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NEW ZEALAND.

HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS
IN THE COLONY

(REPORT ON), BY THE INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS.

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

HOSPITALS.

AKAROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	16
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	17
Discharged	...	...	...	13
Died	...	...	...	...
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	4

Sex.—13 males, 4 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Akaroa.

Country.—New Zealand, 5; England, 3; Ireland, 3; France, 3; India, 3.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 9; Church of England, 8.

The total collective number of hospital-days was 938; individual average days' stay, 55·18.

Daily average cost per head, 7s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients, 9; attendances, 27.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	165 2 0	Rations	...	...	89 10 7
Derived from North Canterbury	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	1 15 0
Hospital Board, of which it is a	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	21 9 0
branch hospital	165 1 11	Fuel and light	...	...	27 10 6
	Salaries and wages	...	...	150 0 0
	Other expenses	...	...	39 18 10
Total	£330 3 11	Total	...	...	£330 3 11

I inspected this Hospital on the 5th January, 1891. It is conducted as a branch of the Christchurch Hospital, with a local medical man, who receives £50 salary, and a married warder—Mr. Penrose—who receives a salary of £100. The building is well designed for a small cottage hospital of eight beds, is well furnished, and very neatly kept, both outside and in. The total number treated during the year was seventeen. There was only one patient, a chronic case of many years' standing, on the day of my visit.

ARROWTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	58
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	59
Discharged	...	...	...	54
Died	...	...	...	4
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	1

Sex.—49 males, 10 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Arrowtown, 16; Cardrona, 10; Macetown, 7; Arrow River, 7; Pembroke, 5; Kawarau, 4; Lake Hayes, 3; Victoria Bridge, 2; Miller's Flat, 2; Arthur's Point, 1; Shotover, 2.

Country.—England, 11; Scotland, 13; Ireland, 10; Wales, 3; New Zealand, 11; Victoria, 5; Denmark, 4; China, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 17; Roman Catholic, 15; Presbyterian, 23; Freethinkers, 2; Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,548; individual average days' stay, 26·24. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 8½d; less patients' payments, 7s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients, 4; attendances, 4.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	238	1	10	Rations, and fuel and light ...	170	17	5
Local bodies ...	157	11	11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	5	6	7
Subscriptions and donations ...	103	14	10	Surgery and dispensary ...	27	18	11
Patients' payments ...	112	13	6	Salaries and wages ...	382	9	10
				Funerals ...	9	0	0
				Repairs and additions to buildings...	38	1	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	3	7	6
				Interest ...	2	4	0
				Insurance ...	3	15	0
				Other expenses ...	31	9	4
Total ...	£612	2	1	Total ...	£674	10	3

Inspected the 11th January, 1891. Found everything in first-rate order. There were only three patients on the date of my visit. All spoke well of the treatment and attention they received. Here, as in most of the smaller hospitals, I found two or three chronics, who are admitted and discharged more than once during the year, probably with an eye to the annual statistics. This institution, like so many in New Zealand, owed its origin to a fluctuating population, and might quite well have been done without. It is but right, however, to say its management is admirable. An abundant supply of spring water has been brought in from the gully behind by means of a ram, to work which a new concrete reservoir has been built. The total number of cases treated during the year was fifty-nine.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	4
Admitted during the year ...	142
Total under treatment ...	146
Discharged ...	125
Died ...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	15

Sex.—113 males, 33 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Ashburton County.

Nationality.—English, 53; Irish, 34; New Zealand, 25; Scotch, 18; Australians, 7; Americans, 4; East Indians, 2; Tasmanian, 1; Dane, 1; Swede, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 74; Roman Catholic, 30; Presbyterian, 21; Wesleyan, 7; Baptist, 6; Primitive Methodist, 2; Salvation Army, 1; Evangelist, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Lutheran, 1; Unitarian, 1; New Connection, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,701; individual average days' stay, 25·35. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 4½d; less patients' payments, 6s. 7½d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	455	0	9	Rations and light ...	376	16	0
Local bodies ...	510	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	28	9	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	2	2	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	80	12	9
Patients' payments ...	145	1	2	Fuel ...	63	18	0
Balance from last year ...	7	10	0	Bedding and clothing ...	149	8	8
				Furniture, earthenware, ironmongery	64	7	6
				Washing and laundry ...	35	5	0
				Salaries and wages ...	386	13	10
				Funerals ...	7	10	0
				Repairs ...	88	0	1
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	4	19	0
				Interest ...	9	3	0
				Insurance ...	10	10	0
				Other expenses ...	64	14	8
Total ...	£1,119	13	11	Total ...	£1,370	7	6

Notwithstanding its structural defects, this continues to be a well-managed and comfortable not to say luxurious institution. The number of patients treated was 146. All spoke in the highest terms of the treatment they received. There is a good supply of instruments, which are very well kept.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	112
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	856
Total under treatment				968
Discharged	...	...	...	773
Died	...	...	...	101
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				94

Sex.—Males, 694; females, 274.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and Suburbs, 596; Auckland Hospital District, 227; northern districts, 66; southern districts, 38; shipping, 41.

Country.—New Zealand, 329; England and Wales, 272; Ireland, 191; Scotland, 66; Australia, 22; Germany, 17; America, 14; India, 9; Holland, 8; Sweden, 6; France, 4; Fiji, 4; Norway, 3; Africa, 2; Samoa, 2; Denmark, 2; Austria, 2; Mauritius, 2; Azores, 1; Canada, 1; Belgium, 1; Portugal, 1; China, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; unknown, 7.

Religion.—Church of England, 487; Roman Catholic, 250; Presbyterian, 128; Wesleyan, 51; Baptist, 16; Salvationists, 10; Church of Christ, 4; Lutheran, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Jewish, 2; Mormon, 1; Confucian, 1; no religion, 14.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 36,796; individual average days' stay, 38.0. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 413; attendances, 3,285.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	2,012	11	8	Rations	...	1,780	15	10
Local bodies	...	2,012	11	8	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	124	0	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	62	12	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	623	17	5
Bequests	...	1,229	0	0	Fuel and light	...	569	14	3
Rents	...	394	13	3	Bedding and clothing	...	193	15	4
Patients' payments	...	1,880	11	1	Furniture and earthenware	...	292	7	10
Other sources...	...	41	6	5	Washing and laundry	...	184	18	10
					Salaries and wages	...	1,880	5	1
					Fees to consulting staff	...	63	0	0
					Water-supply	...	125	6	5
					Funerals	...	47	19	6
					Repairs	...	116	12	2
					Additions to buildings and drainage	...	702	12	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	39	19	8
					Maintenance of nurses' home	...	609	19	9
					Insurance	...	8	5	0
					Arnaboldi inquiry	...	45	0	6
					Proportion of office expenses	...	166	10	0
					Other expenses	...	58	6	2
Total	...	£7,633	6	1	Total	...	£7,633	6	1

The affairs of this institution have been before the public so much lately that it is not necessary for me to say more here than that the Board have found by experience that it is not prudent to refuse to be guided by the example of similar institutions elsewhere, and have agreed to return to the old system of having an honorary medical and surgical staff. It is to be hoped that the medical profession will admit that they too had been unreasonable in their action, and that henceforth we may see no further difficulties in the working of this Hospital. The evidence given before the Commissioners clearly shows that some change is required in the provisions of the law in the direction of admitting some representatives of the medical staff to the governing bodies, at any rate of our largest hospitals. I am glad to see that an increase of salary has been given to Mr. Schofield, whose general administration of this Hospital has been most careful and economical.

BLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	20
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	92
Total under treatment				112
Discharged	...	...	...	83
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				21

Sex.—97 males, 15 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wairau, Awatere, Waimea, Picton.

Nationality.—English, 41; Irish, 31; New Zealand, 29; Scotch, 5; German, 3; Russian, 2; Scandinavian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 56; Roman Catholic, 33; Presbyterian, 11; Wesleyan, 3; Salvationist, 4; Lutheran, 2; other religions, 3.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 7,758; individual average days' stay, 69·27. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 2¾d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
From Government	...	513	1 0	Rations	...	499	17 8		
Local bodies	...	730	13 4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	21	0 0		
Patients' payments	...	93	17 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	133	6 5		
Other sources	...	25	12 0	Fuel and light	...	61	15 3		
Balance from last year	...	228	10 10	Bedding and clothing	...	81	13 6		
				Furniture and earthenware	...	97	15 4		
				Salaries and wages	...	343	3 4		
				Funerals	...	32	2 6		
				Repairs	...	26	8 3		
				Additions to buildings	...	240	5 0		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	19	6 5		
				Interest	...	4	12 6		
				Insurance	...	13	0 0		
				Other expenses	...	17	8 0		
Total	...	£1,591	14 2	Total	...	£1,591	14 2		

The surgical practice at this Hospital is marked by great ability, and a most thoroughgoing appreciation of the most modern methods. The nursing is most efficient and careful. The Hospital itself is badly planned, and placed at an inconvenient distance from the town. The large male ward is divided into two by a partition, one end being occupied by the hospital patients proper, while the other is set apart for refuge cases. This has the effect of apparently reducing the daily cost per head, owing to the increased number of inmates and the increased length of average stay.

CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	29
Total under treatment	...	...	...	34
Discharged	...	...	...	27
Died	...	...	...	2
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	5

Sex.—Male.

Localities from which Patients came.—Brighton to Westport,

Nationality.—Irish, 11; English, 9; New Zealand, 4; French, 3; Scotch, 2; Welsh, 2; British-American, 1; Norwegian, 1; West Indian, 1.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 16; Church of England, 12; Presbyterian, 2; Freethinkers, 2; Wesleyan, 1; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,388; individual average days' stay, 70·24. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 21; attendances, 201.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
From Government	...	235	0 0	Rations	...	194	7 2		
Local bodies	...	115	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	18	6 6		
Bequest	...	2	2 3	Surgery and dispensary	...	58	8 8		
Patients' payments	...	81	15 8	Fuel and light	...	19	2 6		
Other sources	...	3	15 1	Bedding and clothing	...	20	0 8		
Balance from last year	...	90	8 9	Furniture and earthenware	...	7	18 6		
				Salaries and wages	...	244	5 0		
				Funerals	...	5	0 0		
				Repairs	...	15	7 11		
				Additions to buildings	...	3	14 4		
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	9	5 1		
				Insurance	...	4	0 0		
				Other expenses	...	8	11 0		
Total	...	£528	1 9	Total	...	£608	7 4		

Charleston Hospital is another of those institutions that are left high and dry by the receding tide of a goldfield's population. The main object of the Hospital has come to be that it is a means of enabling the people to induce a doctor to remain in the place, and it is apparent that having got a man who is professionally capable, they are content to wink at his conduct in certain respects. The Hospital, with the exception indicated, is well managed, and the patients are made very comfortable.

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	91
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,058
Total under treatment				1,149
Discharged	...	...	...	979
Died	...	...	...	74
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	96

Sex.—764 males, 385 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Christchurch and suburbs, 835; Lyttelton, 66; Amuri, 10; Kaikoura, 12; Akaroa, 22; Ashburton, 12; Greymouth, 2; Wellington, 2; Auckland, 2; Waimate, 1; Ashley County, 71; North Canterbury District and no home, 108; Hokitika, 1; Westport, 2; Napier, 1; unknown, 2.

Country.—England, 401; New Zealand, 373; Ireland, 206; Scotland, 78; Germany, 21; Australia, 12; Wales, 12; Sweden, 8; Tasmania, 7; India, 7; America, 6; Norway, 4; Italy, 3; Denmark, 3; Holland, 2; Switzerland, 2; Austria, 2; Russia, 1; unknown, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 560; Roman Catholic, 223; non-episcopal, 366.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 39,657; individual average days' stay, 34.51. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 922; attendances, 2,840.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	3,050	7 2	Rations	1,622	2 6
Local bodies and Hospital Board	2,318	1 3	Wines, spirits, ale, &c...	280	0 2
Subscriptions and donations	71	7 6	Surgery and dispensary	674	18 8
Patients' payments	796	1 3	Fuel and light	688	16 0
Other sources	24	1 0	Bedding and clothing	151	4 4
Balance from last year	1,367	9 6	Furniture and earthenware	150	13 5
			Salaries and wages (including washing and laundry)	2,673	0 0
			Funerals	17	17 6
			Repairs	251	10 10
			Additions to buildings	188	18 4
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	64	12 7
			Interest	10	18 10
			Insurance	54	7 6
			Casual ward, Lyttelton	35	13 7
			Other expenses	216	19 10
Total	£7,627	7 8	Total	£7,081	14 1

I have inspected this Hospital several times in the course of the year, and have always found it in good order. The large wards are patterns of comfort and freshness. At every visit, however, I am more and more impressed with the fact that, while the matron and most of the nurses are efficient, the nursing-staff is inferior as a whole to that of Auckland, and especially of Wellington. The House Surgeon ought to insist on all vacancies being filled with well-educated young women, capable of profiting by such special training as every modern hospital of this size ought to impart to its nurses. A nurses' home is very much required, and a separate sitting-room is a matter of great urgency.

By this year's returns an increase of 215 is shown in the total number of patients under treatment, giving an increase of 6,228 in the total collective days' stay in the Hospital, and yet the total expenditure was £125 less than last year. This gives a decided reduction in the average daily cost per patient. It will be observed that the percentage of cost of administration on the total expenditure is comparatively high, being 38.66, while in Dunedin, where like Christchurch all the washing is done in their own laundry, it is only 34.50.

COROMANDEL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	...
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	11
Total under treatment				11
Discharged	...	...	...	9
Died	...	...	...	1
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	1

Sex.—11 males.

Localities from which Patients came.—Coromandel, 5; Whangapoua, 5; Kuaotunu, 1.
Country.—England, 2; Wales, 1; Ireland, 3; New Zealand, 4; United States of America, 1.
Religion.—Church of England, 2; Roman Catholic, 3; Presbyterian, 3; Wesleyan, 3.
 Total collective days' stay in hospital, 297; individual average days' stay, 27·0. Daily average cost per head, £1 14s. 6d.; less patients' payments, £1 12s. 5d.
Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 39; attendances, 44.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	461	0	7	Rations	...	...	77	18	9
Local bodies	...	...	200	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	2	2	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	221	0	6	Fuel and light	...	...	15	0	8
Patients' payments	...	...	31	8	0	Furniture and repairs	...	...	2	7	6
Balance from last year...	...	...	31	18	4	Salaries and wages	...	...	412	5	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	2	19	10
						Other expenses	...	...	43	1	0
						Paid to Mercury Bay Hospital Committee...	...	...	330	0	0
Total	...	...	£945	7	5	Total	...	...	£885	14	9

This Hospital is one of the smallest of our cottage hospitals. It is managed almost entirely by the secretary to the county, the members appearing to leave it to him and the warder, Mr. Parkes. As on most of the goldfields, the subscriptions and donations amount to the creditable sum of £221, but of this most comes from Mercury Bay, where a medical man is subsidised. Last year £330 was paid over to this district, leaving the amount actually expended on the Coromandel Hospital proper as £555 14s. 9d.

I hope that with the advent of Dr. Daldy fresh energy will be infused into this institution, and that strenuous efforts will be made to interest the general public, and not leave it so much to one man, who has the entire weight on his shoulders.

CROMWELL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	...	...	...	82
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	—
Total under treatment ...	...	...	...	82
Discharged ...	...	...	...	75
Died ...	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	...	...	...	2

Sex.—60 males, 22 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Cromwell, 16; Bannockburn, 23; Tarras, 5; Pembroke, 5; Hawera, 5; Nevis, 6; Cardrona, 2; Luggate, 1; Bendigo, 3; Wanaka Road, 3; Lowburn and Gorge, 6; Pisa Station, 3; Gentle Annie, 1; Kawarau Station, 1; Oamaru, 1; Sandy Point, 1.

Country.—England, 27; New Zealand, 21; Scotland, 16; Ireland, 8; Australia, 4; Greece, 2; Prussia, 1; Sweden, 1; America, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—Protestant, 72; Roman Catholic, 7; Greek Church, 2; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,268; individual average days' stay, 15·46. Daily average cost per head, 13s.; less patients' payments, 11s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 27.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	395	6	11	Rations ...	138	14	11
Local bodies ...	185	11	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	15	5	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	166	11	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	49	1	4
Bequests ...	43	16	5	Fuel and light ...	34	17	11
Patients' payments ...	65	12	3	Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware ...	25	15	10
				Salaries and wages ...	383	1	1
				Water-supply ...	52	5	6
				Funerals ...	7	15	0
				Fencing and grounds ...	25	9	6
				Repairs ...	10	16	0
				Additions to buildings ...	7	12	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	25	12	9
				Interest ...	4	11	10
				Insurance ...	5	5	0
				Commission ...	25	13	6
				Other expenses ...	20	6	8
Total ...	£856	18	3	Total ...	£832	3	10

This Hospital was built when the population was larger, and the district more prosperous. I observe that the number of patients admitted this year was eighty-two, as against fifty-four last year.

This is a well-designed, substantial stone building. The doctor is capable and attentive, and the nursing is good. The cost per head has been reduced considerably this year in consequence of the larger number of patients. I am further bound to admit that the average stay of individuals in this Hospital is the lowest but one in the colony, which shows that no slackness has been allowed in that direction.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	101
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	834
Total under treatment				935
Discharged	...	...	...	753
Died	...	...	...	98

Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ... 84

Sex.—566 males, 369 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Dunedin and suburbs, 455; South Dunedin, 59; North-east Valley, 28; St. Clair and Caversham, 51; Mosgiel and Taieri, 23; Milton, 18; Port Chalmers, 21; shipping, 24; Palmerston, 16; Merton and Blueskin, 14; Peninsula and Anderson's Bay, 15; Lawrence, 11; St. Kilda, 6; Green Island, 4; Balclutha, 4; Catlin's, 5; Clinton, 3; Outram, 6; Oamaru, 6; Christchurch, 3; Kaitangata, 3; Nenthorn, 2; Waipori, 4; Roslyn, 7; Mornington, 10; Purakanui, 4; Shotover, 3; other districts, 130.

Country.—England and Wales, 266; New Zealand, 225; Scotland, 193; Ireland, 139; New Hebrides, 3; Victoria, 11; South Africa, 3; United States, 6; Norway, 3; Sweden, 9; Denmark, 3; China, 19; Holland, 2; France, 5; Germany, 7; Tasmania, 13; New South Wales, 2; Switzerland, 1; New Brunswick, 1; Poland, 2; Turkey, 2; Jersey, 5; India, 1; South Australia, 2; St. Helena, 1; Cape St. Vincent, 1; Guernsey, 1; Hanover, 1; other countries, 8.

Religion.—Church of England, 316; Presbyterian, 285; Roman Catholic, 177; Wesleyan, 49; Baptist, 37; Congregational, 12; Salvationist, 11; Christian Brethren, 5; Lutheran, 5; Church of Christ, 3; Freethinkers, 3; Independent, 3; Jewish, 2; Buddhist, 1; Tabernacle, 1; Free Church, 1; Confucian, 19; other religions, 5.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 33,765; individual average days' stay, 36.10. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients, 1,569; attendances, 5,999.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	2,855	18	8	Rations	1,626	14	2
Local bodies	2,470	2	11	Wines, spirits, &c.	220	9	8
Subscriptions and donations	217	13	9	Surgery and dispensary	908	10	0
Students' fees	110	5	0	Fuel and light	474	13	10
Sale of medicine, Dunedin Gaol	23	17	6	Bedding and clothing	86	8	5
Sales	63	13	1	Furniture and earthenware	235	10	8
Patients' payments	763	9	8	Salaries and wages	2,101	9	7
Other sources	28	0	0	Water-supply	52	0	0
Balance from last year	4	3	1	Funerals	24	7	6
				Repairs	353	19	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	132	6	8
				Interest	2	6	0
				Insurance	28	1	0
				Other expenses	226	17	11
Total	£6,537	3	8	Total	£6,473	14	11

This Hospital has gone recently through such an ordeal as must have effectually brought to light any weak spots in its organization, with the result that by universal consent the administration has been excellent. The points singled out for adverse criticism were the want of accommodation for a staff of trained nurses, the structural defects of the building and its insanitary condition, the low and swampy character of the site, the necessity for new wards, and especially of wards for special cases, and of isolating wards. The report of the Commissioners, with the printed evidence, has been laid already on the table of the House, so that I may confine myself to a statement of my opinion regarding the suitability of the plans which have been proposed for what is practically a new hospital, and towards the erection of which a request has been made by the trustees for a Government grant. My objections were laid before the trustees in the following letter, to which I have nothing to add, except that the nurses' home is placed in such a position that it cuts off the sunshine from some of the back wards of the proposed extension, which, as I have said in my letter, ought in any case to be condemned for containing so many enclosed and sunless spaces, where the air must be cold and stagnant, and that it seems superfluous to build a nurses' home at all when it is proposed to retain for administrative purposes a building so immensely larger than is required for that end.

“SIR,—

“Inspector-General’s Office, Wellington, New Zealand, 8th May, 1891.

“Having carefully considered the plans for extending the Dunedin Hospital, forwarded by you to this office, I have the honour to lay before you formally what I have already done my utmost to impress on members of your Board—namely, that there are very grave reasons why the present opportunity should be seized for getting a new hospital for Dunedin, on a better site than the present one.

“1. That for an indefinite period—that is, until the whole of the Dunedin flats are no longer drained into the harbour—it is not prudent to spend any large sum of money on the present Hospital site.

“2. That if not actually built over an old flax-swamp, some of the buildings are, at any rate, close up to the edge of it, so that the cost of subsoil drainage, and the arches on which all the blocks must be raised, will be very great, and no expense can make them satisfactory.

“3. That the area included within the semicircular corridor is so large that the cost of administration of the more distant blocks will more than counterbalance any fancied saving secured by retaining the central block for administrative purposes. It would be cheaper in the long run to pull down the whole existing building than spoil, for so long a time, such an important hospital merely for the sake of an old building, three-fourths of which would be useless, besides being a cause of permanent expense.

“4. The proposed extension involves so many enclosed and sunless spaces, in which the air must be cold and stagnant, that on this ground alone the design ought to be condemned. Except for its convenient and central position, both for patients, students, and doctors, I do not believe that a less healthy and suitable site could be found in the whole of Dunedin, and I am persuaded that at no distant date the public will have just cause to blame all those who either actively or passively let slip such an opportunity as cannot occur again in our time of securing a suitable hospital on a healthy site for the city and Medical School of Dunedin.

“I have, &c.,

“The Chairman, Dunedin Hospital Trustees.”

“D. MACGREGOR.

Subsequent consultations between the trustees and the Government have resulted in an agreement to modify the plans prepared by Mr. Wales so far as to make the existing building no longer a permanent part of the proposed hospital. I regret very much that the Dunedin people have not seen fit to insist on a new hospital on a new site, for I am firmly of opinion that by unanimous pertinacity they would succeed. I have done all I could to secure for this important question full time for its consideration by the responsible authorities. There only remains for me now the duty of doing the best I can to make the best of a bad job.

DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	42
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	44
Discharged	...	...	...	33
Died	...	...	...	7
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	4

Sex.—39 males, 5 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Alexandra and neighbourhood, 9; Earnscliffe and Baldhill Flat, 9; Clyde and neighbourhood, 8; Ida Valley, 5; Matakanaui, Tinker’s, and Drybread, 5; Galloway Station, 3; Ophir, 2; Morven Hills, 2; Roxburgh, 1.

Country.—England, 8; Scotland, 9; Ireland, 9; Wales, 1; New Zealand, 7; Victoria, 2; United States of America, 1; China, 7.

Religion.—Church of England, 13; Presbyterian, 13; Roman Catholic, 8; Confucian, 7; Baptist, 2; Independent, 1.

Total collective days’ stay in hospital, 1,451; individual average days’ stay, 33. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 8d.; less patients’ payments, 10s. 10d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
Revenue.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	371	5	11	Rations	...	...	155	7	10
Local bodies	...	...	171	7	11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	9	8	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	122	6	2	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	34	15	9
Patients' payments	...	...	59	11	11	Fuel and light	...	...	34	19	8
Balance from last year	...	...	162	17	3	Bedding and clothing	...	...	15	16	3
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	67	18	8
						Salaries and wages	...	...	406	15	0
						Water-supply	...	...	23	4	2
						Funerals	...	...	12	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	43	12	5
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	20	5	3
						Interest and exchange	...	...	0	4	6
						Insurance	...	...	12	19	6
						Fencing and grounds	...	...	4	10	8
						Other expenses	...	...	5	0	0
Total	...	...	£887	9	2	Total	...	...	£846	17	8

This Hospital continues to be managed with vigour. Owing to a falling-off in the number of patients treated during the year the daily cost per head has risen from 6s. 8½d. in 1889 to 10s. 10d. in 1890. Notwithstanding the reduced number of patients, causing a diminution of 554 in the total collective hospital days' stay, I find there is an increase of £75 in the total cost for the year.

GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	108
Total under treatment				114
Discharged	...	...	...	97
Died	...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				7

Sex.—85 males, 29 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—County of Cook and Borough of Gisborne.

Nationality.—British, 98; foreign, 16.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,022; individual average days' stay, 26·51. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	424	0	7	Rations	...	168	9	11
Local bodies	...	170	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	21	16	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	128	19	11	Surgery and dispensary	...	55	17	8
Rents and interest	...	49	4	0	Fuel and light	...	35	17	6
Patients' payments	...	178	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	42	6	4
Other sources	...	8	7	1	Furniture and earthenware	...	39	0	8
Balance from last year	...	215	3	1	Salaries and wages	...	438	5	9
					Repairs	...	121	4	11
					Additions to buildings	...	40	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	31	0	5
					Insurance	...	15	5	0
					Telephone account	...	81	18	3
					Other expenses	...	17	14	3
Total	...	£1,173	14	8	Total	...	£1,108	16	8

At the date of my last visit there was a medical interregnum in this Hospital. I found Dr. Johnston in charge for Dr. Pollen, who had removed to Wellington. There were in all eight patients, six males and two females. All spoke highly of their treatment by the doctor. I formed the opinion that Miss Stewart was an attentive and capable matron. The institution as a whole was in a satisfactory condition. The total cost has increased by £273; but £121 has been spent on repairs, as against £44 in the previous year; and the number of patients has increased by thirty-two.

GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	40
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	125
Total under treatment				165
Discharged	...	...	...	102
Died	...	...	...	19

Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ... 44

Sex.—141 males, 24 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Grey Valley, 55; Arnold, 34; Maori Creek and Marsden, 24; Brunner, 15; Greymouth, 12; North Beach, 10; Blackball, 7; South Beach, 4; Reefton, 3; Hokitika, 1.

Country.—England, 54; Ireland, 42; Scotland, 18; New Zealand, 14; China, 10; Victoria, 6; Sweden, 3; America, 2; Austria, 2; Azores, 2; Germany, 2; Holland, 2; Tasmania, 2; Belgium, 1; Canada, 1; Denmark, 1; Italy, 1; New South Wales, 1; Russia, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 61; Roman Catholic, 55; Presbyterian, 23; Confucian, 10; Wesleyan, 6; Lutheran, 4; Church of Christ, 2; Freethinkers, 2; Salvation Army, 1; unsectarian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 16,335; individual average days' stay, 99·0. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 152; attendances, 482.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
		Revenue.					Expenditure.		
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,113	0	10	Rations	...	735	10	8
Local bodies	...	350	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	100	8	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	620	11	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	57	16	3
Patients' payments	...	42	17	11	Fuel and light	...	133	6	9
Sale of produce	...	4	10	0	Bedding and clothing	...	127	12	11
Balance from last year	...	101	10	3	Furniture and earthenware	...	21	19	5
					Salaries and wages	...	1,216	11	0
					Funerals	...	9	8	6
					Repairs	...	26	17	7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	51	15	6
					Interest	...	8	8	10
					Insurance	...	30	0	0
					Other expenses	...	45	5	0
Total	...	£2,232	10	8	Total	...	£2,565	0	5

Like most of the West Coast hospitals this one is largely occupied by cases which ought to be in a refuge. Of the forty-six inmates on the date of my visit, I found in one of the wards six patients, all chronics except one. Next ward contained nine beds, all occupied by chronic cases. The large male ward (the surgical ward) contained thirteen beds, all occupied. One man was twice admitted this year, remaining thirteen weeks on former occasion, and this time had been admitted four weeks. Next case was two years and three months in the hospital; the next, seven years; next man, twelve months; next, one year and nine months; next, sixteen months; next, three months this year and eight months last year; the remainder may be taken as suitable hospital cases. Of the nine beds in the female ward, five were occupied—one patient thirteen years, one sixteen months, and one four months in Hospital.

This mixed hospital and poorhouse is a very well-managed institution. The skill and attention of Dr. Morice are beyond question, and Mr. Williams's management is quite satisfactory.

A splendid Christmas dinner, provided by gifts from benevolent townspeople, was in preparation at the time of my visit, forming another of many proofs of the great interest that is taken in the Hospital. The small daily cost per patient—namely, 3s. 1½d.—is, of course, explained by the high individual average stay of 99, which is by far the largest in the colony. With an average stay of thirty days, as it ought to have, a hospital of this size—i.e., with a total under treatment of 165, with an average stay of thirty days, would cost 10s. 4½d. per day.

A peculiarity of this Hospital deserves to be mentioned: Though the salaries here, as all over the Coast, are high, yet the Secretary and Treasurer are honorary officers, and give a great deal of attention to their duties.

GREYTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	46
Total under treatment	...	...	...	47
Discharged	...	...	...	42
Died	...	...	...	2
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	3

Sex.—44 males, 3 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Greytown, 11; Featherston, 8; Martinborough, 11; Carterton, 5; Lower Valley, 4; East Coast, 3; Masterton, 2; Gladstone, 1; Morrison's Bush, 1; Matarawa, 1.

Country.—England, 18; New Zealand, 11; Scotland, 6; Ireland, 6; Germany, 4; Wales, 1; Norway, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 33; Presbyterian, 9; Baptist, 1; Roman Catholic, 4.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,089; individual average days' stay, 23.17. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 1½d.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
		Revenue.					Expenditure.		
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	148	16	1	Rations	...	63	18	8
Subscriptions and donations	...	131	6	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	0	15	0
Bequest	...	50	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	23	4	3
Patients' payments	...	22	10	0	Fuel and light	...	2	8	9
Other sources	...	4	2	0	Bedding and clothing	...	9	13	2
Balance from last year	...	88	9	4	Furniture and earthenware	...	19	2	0
					Salaries and wages	...	150	0	0
					Repairs	...	18	18	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	2	15	0
					Insurance	...	4	10	0
					Other expenses	...	7	17	1
Total	...	£445	3	9	Total	...	£303	2	5

This year the number treated in this Hospital was all but double that in the previous year, being forty-seven, as against twenty-four last year. The doctor continues very attentive to his patients. Everything is clean, and an air of homely comfort pervades the place. I think a greater sum ought to be recovered from patients for their maintenance.

HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	22
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	185
Total under treatment				207
Discharged	...	...	...	160
Died	...	...	...	18
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				29

Sex.—177 males, 30 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Westland.

Nationality.—English, 53; Scotch, 30; Irish, 30; Colonials, 47; Welsh, 5; Continental, 39; Chinese, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 60; Roman Catholic, 58; Presbyterian, 57; Wesleyan, 18; others, 14.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 11,135; individual average days' stay, 53·79. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 270; attendances, 581.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	1,005	16	4	Rations	...	...	467 16 0
Local bodies	...	...	506	18	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	53 5 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	410	8	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	181 17 9
Patients' payments	...	...	87	9	0	Fuel and light	...	...	100 5 6
Other sources	...	...	18	12	6	Bedding and clothing	...	...	26 9 6
Balance from last year	...	...	29	0	9	Furniture, crockery, &c.	...	...	10 12 0
						Washing and laundry	...	...	28 0 0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	1,072 10 5
						Funerals	...	...	20 0 0
						Repairs	...	...	27 16 3
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	27 8 0
						Interest	...	...	2 17 0
						Insurance	...	...	27 15 0
						Commission	...	...	5 2 0
						Other expenses	...	...	46 3 10
Total	...	...	£2,058	5	5	Total	...	...	£2,097 18 3

Like Greymouth Hospital, this is largely a refuge for old and infirm miners. Of the twenty-seven patients in residence on the date of my visit ten were kept over a year, and seven of the ten over two years. Thirteen patients were more than six months in the Hospital; the remaining four may be taken as hospital cases proper.

The staff-cost thought necessary to carry on this refuge hospital is out of all proportion to the number of patients treated, or the amount of attention they require. If we take Napier Hospital for purposes of comparison we see that the number of patients treated there was 390, as against 207 in Hokitika, while the total cost of Napier was £2,052, and of Hokitika £2,097. In Napier salaries and wages came to £773 4s., while in Hokitika they amounted to £1,072 10s. 5d., and the total work done must have been at least twice as much in the former. There is no necessity for a dispenser at Hokitika, nor for the gardener, who gets £100. The same man might perform the duties of clerk both to the Charitable Aid Board and the Hospital Trustees; or, rather, the County Clerk might do the whole, thus saving a large sum which is now wasted. There is no necessity in a hospital of this size of compelling the doctor to visit every morning and afternoon, except to see unusual cases. The sum received for patients' maintenance ought to be largely increased, and the local committees ought to be compelled to pay much more than they do now. Unless these reforms are carried out, it will be impossible to keep this Hospital going much longer. The doctor is skilful and attentive, and the institution, barring its expensiveness, is well looked after and in good order.

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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	446	16	5	Rations	...	...	162	10	6
Local bodies	...	...	180	18	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	...	...	11	19	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	117	7	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	15	10	3
Rents	...	...	15	0	0	Fuel and light	...	...	17	1	3
Patients' payments	...	...	27	9	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	7	3	0
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	6	19	3
						Salaries and wages	...	...	446	14	10
						Funerals	...	...	10	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	23	1	6
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	27	3	0
						Interest and exchange	...	...	5	4	8
						Insurance	...	...	8	15	0
						Other expenses	...	...	15	10	4
Total	...	...	£787	11	5	Total	...	...	£757	12	7

At the time of my visit, in the end of December, I found everything in this Hospital in a state of confusion. After careful inquiry I called together the trustees, and prevailed on the doctor to promise to hand in his resignation to the next ordinary meeting. This was done; but, by what appears to me an unaccountable change of mind on the part of the trustees, they refused to accept the resignation when it was offered, and since then matters have drifted until the recent appointment of Dr. Miles, of Ross, whom I know to be a most suitable man. I am confident that the Hospital will rapidly, in his hands, deserve and command the confidence of the public.

LAWRENCE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	144
Total under treatment	...	...	...	156
Discharged	...	...	...	136
Died	...	...	...	11
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	9

Sex.—121 males, 35 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Tuapeka County.

Country.—England, 27; Scotland, 27; Ireland, 39; New Zealand, 40; China, 10; Tasmania, 3; Victoria, 3; Germany, 2; Denmark, 2; South Australia, 1; New South Wales, 1; Italy, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 5,192; individual average days' stay, 33.28. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 56.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	233	0	0	Rations	...	...	362	3	8
Local bodies	...	...	515	13	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	46	0	0
Patients' payments	...	...	260	5	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	106	11	0
Other sources	...	...	15	16	4	Fuel and light	...	...	74	4	7
Balance from last year	...	...	385	18	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	34	19	1
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	12	6	3
						Washing and laundry	...	...	2	5	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	434	10	6
						Water-supply	...	...	10	0	0
						Funerals	...	...	2	10	6
						Repairs	...	...	15	16	2
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	4	15	6
						Interest	...	...	0	6	0
						Insurance	...	...	5	2	6
						Other expenses	...	...	50	19	0
Total	...	...	£1,410	13	1	Total	...	...	£1,162	9	9

This Hospital continues to maintain the high character it has always deserved in Dr. Withers's hands, and the management of the trustees is careful and efficient. My inspection was made on the 15th of January, 1891.

MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients remaining on 31st March, 1890 ...	7
Admitted during the year ...	67
Total under treatment ...	74
Discharged ...	65
Died ...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	4

Sex.—69 males, 5 female.

Localities from which Patients came.—Pahiatua, 16; Masterton, 15; Eketahuna, 11; Whareama, 12; Mauriceville, 3; Taueru, 8; Wellington, 3; Woodville, 2; Alfredton, 1; Carterton, 1; not known, 2.

Country.—England, 29; Ireland, 13; New Zealand, 12; Scotland, 8; Germany, 4; America, 2; Denmark, 1; France, 1; Australia, 1; Russia, 1; South Africa, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 31; Presbyterian, 23; Roman Catholic, 15; Lutheran, 2; Greek Church, 1; Wesleyan, 1; unsectarian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,315; individual average days' stay, 31.28. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	313	4	2	Rations ...	...	153	8	7
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	258	15	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	6	17	6
Patients' payments ...	...	107	18	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	70	2	2
					Fuel and light ...	...	17	12	8
					Bedding and clothing ...	...	23	10	0
					Furniture and earthenware ...	...	25	4	6
					Salaries and wages ...	...	268	19	8
					Funerals ...	...	17	18	6
					Repairs ...	...	18	17	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	14	9	0
					Insurance ...	...	11	0	0
					Commission ...	...	23	4	3
					Other expenses ...	...	20	17	4
Total ...	...	£679	17	10	Total ...	...	£672	1	4

I inspected this Hospital on the 18th of February, 1891, and found everything in satisfactory order. The patients were well cared for in every respect. The one weak spot is that two married couples are employed where one couple ought to be sufficient, or, to speak more accurately, the wife of the warder, Mr. Williams, lives in the Hospital without having any definite hospital duties. It would be better to have only one couple. Dr. Hosking is a skilful surgeon and very attentive to his patients, while Mr. Williams, the warder, performs his duties most faithfully, and takes a great interest in the garden and grounds.

NAPIER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	23
Admitted during the year ...	367
Total under treatment ...	390
Discharged ...	349
Died ...	21
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	20

Sex.—276 males, 114 females.

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

Country.—England, 113; Scotland, 58; Ireland, 66; New Zealand, 117; Isle of Man, 1; Australia, 7; Tasmania, 2; Jersey, 1; France, 3; Germany, 3; Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, 10; America, 3; India, 1; Maoris, 5.

Religion.—Church of England, 164; Roman Catholic, 102; Presbyterian, 76; Wesleyan, 14; Baptist, 6; Lutheran, 5; Seventh-day Adventists, 4; undenominational, 4; Salvation Army, 3; Methodists, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 2; no religion, 8.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 8,370; individual average days' stay, 21.46. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 713; attendances, 954.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	826	17	11	Rations ...	401	1	10
Local bodies ...	275	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	35	0	3
Subscriptions and donations ...	438	13	9	Surgery and dispensary ...	169	8	1
Bequests ...	399	6	7	Fuel and light ...	159	9	11
Rents ...	90	5	6	Furniture and earthenware ...	177	13	3
Patients' payments ...	606	0	3	Salaries and wages ...	773	4	0
Balance from last year ...	407	18	2	Water-supply ...	30	15	6
				Funerals ...	5	7	6
				Repairs ...	24	0	8
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	29	14	6
				Insurance ...	35	17	3
				Other expenses ...	210	10	2
Total ...	£3,044	2	2	Total ...	£2,052	2	11

This Hospital, while it is no longer administered with the rigid parsimony which distinguished the rule of the late steward, is still very carefully looked after by Captain Baker. Dr. Menzies is very kind and attentive to his patients. Nurse Lees is a capital manager in the nursing department, and has inspired her staff with her own spirit. As a whole, the Hospital is in a satisfactory condition, and this is greatly due to the interest that is taken in it by the trustees and many of the people of the town. I have laid stress on the way their work is done by the steward and head nurse because I was much struck by the excellent condition in which I found all the departments, though it is manifest that the doctor reigns, but does not govern.

NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	6
Admitted during the year ...	84
Total under treatment ...	90
Discharged ...	76
Died ...	11
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	3

Sex.—66 males, 24 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Maniototo District, Black's, St. Bathans, Strath-Taieri Dunedin, Oamaru, and Christchurch.

Nationality.—Scotch, 40; Irish, 23; English, 21; Chinese, 3; Germans, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 23; Roman Catholic, 23; Presbyterian, 41; Confucian, 3.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,620; individual average days' stay, 18·0. Daily average cost per head, 10s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 10¼d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 6; attendances, 45.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	335	14	9	Rations ...	155	6	10
Local bodies ...	203	12	7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	42	6	1
Subscriptions and donations ...	103	10	8	Surgery and dispensary ...	63	18	9
Patients' payments ...	140	15	0	Fuel and light ...	48	17	2
Other sources ...	10	0	0	Bedding and clothing ...	45	11	2
Balance from last year ...	366	5	0	Furniture and earthenware ...	2	19	9
				Washing and laundry ...	7	0	0
				Salaries and wages ...	425	8	6
				Water-supply ...	0	17	0
				Funerals ...	12	0	0
				Repairs ...	22	12	11
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	12	0	5
				Insurance ...	7	0	0
				Other expenses ...	14	14	4
Total ...	£1,159	18	0	Total ...	£860	12	11

This Hospital at the date of my visit was in charge of Dr. Jeffery, and I found it in all respects in the efficient condition in which Dr. Whitton had kept it for so many years. The nursing was careful and intelligent, the garden and grounds well kept, and everybody contented. The people of Naseby take a great pride in their Hospital, and that is the best guarantee that nothing like neglect can take place.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	92
Total under treatment ...			116
Discharged ...	...	...	90
Died ...	...	...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...			17

Sex.—79 males, 37 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Waimea County.

Country.—England, 36; Scotland, 10; Ireland, 16; New Zealand, 41; Victoria, 3; Germany, 5; India 2; United States 2; Russia, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 71; Roman Catholic, 21; Wesleyan, 9; Presbyterian, 8; Lutheran, 4; others, 3.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 7,389; individual average days' stay, 63·69. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 522; attendances, 2,871.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	918	5 0	Rations ...	478	9 2
Local bodies ...	656	5 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	44	16 3
Rents ...	59	0 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	157	15 3
Patients' payments ...	166	10 9	Fuel and light ...	154	10 8
Other sources ...	25	0 0	Bedding and clothing ...	28	2 4
			Furniture and earthenware ...	53	5 1
			Salaries and wages ...	923	16 8
			Funerals ...	20	14 0
			Repairs ...	31	19 3
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	6	3 7
			Other expenses ...	52	7 4
Total ...	£1,825	0 9	Total ..	£1,951	19 7

I visited this Hospital on the 13th February, 1891, and found everything going on in the usual peaceful style. Everything in and about the Hospital proves the great care that characterizes the management. I heard no complaints from patients, nor had I any occasion to find fault either with the doctor or the nurses. The institution deserves and possesses the confidence of all classes of the people. Six of the patients, I found, had been over six months in the Hospital. Two of these cases might be sent to the refuge, though one of them is at times subject to attacks of cerebral excitement.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	...	...	16
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	105
Total under treatment ...			121
Discharged ...	...	...	104
Died ...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...			10

Sex.—92 males, 29 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Taranaki County, 57; Hawera County, 34; Clifton County, 9; New Plymouth, 13; Patea, 4; Auckland, 2; Wellington, 1; Wanganui, 1.

Nationality.—English, 50; Scotch, 11; Irish, 18; New Zealand, 31; Australian, 1; Germans, 3; Danes, 4; Americans, 2; Swiss, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,718; individual average days' stay, 30·72. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 4d.; less patients' payments, 6s.

Outdoor Patients.—No record kept.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
Revenue.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	646	18	8	Rations	...	...	240	17	0
Local bodies	...	...	622	14	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	23	19	9
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	58	7	10	Surgery and dispensary...	...	...	124	19	7
Patients' payments	...	...	249	13	1	Fuel and light	...	...	109	11	4
Balance from last year	...	...	220	15	1	Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware	...	...	42	15	7
						Washing and laundry	...	...	36	8	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	447	1	3
						Water-supply	...	...	10	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	25	9	4
						Additions to buildings	...	...	211	13	3
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	30	3	11
						Interest	...	...	0	2	6
						Insurance	...	...	21	11	3
						Hawera Cottage Hospital	...	...	183	13	11
						Other expenses	...	...	290	2	0
Total	...		£1,798	8	8	Total	...	...	£1,798	8	8

This Hospital contained ten patients on the 8th October, 1890. All of them were quite satisfied with their treatment. The nursing is careful and efficient, while Dr. O'Carroll's attention and kindness are acknowledged all through the district. The surgery and dispensary accounts amounts to £124. An arrangement is made with a local druggist, who sends an assistant to the Hospital daily, to dispense medicines, and, when necessary, prescriptions are ordered by telephone. A small cottage at Hawera is used as a branch hospital, which last year cost £183 13s. 11d.

OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	128
Total under treatment	...	...	...	136
Discharged	...	...	...	118
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	12

Sex.—115 males, 21 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Oamaru, 78; Waitaki District, 40; South Otago, 8; Canterbury, 4; other districts, 6.

Country.—England, 30; Scotland, 36; Ireland, 29; Continent of Europe, 4; Australia, 6; New Zealand, 22; other countries, 9.

Religion.—Protestant, 100; Roman Catholic, 20; others, 16.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,924; individual average days' stay, 28 85. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 27; attendances, 120.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.													
<i>Revenue.</i>				£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>				£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	...	155	9	1	Rations	...	...	...	149	11	10
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	158	13	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	...	9	0	0
Rents	...	...	...	689	18	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	...	58	7	7
Patients' payments	...	...	...	43	2	6	Fuel and light	...	...	...	55	0	0
Other sources	...	...	...	202	19	3	Bedding and clothing	...	...	...	25	14	6
Balance from last year	...	...	...	210	14	10	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	...	43	7	10
							Washing and laundry	...	...	...	5	0	0
							Salaries and wages	...	...	...	434	1	0
							Funerals	...	...	...	17	10	0
							Repairs	...	...	...	32	13	0
							Additions to buildings	...	...	...	21	3	6
							Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	...	4	13	7
							Insurance	...	...	...	4	7	0
							Commission	...	...	...	13	17	5
							Other expenses	...	...	...	25	14	10
Total	...			£1,460	17	1	Total	...	...	...	£900	2	1

This contained on the day of my visit—the 24th January, 1891—twelve patients, all of whom were being carefully treated and nursed. The Hospital is admirably clean and comfortable, except that there is too much overcrowding in the large male ward, and this is intensified by the fact that a considerable space is cut off by an unnecessary wooden partition. The manifest object of putting so many beds as ten into this ward is to avoid the great labour that would be caused by using the two smaller wards. This cutting-up of the available space into small rooms is a great fault in the design of this Hospital, and the increased cost of working entailed thereby ought not to be admitted as an excuse for overcrowding.

A great feature of this Hospital is the fact that the prudent management of past committees and the endowments granted by the Government have resulted in rentals amounting last year to £689 18s. 4d.

PATEA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	35
Total under treatment				38
Discharged	...	...	...	34
Died	...	...	...	1
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	3

Sex.—23 males, 15 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waitotara to Manutahi.

Nationality.—English, 15; Scotch, 3; Irish, 11; Colonial, 6; Swiss, 1; German, 1; West Indian, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 586; individual average days' stay, 15·42. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	125	0	0	Rations	...	58	4	10
Local bodies	...	125	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	0	18	0
Patients' payments	...	44	5	0	Fuel and light	...	11	4	6
Balance from last year	...	81	4	4	Bedding and clothing	...	3	1	0
					Furniture and earthenware	...	7	16	6
					Salaries and wages	...	170	16	8
					Funerals	...	3	1	6
					Repairs	...	6	2	4
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	3	8	1
					Insurance	...	1	10	0
					Other expenses	...	1	19	0
Total	...	£375	9	4	Total	...	£268	2	5

This is a small cottage hospital, which contained three patients when I visited it on the 10th July, 1891. Dr. Perkins is very attentive, and the nursing is well done. A great deal of planting has been done on the reserve, and the trees, chiefly *Pinus insignis* and *Macrocarpa* are growing well. Sufficient vegetables are grown in the garden, although the soil is too sandy to be very productive.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	48
Total under treatment				57
Discharged	...	...	...	44
Died	...	...	...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	7

Sex.—52 males, 5 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 50; Blenheim, 2; Reefton, 1; Wellington, 1; shipping, 3.

Country.—England, 23; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 6; New Zealand, 16; Germany, 3; Denmark, 2; Norway, 1; Portugal, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,930; individual average days' stay, 51·40. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 11d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	290	0	0	Rations	...	...	127	13	11
Local bodies	...	...	145	0	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	14	12	0
Patients' payments	...	...	135	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	34	12	3
						Fuel and light	...	...	51	17	8
						Bedding and clothing	...	...	4	13	9
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	4	18	11
						Washing and laundry	...	...	15	12	6
						Salaries and wages	...	...	232	12	6
						Funerals	...	...	15	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	4	6	9
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	9	0	4
						Insurance	...	...	6	8	0
						Other expenses	...	...	48	11	6
Total	...	...	£570	0	1	Total	...	...	£570	0	1

This Hospital continues to be characterized by a great deal of homely comfort. The patients are well attended to both as regards medical treatment and nursing, and are very contented. The total number under treatment last year was fifty-seven. This is two more than the previous year.

QUEENSTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	7
Admitted during the year ...	107
Total under treatment ...	114
Discharged ...	96
Died ...	6
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	12

Sex.—91 males, 23 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Lake County, Queenstown, Arrowtown, Vincent County, Dunedin.

Country.—England, 21; Wales, 1; Scotland, 20; Ireland, 22; New Zealand, 37; Victoria, 6; Germany, 1; Switzerland, 1; Holland, 1; France, 1; Denmark, 1; India, 1; Austria, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 31; Roman Catholic, 30; Presbyterian, 48; Baptist, 1; Wesleyan, 1; Lutheran, 1; Salvation Army, 1; Mahomedan, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,824; individual average days' stay, 24.77. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 83; attendances, 145.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	520	3	6	Rations	...	...	228	2	11
Local bodies	...	...	347	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	55	14	1
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	125	3	5	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	64	12	6
Patients' payments	...	...	315	11	7	Fuel and light	...	...	421	0	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	58	16	1
						Repairs and furniture	...	...	140	16	6
						Additions to buildings	...	...	2	15	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	16	19	6
						Interest	...	...	15	5	0
						Insurance	...	...	8	14	6
						Commission	...	...	77	6	0
						Other expenses	...	...	
Total	...	...	£1,308	8	6	Total	...	...	£1,090	2	1

There is nothing new to report of this institution. It has grown up around Dr. Douglas, who has been the soul of it from its beginning, in the palmy days of the goldfields. After living for many years in a small cottage, or, rather, hut, a spacious house has now been provided for him as part of a new hospital, of which only the male side has as yet been built. The Hospital is admirably conducted, and though the salary is high the doctor deserves it.

REEFTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	17
Admitted during the year ...	119
Total under treatment ...	136
Discharged ...	113
Died ...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	10

Sex.—131 males, 5 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Inangahua County.

Country.—England, 22; Scotland, 14; Ireland, 53; New Zealand, 28; Australia, 4; Tasmania, 1; Greece, 5; Austria, 2; Sweden, 2; Italy, 1; Switzerland, 1; Germany, 1; United States of America, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 43; Roman Catholic, 67; Presbyterian, 14; Wesleyan, 2; Bible Christian, 1; Lutheran, 1; Greek Church, 5; Pagan, 1; no religion, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,110; individual average days' stay, 30.22. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 4d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 130; attendances, 424.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s. d.
From Government	...	764	9 7	Rations	...	275	14 6
Local bodies	...	110	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	44	11 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	532	18 3	Surgery and dispensary	...	142	0 1
Patients' payments	...	92	5 6	Fuel and light	...	60	15 7
Other sources	...	3	17 6	Bedding and clothing	...	38	5 7
Balance from last year	...	10	1 0	Furniture and earthenware	...	35	11 6
				Washing and laundry	...	5	12 6
				Salaries and wages	...	534	0 0
				Water-supply	...	14	17 6
				Funerals	...	15	7 6
				Repairs	...	9	6 0
				Additions to buildings	...	19	1 0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	35	12 0
				Interest	...	1	6 0
				Insurance	...	9	3 9
				Commission	...	28	11 0
				Other expenses	...	51	11 2
Total	...	£1,513	11 10	Total	...	£1,321	6 8

The Reefton Hospital continues to be as comfortable and well managed as any in the colony. He would indeed be hard to please who could find any fault with it. The large sum of £532 18s. 3d. was received last year as subscriptions and donations, than which there could be no better proof of the appreciation of the public.

RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	82
Total under treatment	...	...	...	94
Discharged	...	...	...	77
Died	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	12

Sex.—69 males, 25 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Wallace County.

Country.—England, 17; Scotland, 20; Ireland, 21; New Zealand, 22; Tasmania, 2; China, 9; Germany, 1; Maoris, 2.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,682; individual average days' stay, 39.17. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 9d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 123; attendances, 173.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.										
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.	
From Government	671	2	2	Rations	...	265	16	10
Local bodies	445	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	37	15	5
Subscriptions and donations	200	4	10	Surgery and dispensary	...	128	8	4
Patients' payments	152	10	3	Fuel and light	...	63	6	9
Other sources	34	5	0	Bedding and clothing	...	12	15	7
						Furniture and earthenware	...	66	9	10
						Salaries and wages	...	582	11	10
						Funerals	...	3	0	0
						Repairs	...	47	14	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	11	14	3
						Fencing	...	54	5	1
						Interest	...	12	8	4
						Insurance	...	7	12	6
						Other expenses	...	9	4	6
Total	...		£1,503	2	3	Total	...	£1,303	3	3

The staff of this Hospital has been much strengthened by the accession of Miss Austin, a trained nurse from the Timaru Hospital. The management is careful, and the institution as a whole is in a sound condition. The new building is well designed, but somewhat too large for the requirements of the district. It is gratifying to find that the amount recovered from patients amounted this year to £152 10s., as against £70 9s. last year.

ROSS HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	47
Total under treatment	...	...	50
Discharged	...	...	37
Died	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	6

Sex.—34 males, 16 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Ross and neighbourhood.

Country.—England, 6; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 10; New Zealand, 9; United States of America, 2; Australia, 5; Germany, 3; Denmark, 2; Italy, 2; Sweden, 1; Switzerland, 1; France, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,208; individual average days' stay, 45. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 2¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	385 15 8	Rations	...	...	191 6 4
Local bodies	229 19 4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	48 9 1
Subscriptions and donations	70 16 6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	18 5 2
Patients' payments	4 10 6	Fuel and light	...	...	15 0 11
Other sources	1 0 0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	6 10 0
				Furniture and earthenware	...	...	312 6 6
				Salaries and wages	...	...	4 10 0
				Water-supply	...	...	28 0 0
				Funerals	...	...	19 18 6
				Repairs	...	...	16 8 0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	6 2 6
				Insurance	...	...	25 5 0
				Other expenses	...	...
Total	£692 2 0	Total	...	...	£692 2 0

The advent of Dr. Miles has had the effect of putting new life into this almost moribund hospital. The patients this year numbered fifty, as against twenty-nine last year, while the total expenditure was only £692, as against £667 last year. The patients spoke in the highest terms of the kindness and attention they received.

THAMES HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	13
Admitted during the year	...	...	171
Total under treatment	...	...	184
Discharged	...	...	153
Died	...	...	18
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	13

Sex.—139 males, 45 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Thames Borough and County, Ohinemuri County.

Country.—England, 48; Scotland, 12; Ireland, 23; New Zealand, 67; Australia, 5; America, 4; Belgium, 3; China, 3; France, 2; Sweden, 2; Jersey, 1; Jamaica, 1; Norway, 1; Germany, 1; aboriginals, 11.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,115; individual average days' stay, 22.36. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 228; attendances, 570.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.												
Revenue.				£	s.	d.	Expenditure.					
				£	s.	d.						
From Government	724	17	0	Rations	...	...	239	5	0
Local bodies	668	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	...	...	13	13	6
Subscriptions and donations	64	17	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	150	3	0
Rents	18	0	0	Fuel and light	...	...	119	2	0
Patients' payments	217	10	0	Bedding and clothing, furniture	...	...	
Balance from last year...	14	13	0	and earthenware	...	...	97	17	7
							Washing and laundry, salaries	...	...	
							and wages	...	...	675	2	0
							Funerals	...	...	8	13	0
							Repairs	...	...	13	0	1
							Additions to buildings	...	...	259	0	0
							Printing, advertising, postage, and	...	...	
							stationery	...	...	20	1	9
							Insurance	...	...	10	9	3
							Other expenses	...	...	81	19	5
Total	£1,707	17	6	Total	...	...	£1,688	6	7

This Hospital is in a most satisfactory condition in all its departments. The ability and care of Dr. Williams, and the enthusiasm of the nursing staff under Miss Stewart, are highly commendable.

The most notable fact this year is that the out-door patients, which were at one time a serious evil, have fallen to 228 from 559 last year. At the same time, the cost of the dispensary has fallen from £278 11s. 10d. to the more reasonable sum of £150 3s. It is somewhat surprising to find that while in Reefton, a much smaller community, similarly circumstanced, a sum of £532 was received last year as subscriptions and donations, yet at the Thames only £64 17s. 6d. was received from the same source.

TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	26
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	272
Total under treatment	...	...	...	298
Discharged	...	...	...	251
Died	...	...	...	21
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	26

Sex.—190 males, 108 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 260; other districts, 38.

Nationality.—English, 113; Scotch, 75; Irish, 93; Welsh, 2; German, 8; Swedes, 3; Russian, 1; Finn, 1; French, 1; American, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 107; Roman Catholic, 80; Presbyterian, 60; Wesleyan, 23; Methodist, 15; Salvation Army, 5; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Baptist, 2; Hebrew, 1; Pagan, 1; Freethinkers, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 8,194; individual average days' stay, 27.50. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 407; attendances, 1,100.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.										
Revenue.				£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			
From Government	...	...	...	1,040	15	8	Rations	...	...	492 14 1
Local bodies	...	...	...	1,040	15	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	29 16 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	5	9	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	234 9 7
Bequest	...	...	...	27	0	0	Fuel and light	...	...	167 1 6
Rents	...	...	...	13	10	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	30 4 6
Patients' payments	...	...	...	175	16	7	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	28 4 8
							Washing and laundry	...	...	27 18 11
							Salaries and wages	...	...	788 15 0
							Water-supply	...	...	22 11 11
							Funerals	...	...	6 1 0
							Repairs	...	...	47 19 1
							Additions to buildings	...	...	202 7 6
							Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	37 6 7
							Insurance	...	...	16 13 5
							Law-expenses	...	...	118 15 10
							Other expenses	...	...	52 7 10
Total	...	...	...	£2,303	7	5	Total	...	...	£2,303 7 5

This Hospital continues to deserve its high reputation. The vigorous grasp of the steward is felt everywhere. At the date of my visit, the 25th January, 1891, there was an interregnum in the medical department. The success of Dr. Lawson's thoroughgoing zeal was still apparent, and I hope that his successor will succeed in maintaining the same high standard.

A beautiful new mortuary, admirable in its arrangements, has been built as well, and a very successful drying-closet added to the laundry. It is a pity to see so large a sum as £118 put down for law-expenses. The subscriptions and donations last year amounted to £5 9s. 6d.

WAIKATO DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	17
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	168
Total under treatment				185
Discharged	...	...	...	167
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				10

Sex.—145 males, 40 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waipa County, 71; Waikato County, 64; Piako County, 31; Raglan County, 11; King Country, 7; Auckland, 1.

Country.—England, 39; Scotland, 12; Ireland, 29; Wales, 2; New Zealand, 87; Australia, 3; Tasmania, 1; Cape Colony, 3; Germany, 3; British America 2; United States of America, 1; Fiji, 1; Mauritius 1; India, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 66; Roman Catholic, 41; Presbyterian, 25; Wesleyan, 20; Salvation Army, 4; Primitive Methodist, 1; Christian Brethren, 1; Baptist, 1; Mormon, 1; Agnostic, 2; Hauhau, 23.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,925; individual average days' stay, 26.62. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 2d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	350	0 0	Rations	261	13 2
Local bodies	530	9 11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	28	0 6
Subscriptions and donations	0	5 0	Surgery and dispensary	163	0 11
Rents	34	17 0	Fuel and light	80	8 10
Patients' payments	240	5 1	Bedding and clothing	64	14 6
Balance from last year	542	10 8	Furniture and earthenware	69	16 2
			Washing and laundry	78	0 5
			Salaries and wages	596	15 8
			Water-supply	19	10 0
			Funerals	10	7 6
			Repairs	64	11 4
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	33	6 6
			Insurance	11	14 0
			Rent of office	6	10 0
			Travelling-expenses	21	14 6
			Surgical instruments	58	15 2
			Fencing	56	9 10
			Horse-power to pump	36	19 5
			Crown-grant endowments	15	10 1
			Other expenses	20	9 2
Total	£1,698	7 8	Total	£1,698	7 8

This Hospital on the date of my inspection—10th March, 1891—contained ten patients, all males. I found everything in first-rate order. The building is well designed, and furnished with all the requisites of a well-equipped hospital. Dr. Kenny is a painstaking and skilful surgeon. The nursing arrangements are very good. I carefully examined all the patients without any one being present, and heard no complaints. The stock of instruments is very complete, and they are very carefully kept.

WAIMATE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	11
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	97
Total under treatment				108
Discharged	...	...	...	90
Died	...	...	...	12
Remaining on 31st March, 1891				6

Sex.—74 males, 34 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Waimate County.

Nationality.—English, 24; Scotch, 10; Irish, 26; New Zealand, 35; American, 1; Norwegian, 1. (Total of admissions during the year only.)

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,672; individual average days' stay, 34. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 8¼d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 90; attendances, 258.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	493	2	10	Rations ...	211	17	7
Local bodies ...	370	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	59	7	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	56	14	4	Surgery and dispensary ...	57	14	4
Patients' payments ...	146	4	6	Fuel and light ...	89	2	1
				Furniture and earthenware ...	4	13	8
				Salaries and wages ...	490	18	0
				Funerals ...	7	0	0
				Repairs and drainage ...	82	12	2
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	23	10	0
				Interest ...	13	1	6
				Insurance ...	11	17	0
				Other expenses ...	138	5	0
Total ...	£1,066	1	8	Total ...	£1,189	18	4

This is a well-appointed hospital, well found in all that is required for the treatment and comfort of patients. I noticed a considerable falling-of in the tidiness, especially of the male ward. In all other respects I was satisfied. I gave every patient an opportunity of stating grievances, but I heard of none. The matron, Mrs. Chapman, is allowed to keep her husband, who was stricken with paralysis in the service of the institution, for a payment of 7s. 6d. per week.

WAIPAWA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	18
Admitted during the year ...	215
Total under treatment ...	233
Discharged ...	214
Died ...	11
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...	8

Sex.—201 males, 32 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Bush, 106; Makaretu, 18; Porangahau, 22; Kaikoura and coast, 17; Waipawa, 30; Waipukurau, 12; Napier, 8; Te Aute, 7; Hastings, 4; Foxton, 2; Wanganui, 1; Palmerston, 1; Wairarapa, 1; Wellington, 1; Auckland, 1; Canterbury, 1; Otago, 1.

Nationality.—English, 78; Scotch, 17; Irish, 44; Colonials, 58; Scandinavian, 23; German, 8; American, 5.

Religion.—Church of England, 100; Roman Catholic, 50; Presbyterian, 32; Lutheran, 32; Wesleyan, 18; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 5,965; individual average days' stay, 25.60. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	774	16	5	Rations ...	460	11	9
Local authorities ...	500	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	7	16	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	166	17	2	Surgery and dispensary ...	252	17	0
Patients' payments ...	81	3	9	Fuel and light ...	69	13	5
Balance from last year ...	47	2	2	Bedding and clothing ...	4	13	2
				Furniture and earthenware ...	15	1	6
				Washing and laundry ...	12	15	0
				Salaries and wages ...	556	15	6
				Funerals ...	23	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	6	17	0
				Interest ...	2	10	11
				Insurance ...	21	0	0
				Other expenses ...	24	4	7
Total ...	£1,569	19	6	Total ...	£1,457	15	10

My visits to this Hospital are always a source of great pleasure to me. Everything about it is satisfactory. Its management is liberal, without being extravagant. The doctor is skilful and most attentive to his work; and the steward and his wife are most satisfactory. There is a good stock of instruments and antiseptic appliances of all kinds. The public, and especially the member for the district, take a very great interest in the Hospital.

WANGANUI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	...	...	23
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	172
Total under treatment ...			195
Discharged ...	...	...	159
Died ...	...	...	14
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...			22

Sex.—158 males, 37 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wanganui, 62; district north of Wanganui, 20; district south of Wanganui, 113.

Nationality.—English, 67; Scotch, 21; Irish, 47; Colonial, 53; German, 2; Danish, 2; Swedish, 2; American, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 77; Roman Catholic, 48; Presbyterian, 38; Wesleyan, 9; others, 23.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 7,685; individual average days' stay, 39·41. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 52; attendances, 283.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	466	13	8	Rations ...	...	279	6	11
Local bodies ...	...	418	13	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	2	10	7
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	6	18	3	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	149	0	2
Rents ...	...	406	17	10	Fuel and light ...	...	97	2	1
Patients' payments ...	...	165	2	10	Bedding and clothing ...	...	32	8	0
Other sources ...	...	20	4	3	Furniture and earthenware ...	...	86	5	7
Balance from last year ...	...	228	13	4	Washing and laundry ...	...	39	1	7
					Salaries and wages ...	...	580	10	8
					Water-supply and rates ...	...	27	6	3
					Funerals ...	...	11	7	0
					Repairs ...	...	35	7	4
					Additions to buildings ...	...	171	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	23	9	2
					Other expenses ...	...	88	5	2
Total ...	...	£1,713	3	10	Total ...	...	£1,623	0	6

I have inspected this Hospital twice during the year, and on each occasion found everything working well. Miss Hope, whom I knew well in the Wellington Hospital as a capable nurse, had her department in thorough order. Her two assistants also I knew as good nurses. I was very disappointed to find the trustees had actually built a new fever-ward at a considerable cost, as a part of the old hospital. This ought to be pulled down as unfitted from its construction for its purposes. It was all very well to put off the building of a new hospital till better times; but to sink more money in a new building, which must either soon be removed or greatly embarrass the planning of a new hospital, or if a new site is chosen must be useless, was to my mind a very great mistake. The labour and trouble caused to doctors, nurses, and patients by the existing building, with its manifold disadvantages, I had hoped would be soon removed, but now I am afraid this new expenditure will perpetuate the evil. I found all the patients were being carefully treated by Drs. Connolly and Innes, and I heard no complaints.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890 ...	...	...	136
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	881
Total under treatment ...			1,017
Discharged ...	...	...	812
Died ...	...	...	83
Remaining on 31st March, 1891 ...			122

Sex.—640 males, 377 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington, 655; Hutt, 20; Karori, 4; Johnsonville, 7; Porirua, 3; Petone, 14; shipping, 31; Napier, 1; Martinborough, 2; Kaiwara, 2; Auckland, 1; Paikakariki, 3; Marton, 3; Plimmerton, 1; Feilding, 2; Kilbirnie, 1; Otaki, 14; Foxton, 6; Ashurst, 2; Rimutaka, 1; Wairarapa, 4; Wainuiomata, 2; Island Bay, 4; Longburn, 1; Lyttelton, 3; Motutu, 1; Paremata, 5; Greytown, 2; Hawke's Bay, 1; Nelson, 3; Tawa Flat, 2; Halcombe, 2; Bull's, 1; Dunedin, 3; Sandon 2; Onehunga, 1; Manukau, 7; Woodville, 1; Taranaki, 3; Teuui, 1; Shannon, 6; Masterton, 5; Campbelltown, 4; Mauriceville, 1; Greymouth, 1; Mungaroa, 2; Eketahuna, 1; Otago, 1; Carterton, 5; Te Horo, 1; Levin, 1; Christchurch, 1; Westport, 1; Wanganui, 5; Horokiwi, 1; Crofton, 1; Featherston, 7; other districts, 14. (Total of those admitted during the year.)

Nationality.—English, 381; Welsh, 2; Scotch, 90; Irish, 111; Colonials, 372; Danes, 10; Swedes, 8; Germans, 7; Norwegians, 5; Americans, 5; French, 3; Prussians, 3; Chinese, 3; Greeks, 2; Russians, 2; Austrians, 2; Scandinavian, 1; Nova Scotian, 1; East Indian, 1; not known, 8.

Religion.—Church of England, 516; Roman Catholic, 223; Presbyterian, 137; Wesleyan, 73; Methodist, 13; Baptist, 12; Salvation Army, 18; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Lutheran, 4; Freethinkers, 4; Congregational, 3; Hebrew, 2; Unitarian, 2; Confucian, 1; no religion, 4.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 41,029; individual average days' stay, 40.34. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,985; attendances, 5,732.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
From Government	...	...	2,719	12	9	Rations	...	...	2,218 3 5
Local bodies	...	...	2,500	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	159 18 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	111	1	1	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	782 5 5
Rents	...	...	1,548	7	0	Fuel and light	...	...	590 1 3
Patients' payments	...	...	1,063	9	2	Bedding and clothing	...	...	375 11 7
Other sources	...	...	16	10	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	22 10 0
Balance from last year	...	...	497	12	8	Ironmongery	...	...	77 7 1
						Ice	...	...	43 13 4
						Washing and laundry	...	...	391 16 11
						Salaries and wages	...	...	2,188 6 1
						Water-supply	...	...	86 8 0
						Funerals	...	...	53 14 0
						Repairs	...	...	142 0 11
						Additions to buildings	...	...	151 8 8
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	72 10 4
						Insurance	...	...	16 5 0
						Commission	...	...	13 10 6
						Law and survey	...	...	21 10 6
						Other expenses	...	...	66 2 10
Total	...	...	£8,456	13	2	Total	...	...	£7,473 3 10

I have frequently visited this Hospital early in the morning, and at various times during the day, and I am satisfied that it is well and economically administered. The nursing department is well organized and admirably managed by Miss Godfrey, whose energy and devotion are beyond all praise. The medical staff possess and deserve the confidence of the patients and the public. If I were asked which, considering it all round, is the best hospital in New Zealand I should say Wellington.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1890	...	...	...	13
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	71
Total under treatment	...	...	...	84
Discharged	...	...	...	63
Died	...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1891	...	...	...	14

Sex.—79 males, 5 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Borough of Westport and Buller District.

Nationality.—English, 19; Welsh, 3; Scotch, 13; Irish, 15; New Zealand, 16; Australian, 6; Canadian, 1; Italian, 4; German, 2; West Indian, 1; East Indian, 1; Greek, 1; Swede, 1; Russian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 41; Roman Catholic, 23; Presbyterian, 13; Methodist, 3; Wesleyan, 2; Church of Christ, 1; Greek Church, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,538; individual average days' stay, 42.12. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 52.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	514	10	3	Rations	...	...	279	15	1
Local bodies	...	...	497	6	3	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	26	10	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	13	4	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	108	12	8
Patients' payments	...	...	81	13	3	Fuel and light	...	...	38	4	6
Other sources	...	...	10	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	36	9	11
						Wages (including washing)	...	...	227	2	7
						Salaries	...	...	240	0	0
						Funerals	...	...	35	18	6
						Repairs	...	...	96	5	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	9	19	6
						Building account	...	...	7	15	6
						Insurance	...	...	10	0	0
Total	...	...	£1,116	13	9	Total	...	...	£1,116	13	9

I inspected this Hospital on the 22nd December, 1890, and found, as before, a large proportion of chronic cases. Four out of a total of twelve were over two years in the hospital, and one was over one year. The ventilation of the intermediate rooms on the male side was very bad, and immediate steps ought to be taken to remedy this. In all other respects I found the Hospital satisfactory.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

COSTLEY HOME FOR THE AGED AND NEEDY, AUCKLAND.

This institution is situated in a paddock of about 7 acres at Epsom, about three miles from Auckland. It is a handsome, well-designed brick building, giving accommodation for about 200 inmates. On the day of my visit, the 20th March last, it contained 113 men and 35 women, all of them suitable cases for such an institution. The management is intrusted to Mr. and Mrs. Moss, who, so far as I have been able to judge, are well fitted for their work, and perform their duties conscientiously. The rest of the staff consists of a male-ward assistant, a cook, laundress, and gardener. I found everything in good order. The beds were clean and comfortable, and the food sufficient both in quantity and quality. The whole of the ground, except what is required for the buildings and outhouses, is carefully cultivated, and gives abundant crops. There is no water-supply available except the rainfall, which is stored in large concrete tanks, which, so far, have given an abundant supply. There is no provision for drainage except that everything is collected in a large tank, from which the sewage is pumped and distributed at irregular intervals over the garden. It is evident that in a very short time such a system as this must become unwholesome, but how to remedy it, except at a great expense, I do not see. A great mistake was made in building in such a position, and on a piece of land only 7 acres in extent.

The total cost per head per week is 5s. 5d.

THAMES OLD MAN'S HOME.

This consists of a fairly suitable wooden building close to the Hospital. On the date of my inspection—15th March, 1891—it contained 19 inmates, who were all comfortably housed and well treated in other respects.

The average cost per week was 5s. 3d.

HAMILTON OLD MAN'S HOME.

This is a well-designed new wooden building situated in the Hospital grounds, about a mile from the township. The whole is suitably furnished, and has a good garden. It contained 11 old men, who did all their own work—cooking, cleaning, gardening, and so on. They were all very contented, and seemed to be exceptionally comfortable.

THE NAPIER REFUGE.

This is a very old and comfortless building, entirely unsuited to modern requirements. It gives shelter, and that is all. The patients are well treated, however, in all other respects. The contrast between the Refuge and the splendidly-appointed Hospital over the way has always struck me as being a very glaring one in such a rich country as Napier, and I have no doubt the Board is only waiting for the new Bill, which has now become inevitable, and which, I hope, will make provision for a comprehensive system of provincial homes with farms attached.

The cost per head per week is 6s. 7½d.

WELLINGTON HOME FOR THE AGED AND NEEDY.

This is not, strictly speaking, a public institution in the sense that the others are. It was built out of moneys subscribed by benevolent citizens of Wellington, and which were subsidised by the State. The management is in the hands of trustees. All members who contribute £1 are entitled to elect the inmates of the Home. The total cost of the building and furniture was £4,937. It is well designed, and contains comfortable accommodation for thirty persons. At present the inmates number 26. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon act as master and matron, and are assisted by a servant.

The weekly cost per head is 8s. 1½d.

THE OLD MAN'S HOME, NEW PLYMOUTH.

This is a commodious, old, but very substantial building, standing on a piece of good land, about 4 acres in extent, on the outskirts of the town. This contains five or six old men, who get rations and tobacco, and do their own cooking, &c.

The weekly cost is 5s. 4½d.

WANGANUI.

The Wanganui Board pays 9s. per week for the maintenance of eight old men in a boarding-house.

NELSON REFUGE.

This is a large and commodious building, originally used as an immigration barracks. Besides this there is a row of neat cottages, erected by the Renwick Trust, where old persons are lodged free. The number of inmates on the date of my inspection—13th February, 1891—was 22 men and 8 women. The Home is admirably managed by the matron, who is assisted by one servant and washerwoman one day in the week. Dr. Boor looks after the health of the inmates.

MARLBOROUGH AND WEST COAST.

As I have already explained, the Hospitals of Blenheim, Westport, Greymouth, and Hokitika partake largely of the nature of old men's refuges, owing to the fact that no provision has yet been made in these districts for the aged poor.

A piece of land ought to be set apart somewhere in the neighbourhood of Greymouth for a home sufficient to lodge and employ usefully all the aged and needy miners of the West Coast who are now crowding the hospitals.

THE WOOLSTON JUBILEE HOME, CHRISTCHURCH.

This consists of the centre block and one wing of a most elaborate and costly structure, designed to give comfortable single rooms to a large number of inmates. On the date of my last visit it contained 9 men and 22 women, who were all comfortably lodged and cared for at a cost of 8s. 0½d. per head per week. Like the Costley Home, in Auckland, this is built on a small piece of land 6 acres in extent, whereas it ought to have been surrounded with a farm.

ASHBURTON HOME.

This is an old worn-out building, standing on a small triangular section of land on the outskirts of the township. On the day of my inspection—26th January, 1891—it contained 56 old persons, who had good beds, were well fed, and professed themselves comfortable. The institution is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Fox, assisted by a daughter. One of the old men acts as cook, and another as nurse, each getting a small salary.

The weekly cost is 7s. 1½d. per head.

DUNEDIN BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

This institution is situated about two miles from Dunedin, on a section of land about 10 acres in extent, part of which is carefully cultivated as a garden. The original building was very badly planned; but the additional buildings put up of late years are admirably fitted for their purpose. On the 1st day of January last the institution contained 167 adult inmates—131 males and 36 females.

The management of this whole institution is very good. Mr. Solomon, the Chairman of the Board, has always taken a lively interest in all its affairs, and the result is a combination of comfort and economy that deserves very high commendation. I am obliged, however, to condemn absolutely the system of keeping 76 destitute and neglected children in such an institution. They ought not to be brought up, however carefully they may be looked after, in the atmosphere of such a place. The experience of the whole English world condemns the system. They ought to be boarded out under the supervision of the Education Department.

THE INVERCARGILL HOME.

This is a handsome, well-designed brick building, which cost about £3,000. It is admirably managed and very comfortable. The weekly cost is 10s. per head, or, excluding the cost of management, 7s. The inmates were 25 in number. Like all the rest of our benevolent homes, this is built so close to town that a sufficient area of good land could not be got.

DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

I find that this problem of how to deal with our destitute and neglected children has reached a very acute stage. In consequence of the great movement towards economy which of late years has arisen all over the colony, Charitable Aid Boards have begun to look very sharply after their expenditure. Owing to their having no control over the Industrial Schools, while they are obliged

to pay for all the children sent there who are not criminal, a great outcry is made about taxation without representation. They want to keep the children in their own hands, so as to control the expenditure directly. The police and the Magistrates have been instructed not to commit children to the industrial schools without consulting the Charitable Aid Boards. There has thus grown up in an irregular, unsystematic way—*i.e.*, so far as one general plan is concerned—a boarding-out system, managed by each Board for itself. After having visited in their homes all the children boarded out in the chief centres, except Auckland, I have come to the conclusion that, while there is no doubt that the boarding-out system is the best, yet it ought not to be left to the local Boards to manage. It is absolutely necessary that a comprehensive system of supervision should be established, and in our present circumstances I believe this can be done effectually only by the Education Department, whose existing machinery ought to be developed and strengthened to deal with this work. As things are at present, I fear that the parsimony of the Boards is being allowed to affect disastrously the children. For fear of the outcry made by the Boards, the police and Magistrates hesitate to commit, and the consequence is that there is a considerable increase of children, who are left without any proper care for either body or mind; and those who are taken charge of are boarded out very often with persons who are in receipt of charitable aid themselves, and in squalid and miserable homes in the poorest and most crowded parts of our cities, whereas they ought, whenever possible, be sent to the country.

I am convinced that it is mistaken economy to deal in this way with the young. Be as hard as you like with the adult sturdy beggar; but it will save a great deal of future expense in our gaols, hospitals, and asylums if we deal generously with the children.

I have, &c.,

D. MACGREGOR, M.A., M.B.,

Inspector of Asylums and Hospitals.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

TABLE showing Admissions, Discharges, &c., of Patients at Hospitals, for Year ended 31st March, 1891.

Hospitals.	No. of Patients on March 31, 1890.	No. of Patients admitted during Year.	Total under Treatment.	No. discharged.	Deaths.	No. remaining on March 31, 1891.	Sex.		Total Collective Days' Stay in Hospital.	Individual Average Days' Stay.	Daily Average Cost of Patient.	Percentage of Cost of Administration on Total Expenditure.*	No. of Outdoor Patients.	
							M.	F.					Individual Cases.	Attendances.
Akaroa	1	16	17	13	..	4	13	4	938	55.18	s. d. 7 0 1/2	45.45	9	27
Arrowtown	1	58	59	54	4	1	49	10	1,548	26.24	8 8 1/2	57.19	4	4
Ashburton	4	142	146	125	6	15	113	33	3,701	25.35	7 4 1/2	28.61	..	..
Auckland	112	856	968	773	101	94	694	274	36,796	38.00	3 3 1/2	28.11	413	3,285
Blenheim	20	92	112	83	8	21	97	15	7,758	69.27	3 5 1/2	22.77	..	..
Christchurch	5	29	34	27	2	5	34	..	2,388	70.24	4 10 1/2	41.61	21	201
Christchurch	91	1,058	1,149	979	74	96	764	385	39,657	34.51	3 5 1/2	38.66	922	2,840
Cromandel	..	11	11	9	1	1	11	..	297	27.00	34 6	74.64	39	44
Cromwell	..	82	82	75	5	2	60	..	1,268	15.46	13 0	49.16	27	..
Dunedin	101	834	935	753	98	84	566	369	33,765	36.10	3 10	34.50	1,569	5,999
Dunstan	2	42	44	33	7	4	39	5	1,451	33.00	11 8	50.41	..	..
Gisborne	6	108	97	97	10	7	85	29	3,022	26.51	7 0 1/2	42.33	..	..
Greymouth	40	125	165	102	19	44	24	24	16,335	99.00	3 1 1/2	49.43	152	482
Greytown	1	46	47	42	2	3	44	3	1,089	23.17	5 6 1/2	50.49	..	..
Hokitika	22	183	207	160	18	29	177	30	11,135	53.79	3 9 1/2	53.43	270	581
Invercargill	24	189	213	173	21	19	163	44	5,633	26.45	7 0	47.51	791	1,702
Kumara	3	50	53	33	11	12	50	3	3,283	61.94	4 7 1/2	62.61	37	177
Lawrence	12	144	156	136	8	9	121	35	5,192	33.28	4 5 1/2	37.78	56	..
Masterton	7	67	74	65	5	4	69	5	2,315	31.28	5 10	42.11	..	..
Napier	23	367	390	349	21	20	276	114	8,370	21.46	4 8 1/2	40.72	713	954
Naseby	6	84	90	76	11	3	66	24	1,620	18.00	10 7 1/2	50.75	6	45
Nelson	24	92	116	90	9	17	79	37	7,389	63.69	5 3 1/2	47.64	522	2,871
New Plymouth	16	105	121	104	7	10	92	29	3,718	30.72	7 4	30.23	..	..
Oamaru	8	123	136	118	6	12	115	21	3,924	28.85	4 5 1/2	48.78	27	120
Patea	3	35	38	34	1	3	23	15	586	15.42	9 1 1/2	64.93	..	..
Pictou	9	48	57	44	6	7	52	5	2,930	51.40	3 10 1/2	44.21	..	..
Queenstown	7	107	114	96	6	12	91	23	2,824	24.77	6 8 1/2	38.89	83	145
Reefton	17	119	136	113	13	10	131	5	4,110	30.22	6 4	43.15	130	424
Riverton	12	82	94	77	5	12	69	25	3,682	39.17	6 9	45.59	125	173
Ross	3	47	50	37	7	6	34	16	2,208	45.00	6 3 1/2	47.54	..	..
Thames	13	171	184	153	18	13	139	45	4,115	22.36	6 11 1/2	41.17	228	570
Timaru	26	272	298	251	21	26	190	108	8,194	27.50	5 1 1/2	35.87	407	1,100
Waikato	17	168	185	167	8	10	145	40	4,925	26.62	6 2	37.10	..	..
Waimate	11	97	108	90	12	6	84	34	3,672	34.00	6 5 1/2	43.19	90	258
Waipawa	18	215	233	214	11	8	201	32	5,965	25.60	4 10 1/2	38.68	..	..
Wanganui	23	172	195	159	14	22	158	37	7,685	39.41	3 9 1/2	37.21	52	283
Wellington	136	881	1,017	812	83	122	640	377	41,029	40.34	3 6 1/2	30.26	1,985	5,732
Westport	13	71	84	63	7	14	79	5	3,538	42.12	6 3 1/2	42.74	52	..
Totals	837	7,395	8,232	6,779	666	787	5,950	2,282	298,055	36.20	..	..	8,730	28,017

* Cost of administration includes salaries, wages, and office expenses.

TABLE showing Receipts on Account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

Hospitals.	From Government.	From Hospital Boards and Local Authorities.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents.	Payments by Patients.	Other Sources.	Balances from Last Year.	Total Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa	165 2 0	165 1 11	103 14 10	..	..	112 13 6	..	..	330 3 11
Arrowtown	238 1 10	157 11 11	2 2 0	..	..	145 1 2	..	7 10 0	612 2 1
Ashburton	455 0 9	510 0 0	62 12 0	1,229 0 0	394 13 3	1,890 11 1	41 6 5	..	1,119 13 11
Auckland	2,012 11 8	2,012 11 8	..	2 2 3	..	93 17 0	25 12 0	228 10 10	7,633 6 1
Blenheim	513 1 0	730 13 4	..	..	..	81 15 8	3 15 1	90 8 9	1,591 14 2
Christchurch	235 0 0	115 0 0	71 7 6	..	..	796 1 3	24 1 0	1,367 9 6	528 1 9
Christchurch	3,050 7 2	2,318 1 3	221 0 6	43 16 5	..	31 8 0	..	31 18 4	7,627 7 8
Coromandel	461 0 7	200 0 0	166 11 0	..	..	65 12 3	..	..	945 7 5
Cromwell	395 6 11	185 11 8	217 13 9	..	..	763 9 8	225 15 7	..	856 18 3
Dunedin	2,855 18 8	2,470 2 11	122 6 2	..	49 4 0	59 11 11	..	4 3 1	6,537 3 8
Dunstan	371 5 11	171 7 11	127 13 11	..	..	178 0 0	8 7 1	162 17 3	887 9 2
Gisborne	424 0 7	170 0 0	138 19 11	..	..	42 17 11	215 3 1	215 3 1	1,173 14 8
Greymouth	1,113 0 10	350 0 0	630 11 8	50 0 0	..	22 10 0	4 2 0	88 9 4	2,232 10 8
Hokitika	148 16 1	..	131 6 4	..	..	87 9 0	18 12 6	29 0 9	445 3 9
Greytown	1,005 16 4	506 18 4	410 8 6	..	27 15 8	164 11 7	50 0 0	..	2,058 5 5
Invercargill	733 16 6	674 2 5	117 7 8	..	15 0 0	27 9 0	..	..	1,682 17 8
Kumara	446 16 5	180 18 4	117 7 8	..	..	260 5 3	15 16 4	385 18 0	787 11 5
Lawrence	233 0 0	515 13 6	..	..	..	107 18 0	..	..	1,410 13 1
Masterton	313 4 2	..	258 15 8	399 6 7	90 5 6	606 0 3	..	407 18 2	679 17 10
Napier	826 17 11	275 0 0	438 13 9	..	..	140 15 0	10 0 0	366 5 0	3,044 2 2
Naseby	335 14 9	203 12 7	103 10 8	..	59 0 0	166 10 9	25 0 0	..	1,159 18 0
Nelson	918 5 0	656 5 0	..	..	..	249 13 1	..	230 15 1	1,825 0 9
New Plymouth	646 18 8	622 14 0	58 7 10	..	689 18 4	43 2 6	202 19 3	210 14 10	1,798 8 8
Oamaru	155 9 1	..	183 13 1	..	..	44 5 0	..	81 4 4	1,460 17 1
Patea	125 0 0	125 0 0	..	..	..	135 0 0	..	..	375 9 4
Piecon	290 0 0	145 0 1	..	..	..	315 11 7	..	..	570 0 1
Queenstown	520 3 6	347 10 0	125 3 5	..	..	92 5 6	3 17 6	10 1 0	1,308 8 6
Reefton	764 9 7	110 0 0	532 18 3	..	..	152 10 3	34 5 0	..	1,513 11 10
Riverton	671 2 2	445 0 0	200 4 10	..	..	4 10 6	1 0 0	..	1,503 2 3
Ross	385 15 8	229 19 4	70 16 6	..	..	217 10 6	..	14 13 0	692 2 0
Thames	724 17 0	668 0 0	64 17 6	27 0 0	18 0 0	175 16 7	..	..	1,707 17 6
Timaru	1,040 15 8	1,040 15 8	5 9 6	..	13 10 0	240 5 1	..	..	2,303 7 5
Waikato	350 0 0	530 9 11	0 5 0	..	34 17 0	146 4 6	542 10 8	..	1,698 7 8
Waimate	493 2 10	370 0 0	56 14 4	..	..	81 3 9	..	47 2 2	1,066 1 8
Waipawa	774 16 5	500 0 0	166 17 2	..	406 17 10	165 2 10	20 4 3	238 13 4	1,569 19 6
Wanganui	466 13 8	418 13 8	6 13 3	..	..	1,063 9 2	16 10 6	437 12 8	1,713 3 10
Wellington	2,719 12 9	2,500 0 0	111 1 1	..	1,548 7 0	81 13 3	10 0 0	..	8,456 13 2
Westport	514 10 3	497 6 3	13 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	1,116 13 9
Totals	27,895 12 4	21,119 1 8	4,781 4 2	1,751 5 3	3,347 8 7	9,042 11 10	745 14 6	5,340 9 5	74,023 7 9

TABLE showing the Expenditure on account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

Hospitals.	Rations or 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.	Printing, Postage, and Stationery.	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.
Akaroa ..	29 10 7	1 15 0	21 9 0	27 10 6	..	..	..	150 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39 18 10	330 3 11
Arrowtown ..	170 17 5	5 6 7	21 18 11	63 18 0	..	..	..	382 9 10	..	9 0 0	38 1 8	..	3 7 6	2 4 0	..	31 9 4	674 10 3
Ashburton ..	376 16 0	28 9 0	80 12 9	..	..	..	..	386 13 10	..	7 10 0	88 0 1	..	4 19 0	9 3 0	..	64 14 8	1,370 7 6
Auckland ..	1,780 15 10	124 0 4	623 17 5	569 14 3	193 15 4	292 7 10	184 18 10	1,943 5 1	1,125 6	5 47 19	116 12 2	702 12 0	39 19 8	8 5 0	..	879 16 5	7,933 6 1
Blenheim ..	499 17 8	21 0 4	133 6 8	61 15 3	81 13 6	97 15 4	..	343 3 4	..	32 2 6	28 8 3	240 5 0	19 6 1	13 0 0	..	17 8 0	1,591 14 2
Charleston ..	194 7 2	18 6 6	58 8 5	19 2 6	20 0 8	7 18 6	..	244 5 0	..	5 0 0	15 7 11	3 14 4	9 5 1	4 0 0	..	8 11 0	608 7 4
Christchurch ..	1,622 2 6	280 0 2	674 18 8	688 16 0	151 4 4	150 13 5	..	2,673 0 0	..	17 17 6	251 10 10	188 18 4	64 12 7	10 18 10	..	52 13 5	7,081 14 1
Coromandel ..	77 18 9	2 2 0	..	15 0 8	..	2 7 6	..	412 5 0	..	..	..	..	2 19 10	5 7 6	..	473 1 0	885 14 9
Cromwell ..	138 14 11	15 5 0	49 1 4	34 17 11	25 15 10	..	..	383 1 1	52 5 6	7 15 0	10 16 0	7 12 0	25 12 9	5 5 0	25 13 6	45 16 2	832 3 10
Dunedin ..	1,626 14 2	220 9 8	908 10 0	474 13 10	86 8 5	235 10 8	..	2,101 9 7	52 0 0	24 7 6	353 19 6	..	132 6 8	2 6 0	..	226 17 11	6,473 14 11
Dunstan ..	155 7 10	9 8 0	34 15 0	34 19 8	15 16 3	67 18 8	..	406 15 0	23 4 2	12 0 0	43 12 5	..	20 5 3	0 4 6	..	9 10 8	846 17 8
Gisborne ..	168 9 11	21 16 0	55 17 8	35 17 6	42 6 4	39 0 8	..	438 5 9	..	..	..	40 0 0	31 0 5	15 5 0	..	99 12 6	1,108 16 8
Greytown ..	735 10 8	100 8 0	57 16 3	133 6 9	127 12 11	21 19 5	..	1,216 11 0	..	9 8 6	26 17 7	..	51 15 6	8 8 10	..	45 5 0	2,565 0 5
Hokitika ..	63 18 8	0 15 0	23 4 3	2 8 9	9 13 2	19 2 0	..	150 0 0	..	..	18 18 6	..	2 15 0	4 10 0	..	7 17 1	303 2 5
Hokitika ..	467 16 0	53 5 0	181 17 9	100 5 6	26 9 6	10 12 0	..	1,072 10 5	..	20 0 0	27 16 3	..	27 8 0	2 17 0	5 2 0	46 3 10	2,097 18 3
Invercargill ..	225 18 9	11 19 0	140 10 3	180 3 6	67 17 8	..	..	879 12 5	..	44 5 6	9 16 3	..	57 10 9	19 9 10	..	346 14 5	1,971 19 4
Kumara ..	162 10 6	11 19 0	106 11 0	74 1 3	7 3 0	6 19 3	..	446 14 10	..	10 0 0	23 1 6	..	27 3 0	5 4 8	..	15 10 4	757 12 7
Lawrence ..	362 3 8	46 0 0	70 2 2	17 12 8	23 10 0	25 4 6	..	268 19 8	10 0 0	17 18 6	15 16 2	..	14 9 0	5 2 6	..	50 19 0	1,162 9 9
Masteron ..	153 8 7	6 17 6	63 18 9	159 9 11	..	177 13 3	..	773 4 0	30 15 6	5 7 6	24 0 8	..	29 14 6	11 0 0	23 4 3	210 17 4	672 1 4
Napier ..	401 1 10	35 0 0	169 8 1	159 9 11	45 11 2	2 19 9	7 0 0	425 8 6	0 17 0	20 14 0	22 12 11	..	12 0 5	3 7 0	..	14 14 4	860 12 11
Naseby ..	155 6 10	42 6 1	63 18 9	48 17 2	28 2 4	53 5 1	..	923 16 8	..	..	..	..	6 3 7	..	..	52 7 4	1,951 19 7
Nelson ..	478 9 2	44 16 3	157 15 3	154 10 8	28 2 4	42 15 7	36 8 0	447 1 3	10 0 0	17 10 0	31 19 3	211 13 3	30 3 11	0 2 6	..	473 15 11	1,798 8 8
New Plymouth ..	240 17 0	23 19 9	124 19 7	109 11 4	..	43 7 10	5 0 0	434 1 0	..	..	32 13 0	21 3 6	4 13 7	4 7 0	13 17 5	25 14 10	900 2 1
Oamaru ..	140 11 10	9 0 0	58 7 7	55 0 0	25 14 6	7 16 6	..	170 16 8	..	15 0 0	3 1 6	..	3 8 1	1 10 0	..	48 11 6	570 0 1
Patea ..	58 4 10	0 18 0	..	11 4 6	4 13 9	4 18 11	15 12 6	232 12 6	..	..	6 2 4	..	9 0 4	6 8 0	..	77 6 0	1,090 2 1
Pictou ..	127 13 11	14 12 0	34 12 3	51 17 8	64 12 6	..	..	421 0 0	14 17 6	6 15 7	58 16 1	140 16 6	2 15 0	15 5 0	8 14 6	51 11 2	1,321 6 8
Queenstown ..	228 2 11	..	55 14 1	64 12 6	..	..	..	582 11 10	..	3 0 0	47 14 0	19 1 0	35 12 0	9 3 9	28 11 0	63 9 7	1,303 3 3
Reefton ..	275 14 10	44 11 0	142 0 1	60 15 7	12 15 7	66 9 10	..	312 6 6	4 10 0	28 0 0	19 18 6	..	16 8 0	6 2 6	..	25 5 0	692 2 0
Riverton ..	265 16 10	37 15 5	128 8 4	63 6 9	15 0 11	6 10 0	..	675 2 0	..	8 13 0	13 0 1	259 0 0	20 1 9	10 9 3	..	81 19 5	1,688 6 7
Ross ..	191 6 4	..	48 9 1	18 5 2	15 0 11	..	..	788 15 0	22 11 11	6 1 0	47 19 1	202 7 6	37 6 7	16 13 5	..	171 3 8	2,303 7 5
Thames ..	239 5 0	13 13 6	150 3 0	119 2 0	97 17 7	..	..	596 15 8	19 10 0	10 7 6	64 11 4	..	33 6 6	11 14 0	..	216 8 2	1,608 7 8
Timaru ..	492 14 1	29 16 0	234 9 7	167 1 6	30 4 6	69 16 2	78 0 5	490 18 0	..	7 0 0	82 12 2	..	23 10 0	6 11 7	..	138 5 0	1,189 18 4
Waikato ..	261 13 2	28 0 6	163 0 11	80 8 10	64 14 6	4 13 8	..	556 15 6	..	23 0 0	..	..	6 17 0	2 10 11	..	24 4 7	1,457 15 0
Waipawa ..	211 17 7	59 7 0	57 14 4	89 2 1	..	15 1 6	12 15 0	580 16 1	27 6 3	11 7 0	35 7 4	171 0 0	23 9 2	..	..	88 5 2	1,623 0 6
Wanganui ..	460 11 9	7 16 0	252 17 0	69 13 5	4 13 2	86 5 7	39 1 7	580 16 1	86 8 0	53 14 0	142 0 11	151 8 8	72 10 4	16 5 0	13 10 6	131 6 8	7,473 3 10
Wellington ..	279 6 11	2 10 7	149 0 2	97 2 1	32 8 8	99 17 7	139 16 11	2,188 6 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,116 13 9
Westport ..	2,218 3 5	159 18 0	782 5 0	590 1 3	375 11 7	..	..	467 2 7	..	35 18 6	96 5 0	7 15 6	9 19 6	10 0 0	..	..	..
Totals ..	16,088 12 7	1,547 13 7	84,599 16 4	84,599 16 4	1,878 18 9	1,799 10 5	869 14 8	825,934 16 9	9,479 12 3	3,543 16 6	11,971 11 11	112,367 7 7	928 6 5	5,116 15 9	455 6 5	118 13 24	570,356 11 10

* Including £609 19s. 9d., maintenance of nurses home.

b Including £35 13s. 7d., casual ward, Lyttelton.

c Including £183 13s. 11d., maintenance of Hawera Cottage Hospital.

d Including £330 paid to Mercury Bay Hospital Committee.

e Included in rations.

f Including £120, three years' house-rent for doctor.

N.B.—In those hospitals where nothing is set down under the heading of "Washing and Laundry," the expenditure on these items is included in salaries and wages, thus adding to the percentage of cost of administration on total expenditure.

RETURN showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the under-mentioned Charitable Institutions during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Balance from Last Year.	Receipts.						Expenditure.				Children's Portion of Expenses.		
		From Government.	From Rates.	Repayments by Persons relieved.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents.	Other Sources.	Total.	Indoor Relief.	Outdoor Relief.		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.
North of Auckland* ..	16 4 5	707 19 1	599 10 6	12 0 0	2,309 12 7	990 10 0	75 17 0	466 9 5	1,335 14 0	170 16 11	311 1 10	481 18 9	125 4 7	
Auckland ..	..	4,461 11 5	2,288 14 2	619 0 3	2,209 12 7	990 10 0	..	..	11,111 14 10	6,375 12 11	7,771 13 5	14,147 6 4	951 16 9	
Coromandel and Thames	21 15 10	875 0 7	830 8 7	96 13 0	47 12 3	..	..	13 12 2	1,885 2 5	815 9 4	906 0 3	1,721 9 7	388 0 6	
Waikato ..	..	280 18 9	419 0 11	..	..	..	..	31 13 10	731 13 6	385 7 5	261 16 2	647 8 7	129 1 6	
Bay of Plenty*	84 13 10	181 8 2	163 14 6	13 7 0	2 4 8	..	..	..	442 8 2	..	230 13 6	230 13 6	..	
Cook ..	33 10 3	292 8 8	120 0 0	2 10 0	57 5 6	..	..	..	505 14 5	193 17 7	233 11 5	427 9 0	7 3 0	
Hawke's Bay ..	156 7 11	1,270 16 3	1,094 11 4	74 8 7	55 1 0	..	110 0 0	14 13 8	2,775 13 9	971 17 6	1,229 7 0	2,201 4 6	289 11 0	
Taranaki ..	142 3 4	599 3 3	574 18 6	..	..	..	..	..	1,316 5 1	174 3 10	1,130 13 9	1,304 17 7	154 3 10	
Patea and Wanganui	32 8 2	846 4 7	777 18 0	3 4 9	16 9 0	..	..	..	1,676 4 6	629 3 9	848 15 7	1,477 19 4	357 9 9	
Wellington ..	1,263 18 3	4,467 11 11	3,707 10 3	219 12 10	540 17 7	..	35 10 0	887 2 4	11,122 3 2	3,859 2 9	6,642 9 0	10,501 11 9	2,412 4 4	
Wairau ..	228 10 11	144 5 5	159 13 2	..	25 1 0	..	7 10 0	..	557 10 6	118 3 0	400 4 10	518 7 10	118 3 0	
Pictou ..	265 8 5	103 16 8	155 18 0	..	32 5 0	..	..	..	567 8 1	..	125 13 3	125 13 3	..	
Nelson ..	1,062 11 8	918 5 0	656 5 0	106 12 0	85 10 0	..	..	..	2,873 3 8	1,127 7 11	1,102 3 8	2,229 11 7	643 2 7	
Buller ..	..	319 15 11	385 15 10	..	..	..	..	..	743 18 7	154 9 6	585 10 0	739 19 6	142 9 6	
Inangahua ..	53 9 10	450 0 0	350 0 0	..	..	..	..	38 6 10	853 9 10	211 10 0	561 8 0	772 18 0	160 14 6	
Grey ..	82 19 0	1,119 5 4	882 2 7	..	46 12 0	..	..	..	2,130 13 11	900 17 6	718 13 11	1,619 16 5	884 17 6	
Westland ..	12 18 9	708 5 11	473 17 4	..	219 18 0	..	..	..	1,429 18 6	445 3 9	1,243 9 1	1,688 12 10	345 3 9	
Ashburton and N. Canterbury	1,298 17 2	5,963 0 2	5,808 7 0	402 11 5	20 18 5	131 4 3	11 14 0	14 18 6	13,809 6 1	6,672 7 4	7,468 1 2	14,140 8 6	3,542 2 3	
South Canterbury ..	164 19 11	1,354 16 4	1,327 14 11	..	..	..	..	79 0 8	2,926 11 10	1,213 19 6	1,035 16 1	2,249 15 7	865 12 5	
North Otago ..	207 16 10	358 17 6	327 0 11	..	10 17 0	..	0 16 0	45 0 0	950 8 3	282 5 4	565 19 3	848 4 7	276 15 0	
Otago United ..	1,424 3 9	6,047 15 8	5,778 3 3	227 2 9	243 4 10	..	817 13 7	12 0 0	14,550 3 10	6,578 11 10	7,195 3 9	13,773 15 7	3,243 3 4	
Southland ..	..	1,829 14 10	1,758 4 6	64 7 2	..	..	14 2 6	..	3,666 9 0	1,367 14 5	1,328 9 6	2,696 3 11	465 4 11	
Totals ..	6,562 18 3	33,301 1 5	28,636 9 3	1,841 9 9	3,613 8 10	1,121 14 3	31,073 3 1	1,822 1 1	77,962 5 11	32,648 2 1	41,896 19 5	74,545 1 6	15,502 4 0	

*The North of Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board paid £695 8s. 4d., and the Bay of Plenty Hospital and Charitable Aid Board paid £213 15s. 3d., to the Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for maintenance of patients from their districts in the Auckland Hospital.

TABLE showing the Number of Cases of Disease and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1890.

Orders, Diseases, &c.	Auckland.		Coro-mandel.		Thames.		Waikato.		Gisborne.		New Plymouth.		Patea.		Napier.		Waipukurangi.		Wellington.		Wanganui.		Master-ton.		Greytown.		Picton.		Blenheim.		Nelson.		Westport.		Charles-ton.		Reefton.		Grey-mouth.		Kumara.					
	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 1.—Miasmatic																																														
1. Small-pox	
2. Chicken-pox	
3. Measles ..	1	
4. Epidemic Rose-rash	
5. Scarlet Fever (Scarlatina)	5	1	4	1	
6. Typhus Fever ..	2	
7. Relapsing Fever	
8. Influenza ..	2	3	
9. Whooping-cough	
10. Mumps	
11. Diphtheria	
12. Cerebro-spinal Fever	
13. Simple and ill-defined Fever	
14. Enteric Fever (Typhoid)	110	16	1	..	20	4	1	..	18	3	9	..	12	12	12	12	..	3	
15. Other Miasmatic Diseases	3	1	15	1	
Total Order 1 ..	123	16	1	..	25	4	3	..	23	3	32	..	1184	13	17	1	4
ORDER 2.—Diarrheal.																																														
1. Simple Cholera	
2. Diarrhoea ..	1	
3. Dysentery	1
Total Order 2 ..	1	1	..	1	6	2	1	14	1
ORDER 3.—Malarial.																																														
1. Remittent Fever	
2. Ague	
Total Order 3
ORDER 4.—Zoonous.																																														
1. Hydrophobia	
2. Glanders	
3. Splenic Fever	
4. Cow-pox and other Effects of Vaccination	
Total Order 4 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

DISEASES AND DEATHS IN HOSPITALS.

TABLE showing the Number of Cases of Disease and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1890—continued.

Class.	Orders, Diseases, &c.	Hokitika.		Ross.		Christ-church.		Akaroa.		Ashburton.		Timaru.		Waimate.		Oamaru.		Dunedin.		Dunstan.		Cromwell.		Arrow-town.		Wakatipu.		Naseby.		Lawrence.		Inver-cargill.		Riverton.		Total Cases.		Total 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 1.—Miasmatic																																						
	1. Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2. Chicken-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3. Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	4. Epidemic Rose-rash ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	5. Scarlet Fever (Scarlatina)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	6. Typhus Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	7. Relapsing Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	8. Influenza ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	9. Whooping-cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	10. Mumps ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	11. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	12. Cerebro-spinal Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	13. Simple and ill-defined Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	14. Enteric Fever, Typhoid	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	15. Other Miasmatic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total Order 1 ..	70	7	..	..	10	1	15	3	18	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	1	3	..	2	..	5	..	13	1	12	1	3	..	48	3	5	1	725	59		
	ORDER 2.—Diarrheal.																																						
	1. Simple Cholera ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2. Diarrhoea ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3. Dysentery ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total Order 2 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	ORDER 3.—Malarial.																																						
	1. Remittent Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2. Ague ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total Order 3 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	ORDER 4.—Zoonogenic.																																						
	1. Hydrophobia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2. Glanders ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3. Splenic Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	4. Cow-pox and other Effects of Vaccination	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total Order 4 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	ORDER 5.—Venereal.																																						
	1. Syphilis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2. Gonorrhoea, Stricture of Urethra, Ulcer of Groin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total Order 5 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

DISEASES AND DEATHS IN HOSPITALS.

TABLE showing the Number of Cases and of Deaths from each Cause in the various Hospitals in the Colony during the Year 1890—continued.

Class.	Orders, Diseases, &c.	Hokitika.		Ross.		Christchurch.		Akaroa.		Ashburton.		Timaru.		Waimate.		Oamaru.		Dunedin.		Dunstan.		Cromwell.		Arrowtown.		Wakatipu.		Naseby.		Lawrence.		Invercargill.		Cases.		Deaths.		Total Cases.	Total Deaths.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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Class.	Orders, Diseases, &c.	Hokitika.		Ross.		Christ Church.		Akaroa.		Ashburton.		Timaru.		Waimate.		Garnmu.		Dunedin.		Dunstan.		Cromwell.		Arrowtown.		Wakatipu.		Naseby.		Lawrence.		Invercargill.		Riverton.		Total Cases.	Total Deaths.
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V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.	1. Premature Birth	
	2. Atelectasis	
	3. Cyanosis	
	4. Spina Bifida	
	5. Imperforate Anus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	6. Cleft Palate, Hare-lip .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	7. Other Congenital Defects .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	8. Old Age	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	4. Total Class V.	4	1	9	..	2	2	..	2	2	11	..	1
	ORDER 1.—Diseases of Nervous System.
1. Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes..	3	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Apoplexy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Softening of Brain .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Hemiplegia, Brain Paralysis	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Paralysis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Paralysis Agitans	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Insanity, General Paralysis of Insane	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Chorea	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Epilepsy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Convulsions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Laryngismus Stridulus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Idiopathic Tetanus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Paraplegia, Diseases of Spinal Cord .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Other Diseases of Nervous System	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Total Order 1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
30. Total Order 1	30	1	5	1	44	4	6	1	24	2	4	..	10	..	55	4	1	1	4	..	5	2
VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.	ORDER 2.—Diseases of Organs of Special Sense.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1. Otitis, Otorrhoea	4
	2. Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose	3
	3. Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye	6	52	1
	6. Total Order 2	6	59	1
	ORDER 3.—Diseases of Circulatory System.
	1. Endocarditis, Valvular Disease	23	9	3	1	4	1
	2. Pericarditis	1
	3. Hypertrophy of Heart
	4. Fatty Degeneration of Heart	2
5. Angina Pectoris .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Syncope	
7. Aneurism	
8. Senile Gangrene	
9. Embolism, Thrombosis	6	1	
10. Phlebitis	

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VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—continued.	ORDER 3.—Diseases of Circulatory System—contd.																																								
	11. Varicose Veins, Piles	13	6	1	2	..	2	23	..	1	1	2	74	..	4		
	12. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	12		
	Total Order 3 ..	5	1	2	1	56	9	..	..	5	2	8	..	4	2	6	2	59	12	4	1	4	1	1	..	2	1	3	..	12	1	6	4	..	..	337	..	80
	ORDER 4.—Diseases of Respiratory System.																																								
	1. Laryngitis	4	1	2	18	1	..		
	2. Croup	3	1	3	2	1	8	5	..		
	3. Other Diseases of Larynx and Trachea	2	1	10	2	..		
	4. Emphysema, Asthma ..	..	..	..	..	16	1	..	..	6	..	7	1	4	..	12	3	55	4	1	..	9	..	4	..	13	1	3	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	46	4	..
	5. Bronchitis ..	8	..	..	..	12	4	..	..	6	2	4	1	4	..	2	..	28	9	2	1	2	..	7	..	10	3	2	..	16	1	6	2	7	3	282	16	..
6. Pneumonia ..	7	1	2	1	8	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	12	2	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	6	..	7	1	2	..	..	..	..	215	54	..	
7. Pleurisy ..	1	..	1	..	10	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	97	7	..	
8. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	2	..	
Total Order 4 ..	16	1	4	1	55	8	2	..	15	3	15	2	9	..	19	3	111	18	7	1	12	..	15	..	15	1	13	2	41	2	18	3	18	3	730	91	..				
ORDER 5.—Diseases of Digestive System.																																									
1. Stomatitis, Cancrum Oris	3	1	11	1	..		
2. Dentition	20	9	5	..	2	..	5	2	
3. Sore Throat, Quinsy ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	19	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	..	..	
4. Dyspepsia ..	8	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	..	..	
5. Hæmatemesis	1	7		
6. Melæna	1		
7. Diseases of Stomach, Gastritis ..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	15	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	4	..
8. Enteritis ..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	
9. Ulceration, Perforation, of Intestine ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	..
10. Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	4	..
11. Stricture or Strangulation of Intestine ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	..
12. Intussusception of Intestine ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	
13. Hernia ..	3	1	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	20	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	5	..
14. Fistula ..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	6
15. Peritonitis ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	6	..	
16. Ascites ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..		
17. Gallstones ..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	7	..
18. Cirrhosis of Liver ..	..	..	..	..	8	4	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	1	1	..	4	1	2	..	1	..	74	12	..
19. Other Diseases of Liver, Hepatitis, Jaundice ..	3	1	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	3	..	
20. Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	5	..	..	..	82	7	1	..	3	1	26	1	13	1	11	..	92	7	1	..	11	2	3	1	5	..	6	..	12	1	18	2	4	..	585	48	..	
Total Order 5 ..	20	2	5	1	82	7	1	..	3	1	26	1	13	1	11	..	92	7	1	..	11	2	3	1	5	..	6	..	12	1	18	2	4	..	585	48	..				
ORDER 6.—Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.																																									
1. Diseases of Lymphatic System ..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	1
2. Diseases of Spleen	1		
3. Bronchocele	2	1	9	2	..		
4. Addison's Disease	2	
Total Order 6	8	2	2	3	..	2	29	1	..	1	..		

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	6. Sunstroke																																																																																																																											
	7. Poison	6	2	1	5	17	3																																																																																																																									
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NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.	1. Dropsy	9	..																																																																																																																						
	2. Debility, Atrophy, Inanition	2	7	..	2	6	1	1	15	1	91	4																																																																																																																					
	3. Mortification, Gangrene	1	5	..																																																																																																																						
	4. Tumour	15	6	3	79	6																																																																																																																						
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