

HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	32
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	156
Total under treatment				188
Discharged	...	...	...	141
Died	...	...	...	26
Remaining on 31st March, 1900				21

Sex.—146 males, 42 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Westland.

Country.—England, 48; Scotland, 16; Ireland, 50; Germany, 13; Italy, 5; New Zealand and Australia, 51; China, 1; Austria, 1; Sweden, 2; Canada, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 64; Presbyterian, 35; Roman Catholic, 69; Freethinker, 1; Baptist, 1; Lutheran, 11; Wesleyan, 6; Salvationist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 10,907; individual average days' stay, 58. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 274; attendances, 638.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	893	14	6	Rations	...	651	8	9
Local bodies	...	531	5	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	50	18	2
Subscriptions and donations	...	383	19	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	180	6	7
Rents	...	2	0	0	Fuel and light	...	109	10	1
Patients' payments	...	163	9	3	Bedding and clothing	...	47	6	10
Other sources	...	16	8	8	Furniture and earthenware	...	31	12	3
					Salaries and wages	...	718	2	0
					Funerals	...	11	15	0
					Repairs	...	67	1	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	32	3	0
					Insurance	...	24	4	0
					Commission	...	18	6	3
					Other expenses	...	44	2	2
Total	...	£1,990	16	8	Total	...	£1,986	16	7

Visited 30th October, 1899.—In the hands of Dr. Teichelmann this hospital has attained a high character for the number and variety of surgical operations successfully undertaken. I found an abuse beginning to show itself owing to the ticket system. An old-age pensioner, W. D., gets his maintenance free because he buys an annual ticket for 10s.; his whole pension is returned.

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	389
Total under treatment				413
Discharged	...	...	...	350
Died	...	...	...	35
Remaining on 31st March, 1900				28

Sex.—307 males, 106 females.

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

Country.—England, 76; Scotland, 76; Ireland, 65; New Zealand, 155; Tasmania, 5; Germany, 5; Victoria, 7; China, 5; Denmark, 3; Sweden, 1; New South Wales, 2; America, 4; Italy, 3; Jersey, 1; Norway, 4; Hungary, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 114; Roman Catholic, 107; Presbyterian, 137; Wesleyan, 15; Salvationist, 3; Lutheran, 9; Baptist, 2; Confucian, 5; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Methodist, 12; Church of Christ, 3; Agnostic, 1; no religion, 1; Christadelphian, 1; Christian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 10,260; individual average days' stay, 24·84. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 987; attendances, 3,046.