

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	189
Total under treatment				213
Discharged	...	...	...	173
Died	...	...	...	21
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				19

Sex.—169 males, 44 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Southland.

Country.—England, 49; Scotland, 48; Ireland, 26; New Zealand, 75; Isle of Man, 1; Jersey, 1; Canada, 1; Victoria, 2; Denmark, 1; Germany, 1; Austria, 1; China, 1; India, 1; Japan, 2; Sweden, 2; Finland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 68; Presbyterian, 81; Roman Catholic, 31; Wesleyan, 9; Primitive Methodist, 4; Lutheran, 2; Congregational, 1; Baptist, 2; Confucian, 2; Unitarian, 1; not defined, 12.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 5,633; individual average days' stay, 26.45. Daily average cost per head, 7s.; less patients' payments, 6s. 5d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 791; attendances, 1,702.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	733	16	6	Rations, wines, &c.	225	18	9
Local bodies	674	2	5	Surgery and dispensary	140	10	3
Subscriptions and donations	32	11	6	Fuel and light	180	3	6
Rents and endowment	27	15	8	Bedding and clothing	67	17	8
Patients' payments	164	11	7	Salaries and wages	879	12	5
Other sources	50	0	0	Funerals	44	5	6
				Repairs	9	16	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	57	10	9
				Interest	19	9	10
				Other expenses	346	14	5
Total	£1,682	17	8	Total	£1,971	19	4

This Hospital is a small, badly designed, and, I am afraid, practically insanitary hospital—i.e., saturated with germs of disease. The imposing appearance it presents is due mainly to its adjuncts—a fine large doctor's residence and a central administrative block—while the hospital proper is old, badly arranged, and, though much improved of late in this respect, is still badly ventilated. It is, in short, a miserable hospital with splendid appendages. Like the trustees of the Dunedin Hospital, those of Invercargill have spent on costly accessories what would have gone some distance to provide a suitable hospital, and have done so in such a way as to make it now difficult, if not impossible, to make the best use of the site for hospital purposes proper. With these drawbacks, the Hospital is, I believe, now well managed, though at the time of my visit I found matters very unsatisfactory in the steward's department, and of this fact I informed the Chairman. The medical care of the Hospital is quite satisfactory. Dr. McLeod is careful and energetic, and is well supported by the local members of the profession.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	50
Total under treatment				53
Discharged	...	...	...	33
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				12

Sex.—50 males, 3 females.

Localities from which Patients come.—Kumara, 39; Grey District, 7; Hokitika, 4; Reefton, 1; Charleston, 1; Wanganui, 1.

Nationality.—English, 6; Scotch, 6; Irish, 25; Colonials, 11; American, 1; Dane, 1; Portuguese, 1; Italian, 1; Chinese, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,283; individual average days' stay, 61.94. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 37; attendances, 177.