

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	81	3	9	Rations, and fuel and light ...	339	14	5
Subscriptions and donations ...	125	12	2	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	23	12	10
Rents ...	740	14	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	91	2	11
Patients' payments ...	195	6	6	Bedding and clothing ...	20	14	4
Other sources ...	15	6	4	Furniture and earthenware ...	8	13	9
Balance from last year ...	222	7	4	Salaries and wages ...	550	3	4
				Funerals ...	10	16	10
				Repairs and additions ...	29	15	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	12	10	3
				Insurance ...	4	12	0
				Other expenses ...	33	8	6
Total ...	£1,380	10	7	Total ...	£1,125	4	10

Visited 18th December.—Ten men and two women. Mr. Desmond has been obliged to resign owing to ill-health. Nursing conditions fairly satisfactory. This is the only Hospital that owns a maternity ward. About six single girls were confined there during last year.

OTAKI COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

This is a well-designed Cottage Hospital, comfortably furnished, and very well managed. There is a very suitable modern operating-room. The nursing is good. Dr. Mason is a man who, I fear, will, from his ability and kindly manner, make the institution only too attractive.

[For statistics, Otaki Hospital, see page 30.]

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1899 ...	28
Admitted during year ...	243
Total under treatment ...	271
Discharged ...	234
Died ...	14
Remaining on 31st March, 1900 ...	23

Sex.—193 males, 78 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Palmerston North, 245; Masterton, 3; Wanganui, 2; Waipukurau, 3; Napier, 1; Timarū, 1; Sydney, 1; Wellington, 14; Auckland, 1.

Nationality.—English, 62; Scotch, 23; Irish, 31; New Zealand, 122; Australian, 8; German, 4; Canadian, 1; Danish, 8; Swedish, 3; Norwegian, 3; American, 3; East Indian, 1; Finn, 1; Maltese, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 121; Roman Catholic, 49; Presbyterian, 39; Wesleyan, 21; Lutheran, 15; Salvation Army, 3; Methodist, 1; Dutch Reformed Church, 1; Baptist, 2; Jewish, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 13; Christadelphian, 1; no religion, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,948; individual average days' stay, 29.32. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 8d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record.

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From Government ...	712	4	7	Rations ...	371	14	6
Local bodies ...	729	19	9	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	20	19	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	28	13	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	141	14	3
Bequests ...	45	13	10	Fuel and light ...	197	14	10
Patients' payments ...	441	17	9	Bedding and clothing ...	21	5	3
Other sources ...	30	4	9	Furniture and earthenware ...	29	1	3
				Washing and laundry ...	39	3	6
				Salaries and wages ...	827	5	4
				Funerals ...	9	10	0
				Repairs ...	30	1	5
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	25	15	9
				Interest ...	2	3	6
				Insurance ...	31	2	3
				Other expenses ...	153	11	6
Total ...	£1,988	13	8	Total ...	£1,901	2	4

Visited 30th January.—Seven men and nine women. Miss Dogherty was absent on sick-leave. Hospital and grounds in excellent order. Cleanliness and comfort prevail. The townsfolk feel a just pride in the efficiency of their hospital.