

The Ashburton and North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board undertake the poor relief in their district. There is only one "separate institution" in Christchurch—the Samaritan Home. For the year ending the 31st March, 1899, this Charitable Aid Board expended £8,256 on outdoor relief, £7,311 on indoor relief, a total of £15,567. In 1898 the amount given in cash, chiefly rents paid, was £3,342. Investment of bequests, &c., made from time to time to this Board, entail a good deal of clerical work, and the secretary, Mr. Norris, has three clerks. The books and all record files of cases are well kept, and in addition to this the Board has taken the progressive step of supplying ration-orders in their own store, thus insuring both quality and weight of goods, as well as a greater variety of necessaries to choose from. There are obvious evils attached to the contract system of supplying rations, from every point of view but that of the contractor. A printed list, giving names, addresses, causes of poverty, &c., is issued quarterly, and a copy of the annual statement of accounts sent to the department. Mrs. Carpenter has held the position of Visitor for nearly four years, and has carried out difficult duties with tact and kindness. The Ashburton Old Men's Home, with Armagh Street Depot as Receiving-house, the Jubilee Home for Aged Persons, and the Female Refuge at Linwood, are all institutions under the Board. Ashburton Home (sixty-six inmates on the 17th December) has very much improved under Mr. and Mrs. Morissey. Comfort, good food, and order now prevail, but the ramshackle old building should be destroyed. The Armagh Street Depot has at last been reformed and rebuilt, and is

occupied by thirteen old men. The Jubilee Home (sixty-eight inmates) has had a wing added for married couples, and is now one of the most complete and comfortable homes for aged persons in the colony. The Linwood Female Refuge is for unmarried girls with their first baby. On the 5th December there were seventeen mothers and fourteen babies. I can give nothing but praise to the humane and kindly management of this institution.

The Otago United Charitable Aid Board raises the money required, pays for children in the Industrial School, and supports a Female Refuge. On the 20th December there were nine girls and six children in the latter. Dunedin has one "separate institution"—the Otago Benevolent Institution. Its expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1899, was £6,975 on outdoor relief, and £4,180 on indoor relief. Its conditions of management are very similar to those of the Wellington Benevolent Trust, except that the Dunedin Trustees undertake no boarding-out of children. Contracts for ration supplies are let. There is no woman Visitor; the duty of inquiring into cases devolves upon Mr. Mee, the master of the Caversham Home. On the 8th December there were 289 inmates in the Caversham Home, 227 men and 62 women. The matron has no trained nurse as permanent assistant, nor has Mr. Mee either a night- or a day-assistant on the male side. A much-required laundry has been added this year. One ward of fifteen beds is entirely occupied by Chinese men.

In Timaru relief is carefully administered by the South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board. This Board also has taken the progressive step of supplying its own ration-orders. Mr. Orwin, the secretary, finds that it works far more satisfactorily than the old contract plan.

Country districts as a rule distribute rations by orders on local stores, and I have seen returns where articles supplied by no means come under the head of necessaries of life. There is a feeling that country districts pay rates for distribution amongst the town population, and a corresponding inclination to bring some of the money back into the country whenever possible.

The old buildings at Napier, Ashburton, and Oamaru should be condemned as unfit for their present purpose. Utterly inadequate provision is made by the Boards for infirm, imbecile, paralytic, and incurable cases. There is no efficient, and but little even humane, nursing of helpless old age, the sick and infirm being usually left to the tendance of one of their own kind. The west coast of the South Island must be excepted from this, for in that district the hospitals are largely used as old men's homes.

In dealing with deserted and neglected children there is room for reform. Under "The Infant Life Protection Act, 1896," the homes where infants are boarded out for payment must be licensed, and come under the supervision of the Police Department. Infants taken into a home, if payment is not avowedly made, come under no public guardianship. Deserted, orphaned, or neglected children may be committed by a Magistrate to an industrial school, and thus come under the care of the Education Department, whilst the Charitable Aid Board of the district is responsible for their maintenance. Or the Board, if of economical inclination, may place out these children at a lower rate of payment within its own town or district. In some instances small settlers have taken such children off the hands of the Board without legal adoption. Again, a "separate institution" may board out these little ones in town slums with very poor families and but slight and perfunctory supervision. Perhaps a family is orphaned, and some neighbour with a small shop and a large family offers to take a girl of ten or twelve years, who then becomes an unpaid little drudge, and unless actual cruelty can be proved no one interferes. There is no definite or comprehensive State guardianship of children, responsible for their development into healthy, self-respecting members of the commonwealth.

I have, &c.,

The Inspector-General.

GRACE NEILL, Assistant Inspector.

ARROWTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	102
Total under treatment	...	...	...	104
Discharged	...	...	...	93
Died	...	...	...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	8

Sex.—76 males, 28 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Arrow, Macetown, Cardrona, Skipper's, Wanaka, Bannockburn, Arrow Flat, Cromwell, Gibbston, Miller's Flat.

Country.—England 12; Ireland, 10; Scotland, 11; New Zealand, 46; Australia, 8; Tasmania, 5; Germany, 3; Denmark, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 26; Presbyterian, 36; Wesleyan, 4; Roman Catholic, 23; Agnostic, 1; Lutheran, 3; Baptist, 2; Quaker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,668; individual average days' stay, 16.03. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 8¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 130; attendances, 183.

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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
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.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	139
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,287
Total under treatment				1,426
Discharged	...	...	...	1,177
Died	...	...	...	116
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				133

Sex.—980 males, 446 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and suburbs, 843; Auckland District, 332; Auckland North, 107; Auckland South, 85; shipping, 59.

Nationality.—English, 363; Scotch, 86; Irish, 166; New Zealand, 637; Australian, 43; Norwegian, 23; American, 21; German, 21; French, 4; Austrian, 8; Danish, 9; Chinese, 2; Indian, 12; South Sea Islands, 9; Portuguese, 4; Italians, 6; Africans, 4; Jersey-Islander, 1; Maltese, 2; Russian, 1; Greek, 2; Canadian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 748; Roman Catholic, 327; Baptist, 17; Wesleyan, 86; Presbyterian, 171; Congregationalist, 11; Salvationist, 17; Lutheran, 13; Jewish, 4; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Methodist, 19; Church of Christ, 5; Freethinker, 1; Theosophist, 2; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 47,284; individual average days' stay, 33.15. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 4d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 2d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 471; attendances, 5,232.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	3,245	9	8	Rations	...	2,448	19	0
Local bodies	...	3,245	9	9	Nurses' Home maintenance	...	773	12	11
Subscriptions and donations	...	600	13	9	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	145	6	6
Bequests	...	3,805	15	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	1,136	16	4
Rents	...	232	18	4	Fuel and light	...	758	13	0
Patients' payments	...	2,795	13	3	Bedding and clothing	...	220	3	5
Other sources	...	6	6	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	410	2	6
					Washing and laundry	...	316	5	6
					Salaries and wages	...	2,920	14	6
					Water-supply	...	240	9	0
					Funerals	...	23	4	0
					Maintenance of grounds	...	118	15	4
					Repairs	...	220	4	9
					Additions to buildings	...	3,617	16	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	208	7	0
					Legal expenses	...	15	19	6
					Insurance	...	31	6	3
					Proportion of office expenses	...	273	2	2
					Other expenses	...	52	8	5
Total	...	£13,932	6	1	Total	...	£13,932	6	1

This Hospital has worked satisfactorily during the year. I regret that the Matron, Miss Squire, found it necessary to resign on the ground of ill-health. Mrs. Neill and myself had observed a great improvement in discipline of the nurses as well as in the orderliness of the wards after she took charge. Her successor struck me as being a capable and kindly Matron, quite competent, from her ability and experience, to keep up and carry forward the work of improvement. For reasons which have been explained to Mr. Stichbury it would appear to be advisable to have a night-superintendent to take control of the nursing. The new children's hospital was not quite finished on the date of my visit, but it is a handsome building, well planned, and well built, and will be an immense addition to the resources of the institution. The overmanning of the resident medical staff is already beginning to show its effects. It is too much to have an expensive superintendent and two assistants resident in a hospital of this size. The Nurses' Home is very complete; a wing set apart for night-nurses meets a necessity overlooked in our other Nurses' Homes.

BLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	25
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	119
Total under treatment				144
Discharged	...	...	...	114
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				17

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.

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	71
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,370
Total under treatment				1,441
Discharged	...	...	...	1,239
Died	...	...	...	111
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				91

Sex.—851 males, 590 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Christchurch, 589; Suburbs, 413; North Canterbury district, 227; Lyttelton, 48; Dunedin, 2; Akaroa, 11; Ashburton, 3; Timaru, 2; Gore, 1; Temuka, 1; no home, 144.

Country.—New Zealand, 702; England and Wales, 404; Ireland, 159; Scotland, 94; Australia, 38; Germany, 6; France, 2; Denmark, 4; Sweden, 9; Italy, 3; Switzerland, 1; India, 2; Tasmania, 7; Belgium, 2; Austria, 3; Norway, 3; Finland, 1; Syria, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 655; Roman Catholic, 205; Presbyterian, 186; Wesleyan, 120; Baptist, 20; Congregationalist, 5; Lutheran, 25; Church of Christ, 3; Salvationist, 18; Bible Christian, 6; Plymouth Brethren, 3; Jewish, 2; Greek Church, 1; unknown, 192.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 31,475; individual average days' stay, 21·84. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 756; attendances, 6,679.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	4,130	6	7	Rations	...	1,848	8	2
Local bodies	...	4,767	5	3	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	70	1	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	36	14	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	690	14	5
Patients' payments	...	470	6	5	Fuel and light	...	835	14	4
Other sources	...	59	3	4	Bedding and clothing	...	213	12	7
Balance from last year	..	4,363	3	7	Furniture and earthenware	...	45	13	11
					Salaries and wages	...	3,504	14	11
					Funerals	...	26	18	6
					Repairs	...	310	16	8
					Additions to buildings	...	1,766	3	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	71	11	6
					Insurance	...	70	12	5
					Commission	...	6	1	6
					Other expenses	...	1,683	10	3
Total	...	£13,826	19	2	Total	...	£11,144	13	5

The hope of attaining continued peace in the administration of this Hospital seems still a long way off. It seems to afford a signal example of the turmoil that in some centres seems to be inseparable from the popular control of such institutions. The people of Christchurch, it seems to me, take fits of furious fault-finding, and then sink into a state of lethargic neglect as to the persons into whose hands they commit the control. Perhaps the more glaring instance of bungling that has come under my observation is the history of the fine new Hyman Marks pavilion. In June last I wrote to the Board, pointing out that the plastering all over was so full of myriads of cracks that no surgeon would dare to use any part of it for hospital purposes. It has stood useless ever since, though for years the Board was clamouring for fresh accommodation. Though any person by simple inspection could not fail to see that the whole must be stripped, yet at my last visit they were actually putting up an electric-lighting apparatus over this plaster. Dr. Fox and the chairman were at daggers drawn, and I felt very despondent as regards the Hospital government; yet the medical work was well done, and the discipline admirable.

AKAROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	...
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	19
Total under treatment				19
Discharged	...	...	...	17
Died	...	...	...	1
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				1

Sex.—11 males, 8 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Akaroa County.

Country.—New Zealand, 9; England, 4; Scotland, 2; Ireland, 2; Germany, 1; Denmark, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 8; Presbyterian, 4; Roman Catholic, 5; Lutheran, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 370; individual average days' stay, 19·47. Daily average cost per head, 16s. 5d.; less patients' payments, 15s. 4d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	141	17 7	Rations ...	76	17 2
Derived from North Canterbury Hospital Board, of which it is a branch hospital ...	141	17 7	Surgery and dispensary ...	6	18 6
Patients' payments ...	20	0 0	Fuel and light ...	22	13 6
			Salaries and wages ...	150	0 0
			Other expenses ...	47	6 0
Total ...	£303	15 2	Total ...	£303	15 2

COROMANDEL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	7
Admitted during the year ...	71
Total under treatment ...	78
Discharged ...	64
Died ...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	9

Sex.—61 males, 17 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Coromandel, 23; Auckland, 5; Paeroa, 2; Kuatunu, 2; Mercury Bay, 1; Napier, 1; Wanganui, 1; Manaia, 10; Opitonui, 3; Cabbage Bay, 2; Mercer, 2; Thames, 6; Whangapoua, 1; Kennedy's Bay, 8; Huntley, 2; Otago, 7; Australia and Tasmania, 2.

Nationality.—English, 9; Irish, 20; Scotch, 7; New Zealand, 28; Maori, 10; Swiss, 1; Indian, 1; United States of America, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,781; individual average days' stay, 35·65. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 4d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 149; attendances, 243.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	1,031	6 7	Rations ...	242	12 1
Local bodies ...	450	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter ...	7	4 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	458	11 4	Surgery and dispensary ...	104	8 2
Patients' payments ...	81	2 0	Fuel and light ...	48	2 8
Balance from last year ...	1,127	13 9	Bedding and clothing ...	18	1 5
			Furniture and earthenware ...	134	19 8
			Washing and laundry ...	27	12 7
			Salaries and wages ...	501	3 0
			Erection new Hospital ...	1,785	4 4
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	13	7 10
			Insurance ...	13	11 3
			Other expenses ...	131	2 7
Total ...	£3,148	13 8	Total ...	£3,027	9 7

At last Coromandel has got its new Hospital. It is built on a suitable site, well planned, well built, and admirably managed by Sister Mary Gonzaga and two other sisters. These ladies receive nothing for their services, and yet I cannot too highly praise the efficiency of their work. Dr. Bull and his partner, Dr. Cheeseman, have made this, as regards the quality of its medical and surgical work, one of the best hospitals in the colony.

CROMWELL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	2
Admitted during the year ...	42
Total under treatment ...	44
Discharged ...	38
Died ...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	1

Sex.—41 males, 3 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Bannockburn, 10; Cromwell, 6; Nevis, 7; Lowburn, &c., 2; Wanaka and Hawea, 5; Tarras, 5; Mount Pisa, 5; Kawarau, 1; Bendigo, 1; Roaring Meg, 1; Roxburgh, 1.

Country.—England, 9; Scotland, 14; Ireland, 7; New Zealand, 8; Norway, 3; China, 2; Germany, 1.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 6; Confucian, 2; Protestant, 36.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,367; individual average days' stay, 31.06. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 6d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 43; attendances, 89.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	333	11	8	Rations	...	...	87 17 2
Local bodies	...	...	233	1	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	5 10 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	113	10	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	36 10 9
Patients' payments	...	...	60	9	5	Fuel and light	...	...	17 14 6
Other sources	...	...	3	19	4	Bedding and clothing	...	...	3 10 4
Balance from last year	...	...	67	11	9	Salaries and wages	...	...	392 6 0
						Water-supply	...	...	25 0 0
						Funerals	...	...	8 0 0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	16 2 0
						Insurance	...	...	8 12 6
						Other expenses	...	...	40 3 3
Total	...	...	£812	3	3	Total	...	...	£641 6 6

This institution, ever since the lamented death of Mr. Spence Turton, its Chairman for many years, has fallen on evil days. I made a special visit in midwinter to endeavour to smooth things over, but failed, owing to the embittered state of feeling which prevailed between the two parties—the doctor's party on the one side and the party which wished to get rid of him on the other. The patients, however, were well looked after through it all. Irregularities in the election of Trustees had for the time paralysed the government of the Hospital. Only time and increased vigilance on the part of the local authorities can reduce things to order.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	99
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,081
Total under treatment	...	...	1,180
Discharged	...	...	975
Died	...	...	106
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	99

Sex.—723 males, 457 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Dunedin and suburbs, 746; Abbotsford, 6; Allanton, 2; Alexandra, 2; Burke's, 5; Burnside, 3; Berwick, 6; Broad Bay, 2; Clinton, 4; Clutha, 14; Catlin's, 15; Clyde, 2; Cromwell, 3; Green Island, 17; Greymouth, 3; Gore, 2; Lawrence, 3; Invercargill, 2; Kaitangata, 9; Kelso, 7; Milton, 14; Mosgiel, 25; Middlemarch, 6; Oamaru, 6; Port Chalmers, 26; Palmerston, 12; Peninsula, 13; Ravensbourne, 10; Seacliff, 6; Tapanui, 5; Taieri, 20; Timaru, 6; Waikouaiti, 6; Warepa, 3; Waihola, 5; others, 164.

Country.—New Zealand, 523; England, 205; Ireland, 142; Scotland, 184; Victoria, 20; Tasmania, 11; China, 26; United States, 7; Norway, 7; New South Wales, 4; Sweden, 4; Germany, 3; Denmark, 4; Finland, 3; Shetland, 3; Orkney, 2; France, 2; Jersey, 2; India, 2; born at sea, 5; Italy, 1; Isle of Skye, 1; Guernsey, 1; Portugal, 1; others, 17.

Religion.—Presbyterian, 426; Church of England, 345; Roman Catholic, 216; Confucian, 25; Baptist, 35; Wesleyan, 42; Salvationist, 12; Methodist, 12; Church Brethren, 12; Lutheran, 10; Congregationalist, 9; Church of Christ, 9; Jewish, 6; Christadelphian, 1; Spiritualist, 1; Farly-Hallite, 1; Bible Christian, 1; Primitive Methodist, 1; others, 16.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 34,182; individual average days' stay, 28.96. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,790; attendances, 5,556.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	2,979	3	10	Rations	...	1,927	11	8
Local bodies	...	2,700	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	196	16	3
Subscriptions and donations	...	219	11	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	849	12	2
Patients' payments	...	1,247	2	8	Fuel and light	...	745	14	0
Other sources	...	348	10	10	Bedding and clothing	...	23	10	0
					Furniture, earthenware, &c.	...	217	11	9
					Salaries and wages	...	2,424	2	6
					Water-supply	...	77	6	6
					Funerals	...	30	5	0
					Repairs	...	504	14	4
					Architect's fee	...	100	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	59	16	6
					Interest	...	1	11	9
					Insurance	...	33	7	3
					Commission	...	15	8	3
					Honorary medical staff (half fees)	...	118	13	0
					Other expenses	...	155	7	10
Total	...	£7,494	8	8	Total	...	£7,481	8	9

I have nothing in the way of fault-finding to say about the management of this Hospital. Mr. Burns's ability and care as an administrator are admirable, and are reflected in every department. The nursing staff is efficient, and is working well. The provision for their comfort and the conditions of their work are sedulously looked after. When the new children's ward is finished it will enable the present somewhat dismal ward to be dispensed with, and form a valuable instalment of the new hospital that is to replace the old pile, which was never designed for hospital purposes. The governing body of this Hospital shows none of the slackness that characterizes some local governing bodies in New Zealand. The relations between the Trustees and the Medical School continue to be harmonious. Everybody seems now to be alive to the immense boon this school has conferred on the town and country. I would like to add that all over New Zealand I find the Dunedin graduates markedly well adapted to rely on their own professional resources, especially in circumstances where no medical help is available. I am afraid it will be found that the operation theatre will be too small, for I believe this school will grow to a size that none of its designers contemplated.

DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	56
Total under treatment	...	...	...	58
Discharged	...	...	...	41
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	4

Sex.—49 males, 9 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Clyde, 12; Alexandra, 16; Matakanaui, 6; Baldhill Flat, 3; Ida Valley, 2; Earnsclough, 3; Ophir, 8; Cromwell, 3; Moutere, 2; Lauder, 1; Waikaia, 1; Hawea, 1.

Country.—England, 8; Ireland, 14; Scotland, 5; New Zealand, 20; Sweden, 1; Wales, 1; China, 7; Canada, 1; Tasmania, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 21; Roman Catholic, 14; Presbyterian, 15; no religion, 8.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,515; individual average days' stay, 26.12. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 11s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—28; attendances, 43.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.		
From Government	...	...	596	12	1	Rations	...	...	135	13	7
Local bodies	...	...	243	7	10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	13	9	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	151	13	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	31	15	11
Patients' payments	...	...	138	3	9	Fuel and light	...	...	28	7	0
Other sources	...	...	4	12	6	Bedding and clothing	...	...	20	11	3
Balance from last year	...	...	1	16	0	Furniture, earthenware, and repairs	...	...	105	18	11
						Salaries and wages	...	...	408	5	0
						Water-supply	...	...	15	4	9
						" special	...	...	98	17	1
						Funerals	...	...	28	0	0
						Additions to buildings	...	...	30	0	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	6	18	9
						Interest	...	...	1	2	0
						Insurance and rent	...	...	21	15	6
						Commission	...	...	20	9	7
						Other expenses...	...	...	7	4	0
Total	...	...	£1,136	5	8	Total	...	...	£973	12	10

I found this Hospital working well. The people of the district were satisfied that the grounds of my former strictures were removed. The patients were well cared for, and I heard no complaints. The wards, especially the new one, were in good order. A suitable scheme of drainage is very much needed. More attention must be paid to looking after the outside sanitary arrangements. Some of the blankets supplied are very inferior.

GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	26
Admitted during the year ...	168
Total under treatment ...	194
Discharged ...	166
Died ...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	18

Sex.—135 males, 59 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Cook and Waiapu Counties, and Borough of Gisborne.

Nationality.—British, 192; foreign, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,908; individual average days' stay, 25.30. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	340	0	0	Rations	...	237	3	5
Local bodies	...	340	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	14	11	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	67	4	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	83	2	6
Rents	...	31	10	0	Fuel and light	...	95	14	8
Patients' payments	...	310	13	0	Bedding and clothing	...	20	1	0
Interest	...	16	0	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	25	4	6
Balance from last year	...	203	19	4	Salaries and wages	...	604	6	8
					Repairs	...	30	19	10
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	14	10	5
					Interest	...	0	2	6
					Insurance	...	17	8	9
					Sanitation	...	20	0	0
					Commission	...	17	0	3
					Other expenses	...	13	14	9
Total	...	£1,309	6	7	Total	...	£1,194	0	9

This is a well-managed comfortable Hospital. At the date of my visit (which was short, and fell on a Sunday, owing to the exigencies of the steamer time) there was a large number of typhoid cases. One ward of nine beds was quite filled with them, and several were convalescent. They were most admirably nursed by Miss Stewart and her staff of one trained nurse and two probationers. In all there were thirteen cases of typhoid. An addition is to be built, to contain a new operation-room and certain conveniences. It ought also, in this town so difficult of access, to contain a padded room for cases of *delirium tremens* and lunatics under remand or awaiting removal, were it not that it would be highly inexpedient in such a position to expect the nurses and only one man-of-all-work to look after them. The police-station or its neighbourhood would be a better place for erecting suitable accommodation.

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.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	374	16	6	Rations	...	...	169	19	0
Local bodies	...	...	374	16	5	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	32	8	0
Patients' payments	...	...	59	13	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	90	10	5
						Fuel and light	...	...	39	2	0
						Bedding and clothing	...	...	22	13	4
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	18	14	0
						Washing and laundry	...	...	12	3	10
						Salaries and wages	...	...	344	13	8
						Repairs	...	...	23	13	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	11	5	9
						Interest	...	...	6	5	11
						Insurance	...	...	7	17	6
						Other expenses	...	...	30	0	0
Total	...	...	£809	6	5	Total	...	...	£809	6	5

This is a very satisfactory institution. It is airy, comfortable, and clean. The nursing is excellent, the doctors attentive, and the patients very contented. This is, however, as I pointed out last year, an illustration of the heedless determination of the people of New Zealand to have hospitals at their doors in every centre of population.

HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	34
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	156
Total under treatment	...	...	...	190
Discharged	...	...	...	131
Died	...	...	...	27
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	32

Sex.—149 males, 41 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Westland.

Country.—England, 52; Scotland, 23; Ireland, 39; Germany, 10; Italy, 4; New Zealand and Australia, 49; China, 1; Austria, 4; Switzerland, 3; Norway, 2; France, 1; America, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 67; Presbyterian, 41; Roman Catholic, 60; Freethinker, 1; Lutheran, 12; Wesleyan, 7; Church of Christ, 1; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 11,333; individual average days' stay, 59.64. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 319; attendances, 695.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	1,115	14	11	Rations	...	...	653	0	3
Local bodies	...	...	627	1	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	33	19	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	370	9	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	211	2	7
Patients' payments	...	...	82	10	0	Fuel and light	...	...	133	8	9
Other sources	...	...	32	14	10	Bedding and clothing	...	...	34	12	1
Balance from last year	...	...	104	17	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	6	6	6
						Salaries and wages	...	...	843	16	4
						Funerals	...	...	11	11	0
						Repairs	...	...	212	14	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	36	7	8
						Interest	...	...	0	18	0
						Insurance	...	...	24	4	0
						Commission	...	...	19	2	3
						Other expenses	...	...	113	16	9
Total	...	...	£2,333	8	8	Total	...	...	£2,334	19	2

This Hospital is in a very satisfactory condition as regards its medical and surgical work, its nursing and the general comfort of the patients. The vigilance of the Trustees is perhaps excessive. Only in one or two matters they need to have their memories refreshed. A new bath is badly wanted in the south male ward, and it is not right that such a fine piece of garden-land on the flat should be leased for a trifle, and the patients allowed to go without a first-rate supply of vegetables, which they might so easily get if the gardener were of any use. Another piece of neglect is that the bread is not good.

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	347
Total under treatment				361
Discharged	...	...	...	316
Died	...	...	...	21
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				24

Sex.—250 males, 111 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Southland County, Wallace County, Lake County, Fiord County, Stewart Island County.

Country.—England, 79; Scotland, 67; Ireland, 65; New Zealand, 111; Tasmania, 1; Germany, 1; Victoria, 9; China, 13; India, 1; Denmark, 2; Sweden, 5; Holland, 1; Finland, 1; Morocco, 1; South Australia, 1; Canada, 1; New South Wales, 1; United States of America, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 114; Roman Catholic, 88; Presbyterian, 111; Wesleyan, 11; Salvationist, 1; Lutheran, 6; Baptist, 3; Confucian, 13; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Methodist, 4; Church of Christ, 3; Congregationalist, 1; Agnostic, 1; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 11,944; individual average days' stay, 33·08. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 3d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 867; attendances, 2,638.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,590	10	0	Rations	...	729	4	10
Local bodies	...	1,590	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	58	3	11
Subscriptions and donations	...	16	6	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	275	10	10
Patients' payments	...	130	4	10	Fuel and light	...	271	0	11
Other sources	...	91	14	2	Bedding and clothing	...	143	13	9
					Furniture and earthenware	...	140	3	0
					Washing and laundry	...	90	0	10
					Salaries and wages	...	1,061	19	10
					Water-supply	...	14	17	0
					Funerals	...	12	0	0
					Repairs	...	149	19	7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	53	16	5
					Interest	...	3	3	0
					Insurance	...	27	1	6
					Other expenses	...	109	11	7
Total	...	£3,419	5	7	Total	...	£3,140	7	0

I hope this Hospital has at length got into smooth water. I am sure Dr. McLeod is capable and attentive. The new Matron is as yet on her trial. The nurses seem to me to be satisfactory. The secretary is too able a man for the position he is content to fill, and his pay is out of proportion to the duties he has to perform. The hospital building is well adapted for its purpose, and the accommodation is ample. The patients spoke in the highest terms of the treatment they received.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	16
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	74
Total under treatment				90
Discharged	...	...	...	66
Died	...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				17

Sex.—78 males, 12 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kumara, 26; Dillman's, 31; Greenstone, 6; Ross, 1; Jackson, 9; Waimea, 9; Gore, 1; Westbrook, 6; Reefton, 1.

Nationality.—English, 22; Irish, 27; Scotch, 12; New Zealand, 12; Chinese, 2; Australian, 5; Swedish, 2; Danish, 1; Spanish, 1; American, 1; African, 1; German, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 35; Roman Catholic, 33; Presbyterian, 15; Wesleyan, 3; Confucian, 2; Lutheran, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,712; individual average days' stay, 52·35. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 197; attendances, 491.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	352	12	0	Rations ...	256	4	0
Local bodies ...	173	5	3	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	8	2	7
Subscriptions and donations ...	135	7	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	14	4	11
Patients' payments ...	114	11	6	Fuel and light ...	44	19	1
Balance from last year ...	39	3	9	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c. ...	88	17	1
				Salaries and wages ...	347	15	6
				Funerals ...	15	0	0
				Additions to buildings... ..	14	2	9
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	11	7	6
				Interest ...	4	10	0
				Insurance ...	6	9	0
Total ...	£815	0	0	Total ...	£811	12	5

This is a very comfortable Cottage Hospital, well managed in every respect, and stands about midway between the large hospitals of Hokitika and Greymouth, which are distant from each other only twenty-four miles by rail. In the male ward all the cases were chronics, and the female ward was empty.

LAWRENCE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	6
Admitted during the year ...	116
Total under treatment ...	122
Discharged ...	108
Died ...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	5

Sex.—86 males, 36 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Tuapeka County.

Country.—New Zealand, 38; England, 25; Scotland, 18; Ireland, 25; China, 5; Victoria, 3; Denmark, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; Fiji, 2; Germany, 1; Sweden, 3.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,616; individual average days' stay, 21.44. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 60.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	344	4	11	Rations ...	232	11	2
Local bodies ...	260	2	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	36	7	10
Patients' payments ...	112	17	7	Fuel and light ...	52	11	10
Other sources ...	8	13	3	Bedding and clothing ...	16	19	1
Balance from last year ...	264	10	11	Salaries and wages ...	375	0	0
				Water-supply ...	10	0	0
				Repairs ...	13	18	10
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	5	11	0
				Insurance ...	5	12	9
				Other expenses... ..	9	13	6
Total ...	£990	9	2	Total ...	£758	6	0

This is a well-designed Hospital, very well managed, and a credit to the district.

MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	6
Admitted during the year ...	85
Total under treatment ...	91
Discharged ...	74
Died ...	11
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	6

Sex.—64 males, 27 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Masterton, 28; Suburbs, 9; Eketahuna, 7; Mauriceville, 7; Alfredton, 5; Tenui, 4; Taueru, 2; Carterton, 7; Gladstone, 2; Brancepeth, 5; Bideford, 2; East Coast, 3; Hawke's Bay, 3; Lower Valley, 1; Palmerston North, 1; Christchurch, 1; Pahiatua, 4.

Country.—England, 27; Ireland, 15; New Zealand, 27; Scotland, 10; New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 5; Germany, 1; Denmark, 1; Honolulu, 1; America, 1; Norway, 1; born at sea, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 38; Roman Catholic, 17; Presbyterian, 23; Wesleyan, 4; Salvation Army, 4; Lutheran, 3; Congregationalist, 1; Society of Friends, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,001; individual average days' stay, 32·97. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 1½d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	604	6	5	Rations	...	...	213	6	6
Local bodies	...	...	350	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	3	8	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	251	15	2	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	131	4	6
Patients' payments	...	...	96	14	11	Fuel and light	...	...	88	0	3
Other sources	...	...	100	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	72	7	7
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	67	9	11
						Washing and laundry	...	...	20	0	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	357	5	6
						Water-supply	...	...	28	6	10
						Funerals	...	...	9	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	22	11	2
						Additions to buildings	...	...	20	7	5
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	38	1	3
						Interest	...	...	28	0	0
						Insurance	...	...	13	19	0
						Commission	...	...	40	17	0
						Other expenses	...	...	13	17	8
Total	...	...	£1,402	16	6	Total	...	...	£1,168	2	7

On the 2nd May, the date of my visit, I found this Hospital in the throes of a local medical war. Dr. Hoskin, who had served so faithfully for many years, had just resigned, and there was the usual tug-of-war as to who should succeed him, his son or another local practitioner. Things will have probably settled down before my next visit.

MERCURY BAY HOSPITAL.*

Admitted during the year ...	32
Total under treatment ...	32
Discharged ...	23
Died ...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	2

Sex.—27 males, 5 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Coromandel County, 22; Thames County, 10.

Nationality.—British, 28; Austrian, 2; Swedish, 1; Maori, 1.

Religion.—Protestant, 27; Roman Catholic, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 470; individual average days' stay, 14·68. Daily average cost per head, 19s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 17s. 8d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 487; attendances, 732.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s. d.
From Government	...	1,315	4 7	Rations	...	46	19 8
Subscriptions and donations	...	478	11 3	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	2	9 0
Rents	...	15	0 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	93	19 10
Patients' payments	...	52	1 6	Fuel and light	...	7	13 0
Other sources	...	31	8 3	Bedding and clothing	...	57	5 3
				Furniture and earthenware	...	65	1 10
				Washing and laundry	...	17	2 7
				Salaries and wages	...	741	15 0
				Repairs	...	19	2 3
				Additions	...	199	5 4
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	23	0 1
				Insurance	...	6	16 3
				Other expenses	...	102	2 3
Total	...	£1,892	5 7			£1,382	12 4

This is a neat and convenient Cottage Hospital erected last year. It stands on the edge of a beautiful beach quite near the township. It contains two small wards and a single room with the necessary adjuncts, all well arranged, well lighted, and well ventilated. In addition to looking after the hospital, which he does very satisfactorily, Dr. Slater visits Tairua once a week. Mr. and Mrs. Parker, who were trained in Sunnyside, are in charge, and had everything in first-rate order.

* Opened 1st July, 1898.

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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.										
Revenue.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	
From Government	...	...	506	16	2	Rations	...	241	1	1
Local bodies	...	...	350	11	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	28	2	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	130	19	11	Surgery and dispensary	...	81	8	3
Patients' payments	...	...	404	3	1	Fuel and light	...	60	5	6
Other sources	...	...	26	18	3	Bedding and clothing	...	10	10	4
Balance from last year	...	...	221	10	8	Furniture and earthenware	...	75	1	4
						Washing and laundry	...	4	9	1
						Salaries and wages	...	530	0	6
						Water-supply	...	8	0	0
						Funerals	...	4	12	6
						Repairs and additions	...	162	18	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	14	2	11
						Interest	...	0	10	0
						Commission	...	11	15	0
						Other expenses	...	30	5	2
Total	...	...	£1,640	19	9	Total	...	£1,263	2	0

My praises of this Hospital have become monotonous. Now, I will only say that it continues to deserve all that I have said of it in the past. Two new rooms for the staff have been added in a lean-to behind, involving the shifting of the female bathroom. For this work, together with a little painting and papering, a sum of £116 10s. was expended. The timber was green, and is already much cracked.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	166
Total under treatment	...	...	...	190
Discharged	...	...	...	145
Died	...	...	...	24
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	21

Sex.—120 males, 70 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—County of Waimea and City of Nelson, 185; Wellington, 1; Auckland, 1; New Plymouth, 1; Westport, 1; Kumara, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 92; England, 60; Scotland, 14; Ireland, 8; Germany, 4; Victoria, 2; Italy, 2; Austria, 1; France, 2; Australia, 2; Switzerland, 2; India, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 82; Roman Catholic, 31; Presbyterian, 22; Lutheran, 7; Wesleyan, 20; Baptist, 13; Plymouth Brethren, 6; Salvationist, 4; Church of Christ, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,421; individual average days' stay, 44.32. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 487; attendances, 2,301.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.												
Revenue.				£	s.	d.	Expenditure.					
				£	s.	d.						
From Government	...	...	...	1,212	16	10	Rations	...	...	377	16	10
Local bodies	...	...	...	950	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	12	6	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	143	11	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	239	4	10
Rents	...	...	...	209	10	0	Fuel and light	...	...	174	17	6
Patients' payments	...	...	...	315	19	6	Bedding and clothing	...	...	6	2	3
Other sources	...	...	...	4	3	4	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	82	11	6
							Salaries and wages	...	...	993	9	9
							Water-supply	...	...	17	0	0
							Funerals	...	...	15	12	0
							Repairs	...	...	75	19	9
							Additions to buildings	...	...	55	15	6
							Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	13	9	9
							Insurance	...	...	25	0	0
							Other expenses	...	...	63	2	5
Total	...	...	...	£2,836	1	5	Total	...	...	£2,152	8	7

This is a spacious, well-designed hospital building, with a small population, considering its capacity and equipments. It is admirably conducted by Dr. Talbot, and I have nothing but approval for the condition in which I found it on each of the occasions on which I visited it during the year.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	18
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	209
Total under treatment				227
Discharged	...	...	...	191
Died	...	...	...	20
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				16

Sex.—169 males, 58 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Taranaki County, 78; Hawera County, 41; Stratford County, 42; New Plymouth, 45; Clifton County, 13; Waverley, 2; Auckland, 2; Wairarapa, 1; Awakino, 1; Mokau, 2.

Nationality.—English, 55; Scotch, 16; Irish, 29; Colonial, 109; German, 5; Swedish, 2; French, 1; Solomon Islands, 1; Shetlanders, 3; Pole, 2; Indian, 2; Dutch, 1; Danish, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,706; individual average days' stay, 29.54. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 7d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record kept.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	800	6	2	Rations	...	309 13 0
Local bodies	...	694	16	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	40 6 3
Subscriptions and donations	...	43	19	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	201 2 5
Patients' payments	...	378	12	8	Fuel and light	...	177 12 2
Rents	...	1	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	64 8 6
					Furniture and earthenware	...	157 9 11
					Washing and laundry	...	141 10 9
					Salaries and wages	...	619 14 1
					Water-supply	...	10 0 0
					Repairs	...	50 11 10
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	35 6 3
					Interest	...	25 3 11
					Insurance	...	20 13 0
					Other expenses	...	65 2 4
Total	...	£1,918	14	5	Total	...	£1,918 14 5

Like Nelson Hospital, this, too, is spacious, well designed, and well equipped, with a small population. I must admit, however, that Taranaki is advancing so rapidly that in a few years its capacity will be required to accommodate the patients of the district. Hawera Hospital, however, drains off a part of the patients that ought to come here. In Dr. Leatham's hands this Hospital is admirably conducted, and the nursing is good. I regret that after many years' faithful and kindly devotion Dr. O'Carroll has been obliged to resign his charge of this institution.

OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	19
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	167
Total under treatment				186
Discharged	...	...	...	156
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1899				17

Sex.—135 males, 51 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Oamaru, 56; Oamaru district, 96; Dunedin, 4; North Island, 3; other places, 27.

Country.—England, 36; Scotland, 36; Ireland, 35; New Zealand, 65; Australia, 6; Continent of Europe, 8.

Religion.—Church of England, 60; Roman Catholic, 44; Presbyterian, 70; Wesleyan, 4; Salvation Army, 6; Baptist, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,923; individual average days' stay, 31.84. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 155; attendances, 200.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ..	175	15	3	Rations ..	300	17	2
Subscriptions and donations ..	98	13	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c ..	47	10	7
Bequest ..	100	0	0	Surgery and dispensary ..	174	3	2
Rents ..	828	4	6	Fuel and light ..	82	14	2
Patients' payments ..	115	19	0	Bedding and clothing ..	44	14	4
Other sources ..	181	12	9	Furniture and earthenware ..	123	12	4
Balance from last year ...	138	7	8	Salaries and wages ..	557	11	7
				Funerals ..	2	19	0
				Repairs and additions ..	39	4	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ..	9	16	3
				Insurance ..	6	12	0
				Other expenses ..	26	4	7
Total ...	£1,638	12	8	Total ...	£1,415	19	10

This Hospital has for many years received my hearty approval, and still continues to deserve it. A movement is on foot to build a new ward, for which a special grant was asked. I was not able to recommend it to the Minister, not because it is not wanted—*i.e.*, the ward—but because many districts are more necessitous.

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ..	24
Admitted during year ..	245
Total under treatment ..	269
Discharged ..	216
Died ..	25
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ..	28

Sex.—193 males, 76 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Palmerston North, 228; Masterton, 3; Wanganui, 13; Wellington, 17; Waipawa, 4; Auckland, 1; New Plymouth, 1; Gisborne, 1; Christchurch, 1.

Nationality.—English, 69; Scotch, 20; Irish, 29; New Zealand, 122; Australian, 3; German, 9; Canadian, 1; Danish, 5; Swedish, 2; Norwegian, 3; Tasmanian, 1; Fijian, 1; American, 1; French, 1; West Indian, 1; Finn, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 136; Roman Catholic, 48; Presbyterian, 33; Wesleyan, 21; Lutheran, 8; Salvation Army, 3; Brethren, 6; Seventh Day Adventists, 1; Primitive Methodist, 6; no religion, 7.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,618; individual average days' stay, 32.04. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ..	770	7	3	Rations ..	396	18	7
Local bodies ..	677	5	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c ..	20	6	4
Subscriptions and donations ..	69	1	9	Surgery and dispensary ..	145	9	4
Patients' payments ..	332	1	5	Fuel and light ..	174	6	10
Other sources ...	14	15	0	Bedding and clothing ..	41	9	8
				Furniture and earthenware ..	47	12	4
				Washing and laundry ..	38	6	7
				Salaries and wages ..	797	3	11
				Funerals ..	7	2	6
				Repairs ..	49	19	2
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ..	16	7	6
				Interest ..	15	9	3
				Insurance ..	31	12	0
				Other expenses ..	115	3	3
Total ...	£1,863	10	11	Total ...	£1,897	7	3

This is a very satisfactory institution. Drs. McIntyre and Wilson are efficient and attentive; the nursing is skilful and kindly, and the management as a whole excellent

PATEA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	53
Total under treatment	...	...	...	59
Discharged	...	...	...	53
Died	...	...	...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	3

Sex.—36 males, 23 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Stratford to Waitotara.

Nationality.—English, 20; Irish, 5; New Zealand, 27; Scotch, 5; American, 2.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,384; individual average days' stay, 23.46. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 4d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	259	18	7	Rations ...	133	13	9
Local bodies ...	200	0	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	4	2	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	45	15	6	Fuel and light ...	40	9	10
Rents ...	3	10	0	Bedding and clothing ...	19	11	4
Patients' payments ...	83	11	0	Furniture and earthenware ...	38	10	5
Other sources ...	1	1	11	Washing and laundry ...	0	10	0
Balance from last year ...	17	14	11	Salaries and wages ...	211	4	0
				Funerals ...	3	2	6
				Repairs ...	50	5	4
				Additions to buildings ...	75	14	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	9	18	5
				Insurance ...	2	13	3
				Other expenses... ..	9	2	0
Total ...	£611	11	11	Total ...	£598	17	4

I found this Hospital had been greatly improved since my last visit. The old kitchen has been converted into a nice little ward, while an addition at the back contains a new kitchen and pantry. I think it is a pity the new part was not made into a ward, so as to take advantage of the beautiful view up the river. I found everything in good order.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	10
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	20
Total under treatment	...	...	...	30
Discharged	...	...	...	16
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	8

Sex.—27 males, 3 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Picton Hospital District, 26; Wellington, 2; Christchurch, 1; Dunedin, 1.

Country.—England, 12; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 6; New Zealand, 2; Wallace Island, 1; Victoria, 1; West Island, 1; France, 1; Germany, 1; Greece, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 17; Roman Catholic, 5; Presbyterian, 6; Greek Church, 1; Freethinker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,523; individual average days' stay, 117.43. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 7.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	265	13 10	Rations ...	139	12 1
Local bodies ...	341	3 2	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	21	0 9
Subscriptions and donations ...	5	1 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	49	10 6
Patients' payments ...	8	4 0	Fuel and light ...	38	4 2
Other sources ...	30	7 2	Bedding and clothing ...	15	16 2
			Salaries and wages ...	267	19 0
			Water-supply ...	3	10 0
			Repairs ...	28	7 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	10	14 11
			Interest ...	0	11 0
			Insurance ...	5	0 0
			Other expenses ...	70	3 1
Total ...	£650	9 2	Total ...	£650	9 2

This Hospital is now practically in the hands of Dr. Owen, who is Dr. Scott's partner. I shall be interested to find how the Old-age Pensions Act will affect this institution, since the great majority of the inmates have always been chronic cases. There is a desire on the part of some members of the Board to build a new hospital. This I think would be an unjustifiable waste of public money.

QUEENSTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	11
Admitted during the year ...	111
Total under treatment ...	122
Discharged ...	110
Died ...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	6

Sex.—100 males, 22 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Lake, Vincent, Southland, and Clutha Counties, Dunedin, London.

Country.—New Zealand, 55; England, 9; Ireland, 16; Scotland, 20; Australia, 3; Holland, 3; Germany, 5; Tasmania, 4; Sweden, 2; Malta, 2; America, 1; China, 1; France, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 31; Roman Catholic, 31; Presbyterian, 51; Lutheran, 1; Greek Church, 1; Wesleyan, 1; Baptist, 1; Methodist, 1; Buddhist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,516; individual average days' stay, 28·82. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 3¼d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 89; attendances, 186.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	310	12 11	Rations ...	223	8 11
Local bodies ...	268	10 0	Wines, &c., and surgery and dispensary ...	67	2 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	65	1 5	Fuel and light ...	78	8 5
Patients' payments ...	324	11 0	Salaries and wages ...	421	0 0
Balance from last year ...	272	9 11	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c. ...	97	5 6
			Repairs ...	6	15 6
			Additions (fever ward) ...	263	5 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	1	8 0
			Interest ...	0	9 3
			Insurance ...	15	5 3
			Commission ...	8	16 3
			Other expenses ...	44	12 11
Total ...	£1,241	5 3	Total ...	£1,227	17 6

My visit to this Hospital was made early in the day, so that a little confusion was inevitable. I found the patients all very comfortable, and speaking in the highest terms of the treatment they received. The advantages of this climate in cases of phthisis is becoming so well understood that I think it is only a question of time when this Hospital must be enlarged. Meanwhile the Trustees ought as soon as possible to provide a hot-water supply. As in all our goldfield hospitals, the patients feel as comfortable as if they were at home, and in many cases it is the best home they ever knew, so far as comfort is concerned.

REEFTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	19
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	80
Total under treatment	...	...	...	99
Discharged	...	...	...	73
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	13

Sex.—93 males, 6 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Inangahua and Buller Counties.

Country.—England, 20; Scotland, 15; Ireland, 22; New Zealand, 22; New South Wales, 1; China, 4; Victoria, 2; South Australia, 1; Wales, 6; Denmark, 2; Shetland Islands, 1; Italy, 1; Switzerland, 1; Tasmania, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 36; Roman Catholic, 28; Presbyterian, 25; Wesleyan, 3; Confucian, 4; Lutheran, 2; Hebrew, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,773; individual average days' stay, 58.31. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 153; attendances, 922.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	...	Rations	...	344	5 7
Local bodies	...	...	...	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	42	16 3
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	Surgery and dispensary	...	109	17 9
Bequest	...	...	...	Fuel and light	...	73	7 8
Patients' payments	...	...	...	Bedding and clothing	...	21	10 7
Other sources	...	...	...	Furniture and earthenware	...	11	17 1
				Washing and laundry	...	6	16 1
				Salaries and wages	...	641	19 0
				Funerals	...	16	13 0
				Repairs	...	21	16 0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	30	12 10
				Interest	...	0	15 0
				Insurance	...	3	15 0
				Commission	...	3	18 8
				Other expenses	...	14	7 8
Total	£1,385	7	11	Total	£1,344	8	2

This Hospital continues to deserve my highest approval. The patients are well lodged, and found in every reasonable comfort; and the kindly atmosphere that pervades the place is extremely pleasant to experience.

RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	119
Total under treatment	...	...	...	128
Discharged	...	...	...	110
Died	...	...	...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	9

Sex.—97 males, 31 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Orepuki, Riverton, Waiau, Nightcaps, Drummond, Otautau, Five Rivers.

Country.—England, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, China, India, Canada, Australia, Italy, Germany.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,443; individual average days' stay, 34.71. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 78; attendances, 167.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
From Government	...	691	17 7	Rations	...	235	16 9		
Local bodies	...	650	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	9	15 6		
Subscriptions and donations	...	6	9 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	47	8 0		
Patients' payments	...	137	8 6	Fuel and light	...	85	15 0		
Other sources	...	3	6 0	Bedding and clothing	...	25	7 1		
				Furniture and earthenware	...	39	18 11		
				Washing and laundry	...	12	15 0		
				Salaries and wages	...	487	5 8		
				Water-supply	...	13	16 0		
				Repairs	...	150	18 4		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	40	11 0		
				Interest	...	4	2 0		
				Insurance	...	9	7 0		
				Other expenses	...	100	11 6		
Total	..	£1,489	1 1	Total	...	£1,263	7 9		

At the time of my visit Dr. Trotter was just taking charge of this Hospital. I am more and more convinced that the Trustees of this Hospital have not sufficiently realised the evils of divided responsibility in such an institution. A competent Matron ought to have control of the whole. The present system must sooner or later lead to complications. A proper supply of instruments is very much needed. I discussed with the secretary the need of safeguarding the cistern containing the water-supply from any possibility of contamination from the cesspool, which is only a few feet away.

ROSS HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	17
Total under treatment	...	...	...	25
Discharged	...	...	...	13
Died	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	7

Sex.—22 males, 3 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ross, 12; Totara, 5; South Westland, 8.

Country.—England, 3; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 6; New Zealand, 5; America, 1; Denmark, 1; Italy, 1; Switzerland, 1; France, 1; Canada, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 10; Roman Catholic, 10; Presbyterian, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,138; individual average days' stay, 125.52. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
From Government	...	309	6 4	Rations, wine, spirits, ale, &c.	...	179	3 2		
Local bodies	...	182	14 7	Surgery and dispensary	...	10	19 3		
Subscriptions and donations	...	105	9 9	Fuel and light	...	26	19 8		
Patients' payments	...	16	0 0	Salaries and wages	...	315	7 6		
				Water-supply	...	7	10 0		
				Repairs	...	54	11 7		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	8	16 0		
				Insurance	...	5	3 6		
				Other expenses	...	5	0 0		
Total	...	£613	10 8	Total	...	£613	10 8		

This still retains its reputation among the diggers as a very comfortable home. The majority of the cases are chronics. They are well cared for in every respect. Dr. Rosetti's long experience and kindly nature make him well suited for the charge of such an institution.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	40
Total under treatment	...	...	...	43
Discharged	...	...	...	36
Died	...	...	...	3
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	4

Sex.—33 males, 10 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Carterton, 9; Greytown, 9; Featherston, 3; Martinborough, 4; East Coast, 2; Lower Valley, 3; Gladstone, 3; Wellington, 2; Dalefield, 1; Masterton, 2; Alfredton, 1; Eketahuna, 1; Picton, 1; Cross Creek, 1; Papawai, 1.

Country.—England, 12; Scotland, 3; Ireland, 10; New Zealand, 11; Sweden, 2; Australia, 1; Mexico, 1; Norway, 1; Denmark, 1; Germany, 1.

Religion.—English Church, 22; Roman Catholic, 13; Presbyterian, 4; Wesleyan, 3; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 970; individual average days' stay, 22.56. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 6½d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	304	2	7	Rations	...	142	14	10
Local bodies	...	70	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	2	15	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	187	18	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	36	0	6
Rents	...	1	0	0	Fuel and light	...	4	10	0
Patients' payments	...	13	19	0	Bedding and clothing	...	2	3	6
Other sources	...	13	0	0	Salaries and wages	...	221	5	0
					Repairs and additions	...	114	18	1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	4	14	6
					Interest	...	1	14	6
					Insurance	...	4	5	3
					Other expenses	...	8	17	11
Total	...	£590	10	3	Total	...	£543	19	1

There were five patients in this Hospital on the day of my visit. Everything was in excellent order. The master and his wife do their duty well, and the doctor is very attentive.

THAMES HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	294
Total under treatment	...	...	...	318
Discharged	...	...	...	275
Died	...	...	...	22
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	21

Sex.—224 males, 94 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Thames and Ohinemuri Counties and Thames Borough.

Country.—England, 67; Scotland, 16; Ireland, 47; New Zealand, 159; Australia, 17; Germany, 2; America, 4; Italy, 1; Sweden, 1; Jamaica, 1; Canada, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 118; Roman Catholic, 70; Presbyterian, 43; Wesleyan, 27; Primitive Methodist, 7; Salvation Army, 5; Baptist, 5; Mormon, 1; unknown, 42.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,269; individual average days' stay, 26. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 332; attendances, 758.

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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	1,417	10	1	Rations ...	497	2	4
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

An immense improvement has been effected in the two main wards of this Hospital by the building of properly cross-ventilated projections containing baths, closets, and lavatories, all of the best possible kind. The floors are tiled, and the baths and basins are of porcelain. The far end of each ward has been converted into a sun-room for patients, with steps leading into a most beautiful garden, and glass-doors shutting it off from the ward. The nursing is good, and there is a visiting staff who are very attentive. Mr. Jowsey is a most capable administrator, and very determined to have everything in the best possible style, but perhaps a little regardless of expense.

WAIKATO HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	26
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	299
Total under treatment	...	...	...	325
Discharged	...	...	...	291
Died	...	...	...	15
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	19

Sex.—232 males, 93 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waikato, 60; Waipa, 64; Piako, 36; Raglan, 11; King-country, 5; Rotorua, 7; Auckland, 14; Hamilton, 62; Cambridge, 16; Ohinemuri, 12; Te Aroha, 10; Taranaki, 1; Wellington, 1; other places, 26.

Country.—England, 70; Scotland, 25; Ireland, 42; New Zealand, 170; Australia, 7; Germany, 5; Canada, 1; British Columbia, 1; Italy, 2; Jersey, 1; Sweden, 1; Tasmania, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 166; Roman Catholic, 68; Presbyterian, 56; Wesleyan, 26; Salvationist, 2; Baptist, 1; Mormon, 2; Congregationalist, 1; no religion, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,663; individual average days' stay, 23.58. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 5d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,030	17	8	Rations	586	14	2
Local bodies	1,137	11	2	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	60	10	0
Subscriptions and donations	19	11	0	Surgery and dispensary	335	13	1
Rents	58	2	0	Fuel and light	137	19	0
Patients' payments	440	4	3	Bedding and clothing	49	10	0
Other sources	13	16	4	Furniture and earthenware	37	9	11
				Washing and laundry	79	14	0
				Salaries and wages	888	9	0
				Water-supply	29	3	8
				Funerals	13	2	6
				Repairs	56	2	7
				Additions to buildings	6	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	54	1	6
				Insurance	21	7	6
				Other expenses	172	4	1
Total	£2,700	2	5	Total	£2,528	1	0

Dr. Douglass, the surgeon in charge of this Hospital, is a worthy successor to Dr. Kenny. The Hospital is beautifully situated on a rounded knoll, about a mile out of the town, and commands a fine view of the whole of this spacious country. The building, though not a model of hospital construction, is still commodious and satisfactory for its purpose. The Matron, Miss Rothwell, is very capable, and the whole of the nursing is good. The patients spoke highly of the attention they received.

WAIMATE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	130
Total under treatment	...	...	...	144
Discharged	...	...	...	122
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	14

Sex.—96 males, 48 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Waimate County.

Country.—England, 24; Scotland, 15; Ireland, 19; New Zealand, 63; Australian Colonies, 4; Isle of Man, 1; Denmark, 1; Norway, 1; Austria, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,704; individual average days' stay, 32·66. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 85; attendances, 182.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	507	17	4	Rations ...	180	19	6
Local bodies ...	463	7	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	6	1	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	35	5	2	Surgery and dispensary ...	76	3	11
Patients' payments ...	90	16	2	Fuel and light ...	52	8	6
Other sources ...	9	3	0	Bedding and clothing ...	63	9	9
Balance from last year ...	21	19	6	Furniture and earthenware ...	78	14	3
				Salaries and wages ...	501	16	4
				Funerals ...	3	19	6
				Repairs ...	23	16	5
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	15	13	6
				Interest ...	0	3	0
				Insurance ...	13	9	0
				Other expenses... ..	105	19	10
Total ...	£1,128	8	2	Total ...	£1,122	15	0

There is something in the organization of this institution that seems to make peace difficult. This time the difficulty was between the Matron and her two nurses. The Trustees ought to grasp their nettle firmly, and put an end to this state of things. The discipline of the institution must be maintained, and there ought to be no more hesitation. It is impossible that the Hospital can work properly with the spirit that I found prevailing among the staff.

WAIPAWA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	26
Admitted during the year ...	256
Total under treatment ...	282
Discharged ...	232
Died ...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	37

Sex.—213 males, 69 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Bush, 90; Dannevirke, 54; Woodville, 16; Waipukurau, 12; Wellington, 2; Palmerston, 2; Waipawa, 28; Te Aute, 13; Porangahau district, 17; Hastings, 3; Patangata and Coast, 21; Makaretu, 19; Napier, 2; Feilding, 1; New Plymouth, 1; Masterton, 1.

Nationality.—English, 75; Scotch, 21; Irish, 45; New Zealand, 92; Danish, 5; Australian, 11; Russian, 1; Tasmanian, 2; American, 1; Italian, 1; Swedish, 5; Norwegian, 8; German, 1; Indian, 1; Canadian, 1; Channel-Islanders, 3; Welsh, 4; French, 2; Bohemian, 1; born at sea, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 138; Roman Catholic, 49; Presbyterian, 40; Lutheran, 20; Wesleyan, 11; Adventist, 3; Baptist, 1; Salvationist, 6; Methodist, 5; Christadelphian, 5; Plymouth Brethren, 1; no religion, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 9,224; individual average days' stay, 32·71. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 3½d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	1,184	0	2	Rations ...	541	13	10
Local bodies ...	828	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter ...	38	7	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	312	17	1	Surgery and dispensary ...	170	14	2
Patients' payments ...	198	19	7	Fuel and light ...	115	19	8
Other sources... ..	6	7	0	Bedding and clothing ...	47	6	2
Balance from last year ...	197	15	4	Washing and laundry ...	30	14	6
				Salaries and wages ...	779	7	5
				Water-supply ...	8	8	0
				Funerals ...	21	15	0
				Furniture, earthenware, and repairs ...	105	16	2
				Additions to buildings ...	232	9	9
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	13	18	6
				Insurance ...	33	6	0
				Other expenses ...	279	18	6
Total ...	£2,727	19	2	Total ...	£2,419	14	8

It is always a pleasure to visit this Hospital. The medical work and the nursing deserve the highest commendation. The newer part of the building is very satisfactory. A new operation-room with a light in the roof is much wanted. When the new operation-room is being built, the old part of the building, which is shingled, should be roofed with iron, if it were only for insurance purposes.

A new cottage, containing sleeping-quarters for the nurses, has been built near the gate, though I could not help thinking the large handsome windows facing the road were more like drawing-room than bed-room windows; and certain defects which I pointed out in the new drainage scheme have since been remedied.

WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	42
Total under treatment	...	...	43
Discharged	...	...	39
Died	...	...	1
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	3

Sex.—28 males, 15 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wairoa County and Waikaremoana co-operative road-works.

Nationality.—European, 29; aboriginal, 14.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 931; individual average days' stay, 21·65 Daily average cost per head, 9s. 4d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 1d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	186	17 0	Rations	98	17 4
Local bodies	176	0 6	Surgery and dispensary	79	15 11
Subscriptions and donations	9	0 6	Fuel and light	8	0 0
Patients' payments	58	6 4	Bedding and clothing	3	5 0
Other sources	9	9 9	Washing and laundry	3	0 0
Balance from last year	16	0 5	Salaries and wages	190	0 0
			Repairs	10	3 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	1	11 0
			Interest	0	2 6
			Insurance	2	12 0
			Other expenses	36	17 3
Total	£455	14 6	Total	£434	4 6

WANGANUI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898	...	...	28
Admitted during the year	...	...	339
Total under treatment	...	...	367
Discharged	...	...	314
Died	...	...	25
Remaining on 31st March, 1899	...	...	28

Sex.—245 males, 122 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wanganui Borough, 172; Wanganui County, 50; Waitotara County, 33; Rangitikei County, 72; Marton Borough, 23; Palmerston North, 3; Wellington, 4; Foxton, 2; Pemberton, 1; Waverley, 3; New Plymouth, 3; Auckland, 1.

Nationality.—English, 93; Scotch, 23; Irish, 45; Colonial, 190; American, 1; Danish, 2; Welsh, 3; German, 2; Norwegian, 1; Swiss, 1; Finn, 1; French, 3; Austrian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 152; Roman Catholic, 99; Presbyterian, 66; Wesleyan, 26; Church of Christ, 7; Brethren, 2; Baptist, 8; Salvation Army, 6; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 10,346; individual average days' stay, 28·19. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 7d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 117; attendances, 722.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	765	8 9	Rations ...	514	14 9
Local bodies ...	708	0 4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	38	19 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	50	15 6	Surgery and dispensary ...	315	1 11
Rents ...	795	10 9	Fuel and light ...	353	7 6
Patients' payments ...	377	5 6	Bedding and clothing ...	34	15 10
Other sources ...	67	17 6	Washing and laundry ...	68	16 3
Balance from last year ...	395	16 9	Salaries and wages ...	872	15 0
			Water-supply ...	80	0 0
			Funerals ...	7	3 8
			Repairs ...	4	19 2
			New hospital ...	400	11 4
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	71	10 0
			Interest ...	326	0 9
			Other expenses ...	126	11 10
Total ...	£3,160	15 1	Total ...	£3,215	7 0

The Board of this Hospital have, I think, prematurely appointed a resident medical officer. The institution is not large enough in point of numbers to have made this necessary. One result of this change was that a good deal of friction arose between the new resident and the nursing staff, for which I do not think the former was to blame. In fact, our system of female nursing, if it is to be kept within anything like bounds, either as regards its cost or the pretensions of individual matrons and nurses, will require a much stronger and less sentimental handling than most of our Boards seem able to apply to it. It is apt to be forgotten that, after all, hospitals exist not for the nurses, but for the patients. The grievances of nurses, which in New Zealand are really very hard to discover, figure far too much in the newspapers.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	153
Admitted during the year ...	1,582
Total under treatment ...	1,735
Discharged ...	1,478
Died ...	120
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	137

Sex.—992 males, 743 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington, 1,220; Wellington suburbs, 91; ships in port, 51; Petone, 51; Lower Hutt, 29; Levin, 21; Upper Hutt, 18; Masterton, 18; Pahiatua, 11; Palmerston North, 10; Johnsonville, 10; Martinborough, 9; Foxton, 8; Otaki, 8; Feilding, 7; Shannon, 6; Featherston, 5; Mauriceville, 5; Manukau, 5; Opiti, 5; Eketahuna, 5; Christchurch, 5; Greymouth, 5; Stratford, 5; Porirua, 5; Marton, 4; Trentham, 4; Tawa Flat, 4; Forty-mile Bush, 4; New Plymouth, 4; Kereru, 4; Halcombe, 3; Wanganui, 3; Waiwetu, 3; Taita, 3; Paraparaumu, 3; Paikakariki, 3; Mangatainoka, 3; Greytown, 3; Kaikoura, 3; Reef-ton, 3; Dunedin, 2; Hawke's Bay, 2; Hawera, 2; Waituna, 2; Mungaroa, 2; Pohangina, 2; Awahuri, 2; Ashhurst, 2; The Summit, 2; Alfredton, 2; Colyton, 2; Birmingham, 2; Nelson, 2; Mangaweka, 2; Kaitoke, 2; Patea, 2; Woodville, 2; Rangitikei district, 2; Wairarapa district, 1; England, 1; Westport, 1; Waikanae, 1; Wangaehu, 1; Waipukurau, 1; Stoke's Valley, 1; Moawhanga, 1; Pahautanui, 1; Taranaki District, 1; Te Horo, 1; Tokomaru, 1; Temuka, 1; Napier, 1; Invercargill, 1; Makuri, 1; Lyell, 1; Kumara, 1; Cobden, 1; Dannevirke, 1; Carter-ton, 1; Gisborne, 1; Horokiwi, 1; Beaconsfield, 1; Dalefield, 1; Eltham, 1; Belmont, 1; Blenheim, 1; Longburn, 1; Gore, 1; Takapau, 1; Portland Island, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 891; England, 414; Ireland, 190; Scotland, 102; Australia, 28; Germany, 16; Wales, 11; Denmark, 12; Norway, 10; Sweden, 9; China, 7; America, 5; Greece, 4; Italy, 4; Austria, 3; France, 3; West Indies, 3; India, 2; Finland, 2; Shetland Islands, 2; Canada, 2; Channel Islands, 2; Isle of Man, 1; Spain, 1; Tasmania, 1; Russia, 1; Belgium, 1; Africa, 1; Portugal, 1; Holland, 1; Assyria, 1; unknown, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 761; Roman Catholic, 413; Presbyterian, 239; Wesleyan, 124; Baptist, 28; Salvation Army, 23; Primitive Methodist, 18; Church of Christ, 17; Lutheran, 16; Congregationalist, 13; Brethren, 11; Methodist, 8; Hebrew, 7; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Confucian, 5; Greek Church, 4; United Christian Mission, 4; Freethinker, 2; Catholic Apostolic, 2; Unitarian, 2; Nonconformist, 1; Spiritualist, 1; Church of God, 1; Church of Sweden, 1; Moham-medan, 1; Seventh Day Adventist, 1; Society of Friends, 1; China Mission, 1; no religion at all, 25.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 52,376; individual average days' stay, 30.18. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,771; attendances, 13,519.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	4,278	15	5	Rations ...	3,097	6	9
Local bodies ...	3,900	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	114	3	7
Subscriptions and donations ...	1,044	11	1	Surgery and dispensary ...	1,509	1	8
Rents ...	2,082	15	2	Fuel and light ...	845	4	3
Patients' payments ...	1,840	0	5	Bedding and clothing ...	451	11	11
Other sources ...	27	10	0	Furniture and earthenware ...	161	5	4
Balance from last year ...	3,066	1	2	Washing and laundry ...	329	19	1
				Salaries and wages ...	3,585	16	8
				Water-supply ...	180	8	0
				Funerals ...	30	19	6
				Repairs ...	268	16	2
				Additions to buildings ...	2,029	9	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	63	2	0
				Interest and principal ...	403	12	0
				Insurance ...	41	17	6
				Other expenses ...	287	7	3
Total ...	£16,239	13	3	Total ...	£13,400	0	8

This Hospital is so well known for its vigorous and successful administration that I have nothing new to say about it. I am sorry to find that there is a falling-off of about £200 in the patients' payments for the year. Auckland Hospital collected £2,795, as against £1,840 for Wellington. The eight-hours system has been introduced for the nurses, and here, if anywhere, it is justified, for on the day of my last visit practically every bed was full. I was present when the bed in which a patient had just died was being got ready for another who was just being put into it. The new operating-room, which is well designed is rapidly approaching completion. The new Matron appears, after a certain amount of inevitable difficulty, to have got everything well in hand. I think the time has come when Dr. Ewart ought to accept the assistance of a junior surgeon. Miss Godfrey has retired from the position of Matron, which for many years she filled so satisfactorily, carrying with her the good-will and respect of all who knew her.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	29
Admitted during the year ...	119
Total under treatment ...	148
Discharged ...	114
Died ...	17
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...	17

Sex.—126 males, 22 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Buller County.

Country.—England, 26; Ireland, 25; Scotland, 21; New Zealand, 34; Australia, 8; Tasmania, 4; America, 8; Germany, 15; Italy, 5; China, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 46; Roman Catholic, 66; Presbyterian, 20; Wesleyan, 9; Lutheran, 3; Adventist, 2; Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 9,043; individual average days' stay, 61·10. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 90; attendances, 273.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	941	13	1	Rations ...	373	1	9
Local bodies ...	661	0	5	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	27	16	1
Subscriptions and donations ...	233	17	3	Surgery and dispensary ...	81	17	5
Patients' payments ...	178	9	5	Fuel and light ...	87	17	11
Other sources ...	25	1	5	Bedding and clothing ...	44	3	6
				Furniture and earthenware ...	52	12	1
				Salaries and wages ...	581	3	2
				Funerals ...	39	15	0
				Repairs ...	286	13	11
				Additions ...	391	18	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery, &c. ...	32	5	9
				Insurance ...	11	12	3
				Commission ...	5	9	4
				Other expenses ...	23	15	5
Total ...	£2,040	1	7	Total ...	£2,040	1	7

This Hospital appears after long turmoil to have attained peace. The Matron, Miss McCarthy has got complete charge, instead of the dual control that worked so unhappily in the past. I found everything working smoothly. Dr. McKenzie is very attentive to his work, and I heard none of the grumbling discontent that used to prevail both inside and outside the Hospital. This, like all the West Coast institutions, may be expected to be largely relieved by the Old-age Pensions Act. A strenuous effort ought at this juncture to be made to confine them to hospital functions properly so called.

ROTORUA SANATORIUM.

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Resident medical officer	400	0	0
Matron	95	0	0
Bath attendants and servants	403	11	8
Rations	250	15	1
Fuel and light	43	6	3
Bedding, &c.	68	0	11
Surgery and dispensary	27	1	6
Furniture and crockery	16	6	0
Wines and spirits... ..	0	10	6
Miscellaneous	139	7	6
	1,443	19	5
Received for maintenance	489	5	9
	£954	13	8
Number of patients on 31st March, 1898...	16		
Admitted during the year	72		
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Total under treatment		88	
Discharged	74		
Died... ..	1		
	—		
Remaining on 31st March, 1899		13	

Sex.—55 males, 17 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland, 24; Wellington, 10; Hawke's Bay, 14; Taranaki, 7; Canterbury, 2; Westland, 11; Otago, 1; New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 1; Tasmania, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 16; England, 24; Scotland, 10; Ireland, 13; Australia, 2; Sweden, 1; Germany, 1; Norway, 3; Nova Scotia, 1; Tasmania, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Sanatorium, 4,019; individual average days' stay, 45·67. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 2d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9d.

Owing to the death of Dr. Ginders, who did such good service for many years as Medical Superintendent of this Sanatorium, it was thought desirable to minimise as far as possible the administrative confusion which had prevailed here for many years. Dr. Kenny, who had a good administrative record in the Waikato Hospital, has been appointed to take complete charge of the Sanatorium and the working of the baths. No right of private practice has been given to him such as Dr. Ginders had. It was considered that the time had come when the people of Rotorua should combine to provide themselves with a resident general practitioner to meet the requirements of the district. Nothing could be better than the way in which Miss Thompson has managed the Sanatorium Hospital. It is one of the best conducted institutions in the colony.

D. MACGREGOR, M.A., M.B., M.C.,
Inspector of Asylums and Hospitals.

TABLE showing Admissions, Discharges, &c., of Patients at Hospitals for Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Hospitals.	Number of Patients on March 31, 1898.	Number of Patients admitted during Year.	Total under Treatment.	Number discharged.	Died.	Number remaining on March 31, 1899.	Sex.		Total Collective Days' Stay in Hospital.	Individual Average Days' Stay.	Average Cost per Patient.	Percentage of Cost of Administration on Total Expenditure.	Number of Outdoor Patients.	
							M.	F.					Individual Cases.	Attendances.
Akaroa	..	19	19	17	1	1	11	8	370	19.47	£ s. d. 0 16 5	49.24	..	..
Arrowtown	..	102	104	93	3	8	76	28	1,668	16.03	0 8 2½	52.25	130	183
Ashburton	..	163	175	152	10	13	140	35	3,187	18.21	0 8 7½	36.00	..	..
Auckland	..	1,287	1,426	1,177	116	133	980	446	47,284	33.15	0 4 4½	30.96	471	5,232
Blenheim	..	25	119	114	13	17	76	68	8,741	60.70	0 4 9½	34.83	..	..
Charleston	..	23	35	27	4	4	35	..	2,824	80.68	0 4 0½	42.63	9	144
Christchurch	..	1,870	1,441	1,239	111	91	851	590	31,475	21.84	0 5 2½	41.07	766	6,679
Coromandel	..	71	78	64	5	9	61	17	2,781	35.65	0 5 11½	41.46	149	243
Cromwell	..	2	44	38	5	1	41	3	1,367	31.06	0 9 4½	63.65	43	89
Dunedin	..	1,081	1,180	975	106	99	723	457	34,182	28.96	0 4 4½	33.20	1,790	5,556
Dunstan	..	2	58	41	13	4	49	9	1,515	26.12	0 12 10½	42.61	28	43
Gisborne	..	26	168	166	10	18	135	53	4,908	25.30	0 4 10½	51.84	..	..
Greymouth	..	52	202	127	27	48	179	23	16,585	82.10	0 3 0	34.45	139	241
Hawera	..	3	68	57	8	3	54	14	1,737	25.54	0 9 3½	44.00	..	..
Hokitika	..	34	156	131	27	92	149	41	11,333	59.64	0 4 1½	37.69	319	695
Invercargill	..	14	361	316	21	24	250	111	11,944	33.08	0 5 3	35.54	867	2,638
Kumara	..	16	74	66	7	17	78	12	4,712	52.35	0 3 5½	44.21	197	491
Lawrence	..	6	116	108	9	5	86	36	2,616	21.44	0 5 9½	50.26	60	..
Masterton	..	85	91	74	11	6	64	27	3,001	32.97	0 7 9½	33.82	..	..
Mercury Bay*	..	32	32	23	7	2	27	5	470	14.68	0 19 10	54.30	487	732
Napier	..	29	344	316	16	41	238	135	9,803	26.28	0 6 0	44.10	882	..
Naseby	..	10	143	134	10	9	107	46	4,162	27.20	0 6 0½	43.07	42	97
Nelson	..	24	166	145	24	21	120	70	8,421	44.32	0 5 1½	46.74	487	2,301
New Plymouth	..	18	209	191	20	16	169	51	6,706	29.54	0 5 8½	34.13	..	..
Oamaru	..	19	167	156	13	17	135	58	5,923	31.84	0 4 9½	40.00	155	200
Palmerston North	..	24	245	216	25	28	193	76	8,618	32.04	0 4 5	42.85	..	..
Patea	..	6	53	53	3	3	36	23	1,384	23.46	0 7 6½	42.06	..	..
Pictou	..	10	20	16	6	8	27	3	3,523	117.43	0 3 8½	42.92	7	..
Queenstown	..	111	122	110	6	6	100	22	3,516	28.82	0 5 5½	43.73	89	186
Reefton	..	80	99	73	13	13	93	6	5,773	58.31	0 4 7½	50.07	153	922
Riverton	..	119	128	110	9	9	97	31	4,443	34.71	0 5 8½	41.80	78	167
Ross	..	8	17	13	5	7	22	8	3,138	125.52	0 3 10½	52.77	..	..
South Wairarapa	..	3	43	36	3	4	33	10	970	22.56	0 8 10	52.68	..	..
Thames	..	24	294	275	22	21	224	94	8,269	26.00	0 4 3½	45.43	332	738
Timaru	..	26	234	213	26	21	155	105	7,567	29.10	0 5 10½	37.43	123	323
Waikato	..	26	299	291	15	19	232	98	7,663	32.66	0 6 7	37.30	..	..
Waimate	..	14	130	122	8	14	96	48	4,704	23.68	0 4 9½	46.03	85	182
Waipawa	..	26	282	232	13	37	213	69	9,224	32.71	0 4 8½	31.68	..	..
Wairoa	..	1	42	39	1	3	28	15	931	21.65	0 9 4	44.24	..	..
Wanganui	..	28	367	314	25	28	245	122	10,346	28.19	0 5 3½	33.54	117	723
Wellington	..	153	1,582	1,478	120	137	992	743	52,376	30.18	0 4 2½	33.27	2,771	13,519
Westport	..	29	119	114	17	17	126	22	9,043	61.10	0 3 7½	..	90	273
Totals	1,040	10,540	11,580	9,652	914	1,014	7,746	3,834	369,203	31.88	0 4 11½	38.16	10,862	42,616

* Opened 1st July, 1898.

TABLE showing Receipts on Account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Hospitals.	From Government.	From Hospital Boards and Local Authorities.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents, &c.	Payments by Patients.	Other Sources.	Balance from Last Year.	Total Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa ..	141 17 7	141 17 7	158 4 2	..	..	20 0 0	..	100 17 1	308 15 2
Arrowtown ..	211 0 6	..	1 18 11	..	..	255 3 6	..	725 5 3	1,425 19 8
Ashburton ..	614 0 11	630 0 0	600 13 9	3,805 15 4	232 18 4	69 11 7	4 0 0	106 8 3	13,382 6 1
Auckland ..	3,245 9 8	3,245 9 9	68 7 11	..	..	2,795 13 3	6 6 0	..	2,791 14 10
Blenheim ..	1,108 0 0	1,108 0 0	135 19 6	..	15 0 0	481 6 4	25 11 0	..	664 3 2
Christchurch ..	283 0 8	1,663 6 8	86 14 0	..	..	66 16 4	..	4,363 3 7	13,826 19 2
Christchurch ..	4,130 6 7	4,767 5 3	458 11 4	..	..	470 6 5	59 3 4	1,127 18 9	3,148 13 8
Coromandel ..	1,031 6 7	450 0 0	113 10 0	..	..	81 2 0	..	67 11 9	812 3 3
Cromwell ..	333 11 8	233 1 1	219 11 4	..	..	60 9 5	3 19 4	..	7,494 8 8
Dunedin ..	2,979 3 10	2,700 0 0	151 13 5	..	..	1,247 2 8	348 10 10	..	1,136 5 8
Dunstan ..	596 12 1	243 7 10	67 4 3	..	..	138 3 9	4 12 6	1 16 0	1,309 6 7
Gisborne ..	340 0 0	340 0 0	391 18 10	..	31 10 0	310 13 0	16 0 0	203 19 4	2,378 11 11
Graymouth ..	1,135 8 5	645 16 8	..	..	10 0 0	87 18 0	7 10 0	..	809 6 5
Hawera ..	374 16 6	374 16 5	..	..	..	59 13 6	..	104 17 6	2,333 8 8
Hokitika ..	1,115 14 11	627 1 8	370 9 9	..	..	82 10 0	32 14 10	..	3,419 5 7
Invercargill ..	1,590 10 0	1,590 10 0	16 6 7	..	..	130 4 10	91 14 2	..	815 0 0
Kumara ..	352 12 0	173 5 3	135 7 6	..	..	114 11 6	..	39 3 9	990 9 2
Lawrence ..	344 4 11	260 2 6	..	..	..	112 17 7	8 13 3	264 10 11	1,402 16 6
Masterton ..	604 6 5	350 0 0	251 15 2	..	..	96 14 11	100 0 0	..	1,892 5 7
Mercury Bay ..	1,315 4 7	..	478 11 3	..	15 0 0	52 1 6	31 8 3	..	4,491 1 5
Napier ..	1,557 16 11	1,250 0 0	444 16 3	450 13 9	60 7 6	413 8 0	4 17 4	9 1 8	1,640 19 9
Naseby ..	506 16 2	350 11 8	130 19 11	..	..	404 3 1	26 18 3	221 10 8	2,836 1 5
Nelson ..	1,212 16 10	950 0 0	143 11 9	..	209 10 0	315 19 6	4 3 4	..	1,918 14 5
New Plymouth ..	300 6 2	694 16 1	43 13 6	..	..	378 12 8	181 12 9	138 7 8	1,638 12 8
Oamaru ..	175 15 3	677 5 6	98 13 6	100 0 0	3 10 0	115 19 0	14 15 0	17 14 11	611 11 11
Palmerston North ..	770 7 3	341 3 2	69 1 9	..	..	332 1 5	1 1 11	..	650 9 2
Patea ..	259 18 7	200 0 0	45 15 6	..	..	8 4 0	30 7 2	272 9 11	1,385 7 11
Pictou ..	265 13 10	341 3 2	5 1 0	..	..	324 11 0	1 15 0	..	1,489 1 1
Queenstown ..	310 12 11	268 10 0	65 1 5	10 0 0	..	42 10 6	3 6 0	..	613 10 8
Reefton ..	722 0 10	275 0 0	334 1 7	..	..	137 8 6	13 0 0	160 5 1	2,386 19 7
Riverton ..	691 17 7	650 0 0	6 9 0	..	..	16 0 0	..	..	590 10 3
Ross ..	309 6 4	182 14 7	105 9 9	..	1 0 0	13 19 0	..	..	3,101 17 4
South Wairarapa ..	304 2 7	70 10 0	187 18 8	..	..	332 15 3	..	..	2,700 2 5
Thames ..	704 4 10	617 10 0	554 4 5	..	..	229 7 2	13 16 4	21 19 6	1,128 8 2
Timaru ..	1,417 10 1	1,417 10 1	26 10 0	..	..	440 4 3	9 3 0	197 15 4	2,727 19 2
Waikato ..	1,030 17 8	1,137 11 2	19 11 0	..	58 2 0	90 16 2	6 7 0	16 0 5	455 14 6
Waimate ..	507 17 4	463 7 0	35 5 2	..	..	198 19 7	9 9 9	395 16 9	3,160 15 1
Waipawa ..	1,184 0 2	828 0 0	312 17 1	..	795 10 9	58 6 4	67 17 6	3,066 1 2	16,239 13 3
Wairoa ..	186 17 0	176 0 6	9 0 6	..	2,082 15 2	377 5 6	27 10 0	..	2,040 1 7
Wanganni ..	765 8 9	708 0 4	50 15 6	..	..	178 9 5	25 1 5	..	116,424 12 11
Wellington ..	4,278 15 5	3,900 0 0	1,044 11 1	..	..	18,065 11 10	1,182 5 3	10,897 5 0	..
Westport ..	941 13 1	661 0 5	233 17 3	..	..	13,065 11 10	1,182 5 3	10,897 5 0	..
Totals ..	41,052 3 5	33,864 0 9	7,624 9 4	4,366 9 1	4,372 8 3	13,065 11 10	1,182 5 3	10,897 5 0	116,424 12 11

TABLE showing the Expenditure on Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Hospitals.	Rations and Provisions.	Wine, Ale, &c.	Surgery and Dispensary.	Fuel and Light.	Bedding and Clothing.	Furniture, Crockery, &c.	Washing and Laundry.	Salaries and Wages.	Water-supply.	Funerals.	Repairs.	Additions to Buildings, &c., and New Buildings.	Printing, Advertising, Postage, and Stationery.	For Interest.	For Insurance.	For Commission.	Other Expenses.	Total.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa ..	76 17 2	..	6 18 6	22 13 6	..	..	..	150 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47 6 0	303 15 2
Arrowtown ..	150 3 3	9 5 0	59 2 3	28 8 0	15 16 6	28 3 0	..	375 16 0	..	..	..	..	7 13 0	0 7 3	8 14 9	..	49 7 4	732 16 10
Ashburton ..	336 14 4	10 8 8	152 7 9	56 9 11	37 14 9	30 2 11	5 5 0	486 15 8	11 1 6	6 15 0	61 7 0	..	8 17 9	0 2 6	10 3 3	0 14 3	102 18 3	1,377 18 3
Auckland ..	2,448 19 0	145 6 6	1,136 16 4	758 13 0	220 3 5	410 2 6	316 5 6	2,192 14 6	624 9 0	23 4 0	220 4 0	93,617 16 0	208 7 0	..	31 6 3	..	1,233 18 4	13,932 6 1
Blenheim ..	476 17 0	9 11 6	274 4 11	114 7 6	221 0 6	..	..	687 1 8	..	31 5 0	56 3 1	701 15 0	41 4 7	..	19 2 9	25 12 10	132 17 3	2,791 14 10
Christchurch ..	1,848 8 2	70 1 0	690 14 5	835 14 4	213 12 7	45 13 11	..	3,504 14 11	..	26 18 6	310 16 8	1,766 3 3	71 11 6	..	2 7 3	6 1 6	27 2 10	569 14 4
Comandell ..	242 2 1	7 4 0	104 8 9	48 2 8	18 1 5	134 19 8	27 12 7	301 3 0	..	8 0 0	..	1,785 4 4	16 7 10	..	13 11 6	..	131 2 7	3,027 9 7
Cromwell ..	87 17 2	5 10 0	36 10 9	17 14 6	3 10 4	..	..	392 6 0	25 0 0	..	594 14 4	100 0 0	16 2 0	..	8 12 6	..	40 3 3	641 6 6
Dunedin ..	1,927 11 8	106 16 3	849 12 2	745 14 0	23 10 0	217 11 9	..	2,424 2 6	77 6 3	30 5 0	..	30 0 0	59 16 6	1 11 9	33 7 3	15 8 3	274 0 10	7,481 8 9
Dunstan ..	135 13 7	13 9 6	31 15 11	28 7 0	20 1 0	505 18 11	..	408 5 8	1 10 28	..	..	..	6 18 9	1 2 0	21 15 6	20 9 7	7 4 0	973 12 10
Gisborne ..	237 3 5	14 11 6	83 2 6	95 14 8	20 1 0	25 4 6	..	604 6 8	..	..	30 19 10	..	14 10 9	0 2 6	17 8 9	17 0 3	33 14 9	1,194 0 9
Greymouth ..	767 14 6	57 8 11	104 19 7	155 5 1	153 4 3	22 8 0	84 0 0	789 8 4	..	80 0 0	23 13 0	..	66 9 2	30 2 0	30 0 6	..	54 6 8	2,484 5 2
Hawera ..	169 19 0	32 8 0	90 10 5	39 2 0	22 13 4	18 14 0	12 3 10	344 13 8	..	..	212 14 0	..	11 5 9	6 5 11	7 17 6	..	30 0 0	809 6 5
Hokitika ..	653 0 3	33 19 0	211 2 7	133 8 9	34 12 1	6 6 6	..	843 16 4	..	11 11 0	149 19 7	..	53 16 5	3 3 0	27 1 6	19 2 3	113 16 9	2,334 19 2
Invercargill ..	729 4 10	58 3 11	275 10 10	271 0 11	438 17 1	140 3 0	90 0 10	1,061 19 10	14 17 0	15 0 0	..	14 2 9	11 7 6	4 10 0	6 9 0	..	109 11 7	3,140 7 0
Kumara ..	256 4 0	8 2 7	14 4 11	44 19 1	488 17 1	..	..	347 15 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	311 12 5
Lawrence ..	232 11 2	..	36 7 10	52 11 10	16 19 1	..	..	375 0 0	10 0 0	..	..	13 18 10	5 11 0	5 12 9	..	..	9 13 6	758 6 0
Masterton ..	213 6 6	3 8 0	131 4 6	88 0 3	72 7 7	67 9 11	20 0 0	357 5 6	28 6 10	9 0 0	22 11 2	..	38 1 3	0 28 0	13 19 0	40 17 0	13 17 8	1,168 2 7
Mercury Bay ..	46 19 8	2 9 0	93 19 10	7 13 0	57 5 3	65 1 10	17 2 7	741 15 0	..	..	19 2 3	199 5 4	33 0 1	..	6 16 3	..	102 2 0	1,382 12 4
Napier ..	758 9 0	26 13 6	184 1 8	206 9 8	b291 12 7	..	..	1,261 18 9	41 13 9	..	..	824 16 8	35 7 4	0 3 6	73 11 9	9 12 0	50 16 9	3,765 6 11
Naseby ..	241 1 1	28 2 4	81 8 3	60 5 6	b85 11 8	..	4 9 1	530 0 6	8 0 0	4 12 6	..	9162 18 0	14 2 11	0 10 0	11 15 0	..	30 5 2	1,263 2 0
Nelson ..	377 16 10	12 6 6	239 4 10	174 17 6	6 2 3	82 11 6	..	993 9 9	17 0 0	15 12 0	75 19 9	55 15 6	13 9 9	..	25 0 0	..	63 2 5	2,152 8 7
New Plymouth ..	309 13 0	40 6 3	201 2 5	177 12 2	64 8 2	157 9 11	141 10 9	619 14 1	3 10 0	..	50 11 10	..	35 6 3	25 3 11	20 13 0	..	65 2 4	1,918 14 5
Oamaru ..	300 17 2	47 10 7	174 3 2	82 14 2	44 14 4	123 12 4	38 6 7	557 11 7	..	7 2 6	49 19 2	75 14 6	16 7 6	15 9 3	31 12 0	..	26 4 7	1,415 19 10
Palmerston N. ..	396 18 7	20 6 4	145 9 4	174 6 10	41 9 8	47 12 4	0 10 0	797 3 11	..	3 2 6	50 5 4	..	9 18 5	9 3 3	2 13 3	..	115 3 3	1,897 7 3
Patea ..	133 13 9	..	4 2 0	40 9 10	19 11 4	38 10 5	..	211 4 0	..	..	28 7 6	..	10 14 11	..	5 0 0	..	9 2 0	598 17 4
Pictou ..	139 12 1	21 0 9	49 10 6	38 4 2	15 16 2	..	..	267 19 0	3 10 0	..	6 15 6	263 5 6	1 18 0	0 11 0	5 0 0	8 16 3	70 3 1	650 9 2
Queenstown ..	223 8 11	..	67 2 0	78 8 5	b97 5 6	..	..	421 0 0	..	16 13 0	21 16 0	..	10 14 11	0 9 3	15 5 3	..	44 12 11	1,227 17 6
Reefton ..	344 5 7	42 16 3	109 17 9	73 7 8	21 10 7	11 17 1	6 16 1	641 19 0	..	..	150 18 4	..	30 12 10	0 15 0	3 15 0	3 18 8	14 7 8	1,344 8 2
Riverton ..	235 16 9	9 15 6	47 8 0	85 15 0	25 7 1	39 18 11	12 15 0	487 5 8	13 16 0	..	..	..	40 11 0	4 2 0	9 7 0	..	100 11 6	1,263 7 9
Ross ..	179 3 2	..	10 9 3	26 19 8	..	..	..	315 7 6	7 10 0	..	54 11 7	..	8 16 0	..	5 3 6	..	5 0 0	613 10 8
S. Wairarapa ..	142 14 10	2 15 0	36 0 6	4 10 0	2 3 3	..	..	221 5 0	..	..	..	..	4 14 6	1 14 6	4 5 3	..	8 17 11	543 19 1
Thames ..	452 8 7	11 16 3	183 9 3	..	b65 8 7	..	..	775 12 7	32 5 10	18 12 6	..	..	30 0 2	..	15 8 9	..	144 15 3	1,774 9 4
Timaru ..	497 2 4	39 14 6	219 6 0	189 4 2	103 11 7	98 10 5	28 2 0	783 3 5	8 0 0	..	121 13 7	881 8 8	48 3 0	..	16 14 6	..	67 3 7	3,101 17 4
Waikato ..	586 14 2	60 10 0	335 13 1	137 19 0	49 10 0	37 9 11	79 14 0	888 9 0	29 3 8	13 2 6	56 2 7	6 0 0	54 1 6	..	21 7 6	..	172 4 1	2,528 1 0
Waimate ..	180 19 6	6 1 6	76 3 11	52 8 6	03 9 9	78 14 3	..	501 16 4	..	3 19 6	23 16 5	..	15 13 6	0 3 0	13 9 0	..	105 19 10	1,122 15 0
Waipawa ..	541 13 10	38 7 0	170 14 2	115 19 8	47 6 2	6105 16 2	30 14 6	779 7 5	8 8 0	21 15 0	10 3 6	232 9 9	13 18 6	..	33 6 0	..	279 18 6	2,419 14 8
Wairoa ..	98 17 4	..	79 15 11	8 0 0	3 5 0	..	..	190 0 0	80 0 0	7 3 8	4 19 2	400 11 4	71 10 0	0 2 6	2 12 0	..	36 17 3	434 4 6
Wanganui ..	514 14 9	38 19 0	315 1 11	353 7 6	34 15 10	..	..	872 15 0	..	30 19 6	268 16 2	22,029 9 0	63 2 0	0403 12 0	41 17 6	..	126 11 10	3,215 7 0
Wellington ..	3,097 6 9	114 3 7	1,509 1 8	845 4 3	451 11 11	161 5 4	329 19 1	3,585 16 8	180 8 0	39 15 0	286 13 11	391 18 0	32 5 9	..	..	..	287 7 3	13,400 0 8
Westport ..	373 1 9	27 16 1	81 17 5	87 17 11	44 3 6	52 12 1	..	581 3 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23 15 5	2,040 1 7
Totals ..	21,415 16 11	1,268 9 38	765 2 9	6,573 7 3	2,982 7 7	72,355 4 1	1,317 3 8	33,836 2 5	960 17 11	473 7 8	2,965 16 10	13,771 14 2	21,263 15 18	1855 1 7	730 2 2	2173 2 2	26,044 16 8	105,752 8 2

a Including light. b Including furniture, &c. c Including repairs. d Including furniture, repairs, &c. e Including repairs.

TABLE showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the under-mentioned Charitable Institutions during the Year ended 31st March, 1899.

District.	Receipts.				Expenditure.						Number of Children boarded out.	Total Cost of Children boarded out.	Average Weekly Cost of Children boarded out.
	Balance from Last Year.	From Government.	From Rates.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Payments by or on behalf of Persons relieved.	Rents, &c.	Other Sources.	Total.	Indoor Relief.	Outdoor Relief.	Total.	Children's Portion of Expenses.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
North of Auckland..	916 8 9	533 17 8	775 7 9	25 13 0	..	154 12 10	..	41 14 0	2,447 14 0	6,833 0 0	1,006 8 7	1,006 8 7	23 14 0
Auckland ..	318 14 1	4,579 4 8	8,473 15 8	1,332 3 0	363 11 ..	21,490 0 0	54 12 0	1,242 4 7	12,854 5 2	6,833 0 0	5,992 14 10	12,825 14 10	23 14 0
Thames and Coromandel	291 13 5	870 4 5	871 13 10	73 2 10	..	13 14 11	0 3 0	87 17 3	2,208 9 8	919 5 11	1,064 15 0	2,004 0 11	401 13 10
Waikato ..	..	505 13 0	487 8 10	..	..	6 17 8	..	..	999 19 6	343 3 0	656 16 6	999 19 6	136 9 8
Bay of Plenty ..	32 2 10	254 4 0	247 0 0	6 0 0	..	8 12 0	8 4 6	1 0 0	557 3 4	..	269 13 9	269 13 9	..
Cook ..	166 11 4	199 12 7	325 5 1	..	..	21 0 0	..	..	712 9 0	272 13 9	457 0 5	729 14 2	54 12 0
Hawke's Bay ..	934 11 7	1,145 19 3	1,045 2 10	84 0 5	..	58 10 6	..	..	3,268 4 7	679 15 8	2,054 13 1	2,734 8 9	165 2 2
Taranaki ..	..	1,272 13 4	1,481 19 10	..	..	..	..	..	2,754 13 2	955 17 7	768 11 6	1,724 9 1	144 19 1
Patea and Wanganui	381 1 2	581 10 6	581 10 6	..	..	83 4 10	..	..	1,637 7 0	907 9 5	735 5 8	1,642 15 1	171 2 3
Palmerston North ..	..	480 0 0	480 0 0	..	..	38 11 6	..	..	998 11 6	99 19 8	308 18 1	1,008 17 9	104 9 8
Wellington ..	5,520 18 7	7,568 8 5	5,263 5 8	690 2 8	650 0 0	836 10 9	42 0 0	1,940 2 5	22,501 8 6	8,381 5 0	8,858 4 8	17,239 9 8	2,655 2 6
Wairau ..	813 0 10	396 4 7	304 5 9	..	..	..	..	..	1,513 11 2	36 10 0	356 19 10	393 9 10	46 18 0
Picton ..	327 2 9	119 1 4	120 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	566 4 1	25 12 0	272 11 7	298 3 7	25 12 0
Nelson ..	44 9 10	1,152 9 6	950 0 0	92 15 0	5 0 0	533 0 7	..	36 10 0	2,814 4 11	1,774 13 2	1,382 7 5	3,057 0 7	853 8 1
Buller ..	..	456 2 9	597 6 3	..	..	..	..	17 16 0	1,071 5 0	60 18 0	810 6 8	871 4 8	60 18 0
Inangahua ..	175 15 1	548 3 8	425 0 0	95 8 3	..	..	..	13 0 4	1,257 7 4	108 14 5	1,021 12 7	1,130 7 0	111 2 5
Grey ..	74 16 2	985 16 7	885 16 6	16 0 0	..	..	..	13 18 8	1,976 7 11	641 6 3	1,525 15 7	2,167 1 10	658 1 1
Westland ..	57 15 2	1,848 14 1	1,053 1 4	207 5 7	..	23 6 2	..	..	3,185 2 4	272 14 4	1,815 15 1	2,088 9 5	356 10 1
North Canterbury	2,327 2 4	6,295 19 11	6,771 4 10	200 19 9	548 15 6	312 5 11	58 8 0	62 15 7	16,577 11 10	7,851 16 2	8,255 13 6	16,107 9 8	1,685 14 9
and Ashburton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Canterbury ..	2,062 13 1	1,123 15 1	1,091 19 6	..	..	..	..	55 4 6	4,333 12 2	589 0 10	2,320 19 7	2,910 0 5	736 8 1
North Otago ..	726 0 1	1,134 12 11	893 19 9	36 2 0	..	39 7 6	1 1 0	..	2,831 3 3	1,479 2 5	1,044 17 6	2,523 19 11	331 10 5
Otago United ..	137 6 7	6,764 17 8	6,312 9 6	384 15 1	4 15 4	248 0 0	696 1 2	38 5 6	14,586 10 10	7,018 5 10	7,019 2 8	14,037 8 6	2,719 10 11
Southland ..	795 1 1	1,998 12 4	2,046 15 7	8 3 6	9 10 0	29 8 0	10 1 0	27 8 2	4,924 19 8	2,968 17 23	2,331 11 0	5,300 8 2	215 1 0
Totals	16,103 4 9	40,810 18 3	36,484 9 0	3,252 11 1	1,581 12 0	3,887 3 2	870 10 8	3,577 17 0	106,568 5 11	42,220 0 7	50,850 15 1	93,070 15 8	12,685 14 3
												4,220 9 2	

* Also £463 6s. 1d. paid to Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for hospital treatment. † Includes £2,900 for additions to buildings. ‡ Includes £1,965 for additions to buildings. § Includes £1,589 for new buildings. || Includes £707 for buildings.

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1898, and 31st March, 1899.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1898.	31st March, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1898.	31st March, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1898.	31st March, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	3	1	...	2	2	2	...	...	5	3	...	2
Auckland	36	28	...	8	38	47	9	...	74	75	1	...
Coromandel and Thames	9	9	...	...	26	29	3	...	35	38	3	...
Waikato	3	1	...	2	4	7	3	...	7	8	1	...
Bay of Plenty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cook	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Hawke's Bay	15	23	8	...	3	1	...	2	18	24	6	...
Taranaki	13	9	...	4	...	...	...	...	13	9	...	4
Patea and Wanganui	1	5	4	...	15	6	...	9	16	11	...	5
Palmerston North	1	...	...	1	6	11	5	...	7	11	4	...
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	105	90	...	15	189	163	...	26
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	65	60	...	5	14	8	...	6				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Wairau	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	2	3	1	...
Picton	...	...	...	...	1	4	3	...	1	4	3	...
Nelson	9	17	8	...	31	40	9	...	40	57	17	...
Buller...	3	3	...	...	4	4	...	...	7	7	...	...
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	8	6	...	2	8	6	...	2
Grey	4	10	6	...	42	36	...	6	46	46	...	...
Westland	19	16	...	3	6	10	4	...	25	26	1	...
Ashburton and North Canterbury	42	60	18	...	69	42	...	27	111	102	...	9
South Canterbury	47	44	...	3	5	7	2	...	52	51	...	1
North Otago	...	...	...	...	22	21	...	1	22	21	...	1
Otago United	...	...	...	...	203	193	...	10	213	198	...	15
Otago Benevolent Institution	10	5	...	5	...	...	...	...				
Southland	12	7	...	5	14	4	...	10	26	11	...	15
Totals	300	307	45	38	620	570	38	88	920	877	37	80

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).

(This table refers to out-door relief and to heads of families only.)

	Auckland Charitable Aid Board.	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	*Dunedin Benevolent Society.	Greymouth Benevolent Society.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	Waikato Charitable Aid Board.
Lack of employment	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	...	...
(1.) Able-bodied	71	26	74	...	...	...	58	51	...
(2.) Inefficient	41	24	90	...	1	...	...	24	...
Sickness	164	132	149	115	4	50	27	19	...
Accident	6	5	9	...	1	...	2	...	1
Insanity of bread-winner	3	14	5	2	...	...	3	...	...
Imprisonment of bread-winner	9	9	15	5	...	...	2	...	...
Desertion of bread-winner	35	44	38	52	2	...	12	5	1
No male support—									
(1.) Widows	105	138	90	174	21	11	50	2	6
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	11	25	4	6	...	...	...	...	1
Intemperance	9	12	66	...	1	...	...	...	...
Shiftlessness	14	3	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Physical defects	20	43	44	...	2	...	13	1	...
Old age	235	213	92	279	97	17	33	12	8
Causes undetermined	...	18	7	211	...	...	7	2	...
Total number of cases	723	706	723	916	129	78	207	116	17

* For year ended 31st December, 1898.

TABLE II.—DECISIONS IN CASES OF APPLICANTS FOR RELIEF.

		Auckland Charitable Aid Board.	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	Dunedin Benevolent Society.	Greymouth Benevolent Society.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	Waikato Charitable Aid Board.
Continuous outdoor relief	...	194	Not given.	182	Not given.	18	59	68	8	13
Intermittent outdoor relief	...	323		21		2	10	15	14	3
Temporary outdoor relief	...	206		442		1	8	52	80	9
Work rather than relief	...	...		113		...	...	...	...	...
Indoor relief	...	281	Not given.	179	Not given.	1	...	50	10	19
Transportation	...	42		75		1	...	22	14	...

TABLE III.—NUMBER OF RATIONS ISSUED.

	Number of Rations issued, 1898.	Number of Rations issued, 1899.	Amount given in Cash, 1898.	Amount given in Cash, 1899.	Total Number relieved, 1898.	Total Number relieved, 1899.	Remarks.
Auckland Charitable Aid Board	199,141	179,618	£ 2,004 0 0	£ 2,206 0 0	1,468	1,268	Relief given by orders on store-keepers to value of £458.
Christchurch Charitable Aid Board	244,767	270,342	£ 3,342 0 0	£ 3,201 0 0	2,158	1,858	
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	164,962	156,996	£ 2,742 0 0	£ 2,992 0 0	1,661	1,503	
Hokitika Benevolent Trustees	...	...	£ 174 0 0	£ 133 0 0	82	78	
Napier Charitable Aid Board	82,437	69,662	£ 149 0 0	£ 102 0 0	393	468	Relief given by orders on store-keepers.
North Wairarapa Benevolent Trustees	...	...	...	£ 25 0 0	...	...	

Description of Daily Ration.

Auckland.—Bread, 1 lb. ; tea, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. ; sugar, 3 oz. ; rice, 2 oz. ; oatmeal, 2 oz.—ordinary ration ; to the sick and to those over sixty years of age, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. meat. Value, from $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. to $3\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Christchurch.—Meat ; also bread and groceries out of Board's store to value of 3-16d. per daily ration.

Wellington.—Bread, 1 lb. ; potatoes, 1 lb. ; meat, 8 oz. ; sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. ; tea, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. Value, $2\frac{1}{8}$ d.

Napier.—Meat, 8 oz. ; sugar, $2\frac{1}{4}$ oz. ; tea, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. ; bread, 1 lb. ; potatoes, 1 lb. Value, $3\frac{3}{4}$ d.

TABLES OF DISEASES AND DEATHS IN HOSPITALS.

THESE TABLES ARE COMPILED IN THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE.]

TABLE showing the Number of Cases of Disease and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1898.

Class.	Orders, Diseases, &c.	Auckland.		Whitanga.		Coromandel.		Thames.		Hamilton.		Gisborne.		New Plymouth.		Hawera.		Patea.		Napier.		Waipukurau.		Waikato.		Wellington.		Palmerston N.		Wanganui.		Master-ton.		Greytown.		Blenheim.		Picton.		Nelson.		Westport.		Charleston.		Reefton.	
		Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.				
I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.	ORDER 1.—Miasmatic.																																														
	1. Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	2. Chicken-pox ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	3. Measles ..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	4. Epidemic Rose-rash ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	5. Scarlet Fever, Scarlatina ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	6. Typhus Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	7. Relapsing Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	8. Influenza ..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	9. Whooping-cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	10. Mumps ..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	11. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	12. Cerebro-spinal Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	13. Simple and Ill-defined Fever ..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	14. Typhoid Fever ..	167	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
15. Other Miasmatic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	Total Order 1 ..	240	21	..	..	21	4	62	5	30	3	73	3	20	..	3	4	..	33	3	20	2	1	106	9	7	..	30	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	3	..	10	..	2	114	2			
	ORDER 2.—Diarrheal.																																														
	1. Simple Cholera ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2. Diarrhoea ..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	3. Dysentery ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Total Order 2 ..	5	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	ORDER 3.—Malarial.																																														
	1. Remittent Fever ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2. Ague ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	3. Beriberi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Total Order 3 ..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	ORDER 4.—Zoonous.																																														
	1. Hydrophobia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2. Glanders ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	3. Splenic Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	4. Cow-pox and other Effects of Vaccination ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Total Order 4 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	ORDER 5.—Venereal.																																														
	1. Syphilis ..	15	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2. Gonorrhoea, Stricture of Urethra, Ulcer of Groin ..	24	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Total Order 5 ..	39	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

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Orders, Diseases, &c.	Auckland.		Whitanga.		Coromandel.	Thames.	Hamilton.	Gisborne.	New Plymouth.	Hawera.	Patea.	Napier.	Waipukurau.	Waikato.	Palmerston N.	Wanganui.	Masterton.	Greytown.	Blenheim.	Picton.	Nelson.	Westport.	Charleston.	Reefton.
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
ORDER 6.—Septic.																								
1. Phagedæna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Erysipelas	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Pyæmia, Septicæmia	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
4. Puerperal Fever, Pyæmia, Septicæmia	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Order 6	7	2	..	..	..	1	5	..	1	1	4	4	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..
Total Class I.	295	26	2	..	22	4	38	3	22	4	8	46	4	34	18	36	1	2	5	6	3	5	11	3
ORDER 7.—Parasitic.																								
1. Thrush	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Other Diseases from Vegetable Parasites	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Hydatid Disease	3	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
4. Other Diseases from Animal Parasites	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class II.	4	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
ORDER 8.—Dietetic.																								
1. Starvation	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Want of Breast-milk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Scurvy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Chronic Alcoholism	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
5. Intemperance	18	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Delirium Tremens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Other Dietetic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class III.	24	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	2	7	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
ORDER 9.—Constitutional.																								
1. Rheumatic Fever	5	1	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	1	..	9	5	..	2	4	..	..	..	3	2	5	4	..
2. Rheumatism	37	..	..	..	..	10	9	4	7	..	1	11	16	..	8	9	3	..	1	3	2	5	4	10
3. Gout	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	2
4. Rickets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Cancer	36	7	..	..	1	6	2	4	10	2	1	22	7	1	3	8	5	1	1	7	2	23	9	4
6. Tabes Mesenterica, Tubercular Peritonitis	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
7. Tubercular Meningitis, Acute Hydrocephalus	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Phthisis	34	6	..	..	3	7	10	2	8	..	..	11	5	1	7	19	1	..	1	4	..	10	4	2
9. Other Forms of Tuberculosis, Scrofula, Cachexia	12	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	4	1	..	3	2	1	..	1	6	..	2	..	..
10. Purpura, Hemorrhagic Diathesis	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia	14	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	7	4	..	..	1	1	3	1	1	2
12. Diabetes Mellitus	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
13. Other Constitutional Diseases	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class IV.	144	17	1	..	6	32	25	12	26	2	5	59	38	3	31	48	8	1	6	23	6	34	922	119

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DISEASES AND DEATHS IN HOSPITALS.

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Class	Grey-mouth.		Kumara.		Hokitika.		Ross.		Christchurch.		Akaroa.		Ashburton.		Timaru.		Waimate.		Dunedin.		Oamaru.		Naseby.		Clyde.		Cromwell.		Queens-town.		Arrow-town.		Lawrence.		Invercargill.		River-ton.		Totals.				
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.			
ORDER 3.—Diseases of Circulatory System—contd.																																											
10. Phlebitis	1				1				1						1				2																				18				
11. Varicose Veins, Piles ..	2				5			31					1		1		1		11		2														3		1		150				
12. Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..					1														1																3			12					
Total Order 3	20	8	11	5	13	2	1	64	12	2		16	4	9	1	9	2	57	17	12	3	4		2	1	2	1	2	1	2		8	3	6	1	16	3	5	1	579	139		
ORDER 4.—Diseases of Respiratory System.																																											
1. Laryngitis																																									13		
2. Croup																			4																				6				
3. Other Diseases of Larynx and Trachea ..																			2																						7		
4. Asthma, Emphysema	3	1	3					13				1	1	1	1	1	1	5		40	5	14		2		2		2		9	1	4		9		11	3	9		390			
5. Bronchitis	18	3	3		12			48	9			7	3	9	1	2	2	33	11	7	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	8	2	7		276				
6. Pneumonia	3	1	2	1	2			22	7			4	4	1	5	2	33	11	7	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	147			
7. Pleurisy	2		3		2			17				5	1	4			1	9																						53			
8. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..			1																																						3		
Total Order 4	26	5	12	1	16			104	16			17	1	19	2	12	3	93	16	23	2	21	3	5		2		2		19	3	11		18	1	23	6	28	1	974	115		
ORDER 5.—Diseases of Digestive System.																																											
1. Stomatitis, Cancrum Oris ..																																											
2. Dentition																																											
3. Sore Throat, Quinsy																																											
4. Dyspepsia																																											
5. Hematemesis																																											
6. Melæna																																											
7. Diseases of Stomach, Gastritis ..	2				4			29	1																																		
8. Enteritis								7	1																																		
9. Ulceration, Perforation of Intestine ..					2																																						
10. Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine ..	1	1			2			2																																			
11. Stricture or Strangulation of Intestine ..					2																																						
12. Intussusception of Intestine ..																																											
13. Hernia																																											
14. Fistula	2							18	2																																		
15. Peritonitis	1	1						7																																			
16. Ascites																																											
17. Gall-stones																																											
18. Cirrhosis of Liver	2							3																																			
19. Other Diseases of Liver, Hepatitis, Jaundice ..	1							10																																			
20. Other Diseases of Digestive System ..								4	2																																		
Total Order 5	11	2	5		12	3	4	119	15	5		20	5	31	2	25	2	119	12	20	2	24	2	5	1	5		5		10		18		26	3	7		998	90				
ORDER 6.—Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.																																											
1. Diseases of Lymphatic System ..																																											
2. Diseases of Spleen																																											
3. Bronchocele																																											
4. Addison's Disease																																											
Total Order 6																																											

