

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	158	6	10	Rations ...	76	5	1
Local bodies ...	150	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	3	7	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	6	19	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	0	9	6
Patients' payments ...	18	15	6	Fuel and light ...	25	11	5
Other sources ...	3	1	9	Bedding and clothing ...	4	9	8
				Furniture and earthenware ...	29	9	8
				Salaries and wages ...	200	0	0
				Repairs ...	7	11	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	3	5	1
				Interest ...	1	6	10
				Insurance ...	1	17	6
				Other expenses ...	3	5	0
Total ...	£337	3	1	Total ...	£356	18	0

Patea Hospital, 7th February, 1894.

This hospital is rendered still more superfluous by the recent establishment of a fine new hospital at Hawera. I am bound to say, however, that it is well and economically managed. I have always found it in good order. The daily cost per head is 9s. 10½d., and the total treated during the year was twenty-six, with an average individual stay of 27·88 days.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1893 ...	9
Admitted during the year ...	32
Total under treatment ...	41
Discharged ...	26
Died ...	4
Remaining on 31st March, 1894 ...	11

Sex.—36 males, 5 females.*Localities from which Patients came.*—Picton Hospital District, 39; Blenheim, 1; Wellington, 1.*Country.*—England, 13; Scotland, 6; Ireland, 5; New Zealand, 6; Australia, 1; Holland, 1; Germany, 3; Denmark, 1; Norway, 2; aboriginal natives, 3.*Religion.*—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,482; individual average days' stay, 84·93. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 16.

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<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	100	17	6	Rations ...	140	11	6
Local bodies ...	91	17	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	12	13	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	27	5	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	27	9	8
Rents and interest ...	17	9	0	Fuel and light ...	39	15	11
Patients' payments ...	27	9	0	Bedding and clothing ...	7	4	4
Other sources ...	9	14	1	Furniture and earthenware ...	8	19	10
Balance from last year ...	309	14	6	Washing and laundry ...	14	19	2
				Salaries and wages ...	254	0	0
				Water-supply ...	3	10	0
				Funerals ...	11	0	0
				Repairs ...	21	12	3
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	11	14	5
				Insurance ...	6	0	0
				Other expenses ...	24	16	4
Total ...	£584	6	5	Total ...	£584	6	5

Picton Hospital, 1st May, 1894.

It has long been evident to me that it is only a question of time when this hospital must be converted into an old man's home for Marlborough. For the present the local bodies are stre-