

Thames Hospital.

Nothing could be more satisfactory than the way in which this old and badly-designed building is utilised by Dr. Williams and his staff. I explained to the secretary and trustees, some of whom represented to me the need for certain new wards, that many other parts of the colony were much worse off in respect of accommodation, and that, in my opinion, it would be unjustifiable to pull down the old wards. The Thames district can quite well wait for better times before demanding new buildings.

TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1893	...	...	...	25
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	282
Total under treatment				307
Discharged	...	...	...	260
Died	...	...	...	20
Remaining on 31st March, 1894				27

Sex.—193 males, 114 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 266; outside hospital district, 41.

Nationality.—English, 93; Scotch, 40; Irish, 50; colonial, 117; French, 2; Swede, 1; East Indian, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 138; Roman Catholic, 65; Presbyterian, 52; Wesleyan, 13; Primitive Methodist, 13; Congregationalist, 4; Salvation Army, 12; Baptist, 8; Plymouth Brethren, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 8,075; individual average days' stay, 26.30. Daily average cost per head, 5s.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 162; attendances, 520.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	971	5 7	Rations	509	14 1
Local bodies	971	5 7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	33	15 0
Subscriptions and donations	36	6 7	Surgery and dispensary	214	10 5
Rents	15	7 6	Fuel and light	227	0 0
Patients' payments	203	2 3	Bedding and clothing	94	10 1
			Furniture and earthenware	37	3 0
			Washing and laundry	18	14 4
			Salaries and wages	628	4 8
			Water-supply	21	17 4
			Repairs	110	15 3
			Additions to buildings	178	0 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	39	13 2
			Insurance	16	3 5
			Other expenses	67	6 9
Total	£2,197	7 6	Total	£2,197	7 6

Timaru Hospital, 15th March, 1894.

I have satisfied myself by careful examination of its working that this hospital continues to deserve the high degree of confidence which the public repose in its management. One point I desire to make a suggestion about—namely, that there ought to be established a system by which the nurses should be examined and certificated, as well as taught. If the staff do not see their way to do this they might arrange with the Christchurch Hospital.

WAIKATO HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1893	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	229
Total under treatment			243
Discharged	...	...	209
Died	...	...	14
Remaining on 31st March, 1894			20

Sex.—196 males, 47 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waikato, 46; Waipa, 64; Piako, 41; Raglan, 18; King-country, 4; Hamilton, 47; Cambridge, 17; Auckland, 4; Napier, 1; Sydney, 1.

Country.—England, 64; Scotland, 17; Ireland, 41; New Zealand, 103; British America, 1; Sweden, 1; Denmark, 2; East Indies, 1; Channel Islands, 1; Australia, 9; Tasmania, 1; United States of America, 1; Russia, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 120; Roman Catholic, 44; Presbyterian, 33; Wesleyan, 33; Lutheran, 4; Baptist, 2; Salvationist, 2; Hauhau, 1; others, 4.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 5,389; individual average days' stay, 22.17. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 6s.