

Religion.—Church of England, 27; Presbyterian, 55; Wesleyan, 4; Roman Catholic, 10; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 1,880; individual average days' stay, 19.38. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 11d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 117; attendances, 157.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
Revenue.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.		
From Government	173	3	0	Rations	...	...	148	4	5
Local bodies	152	15	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	6	17	6
Subscriptions and donations	170	17	1	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	43	12	6
Patients' payments	147	9	9	Fuel and light	...	...	27	15	0
Balance from last year	168	6	9	Bedding and clothing	...	...	6	13	0
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	22	4	9
						Salaries and wages	...	...	368	11	8
						Funerals	...	...	2	0	0
						Repairs	...	...	11	10	0
						Additions to buildings	...	...	39	15	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	6	14	0
						Insurance	...	...	8	14	9
						Other expenses	...	...	51	4	4
Total	£812	11	7	Total	...	...	£743	16	11

Inspected 9th March, 1898. Dr. Thomson resides in the grounds, and I heard everywhere of his attention to his work. In this district there is an outlying mining centre called Macetown, lying high up on the ranges, and a proposal was mooted that the doctor's salary should be increased by £50 on condition that he should visit Macetown once a week, and treat patients there on the same terms as at the centre—Arrowtown. I pointed out that this would be an ingenious way of providing the people of Macetown with cheap medical advice at the cost of the colony. I understand that this view of the case has now been admitted. The Arrowtown Hospital is well managed in every respect.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897 ...	12
Admitted during the year ...	183
Total under treatment ...	195
Discharged ...	175
Died ...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1898 ...	12

Sex.—170 males, 25 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ashburton County, 190; Lake Heron, 1; Timaru, 1; Christchurch, 1; Hanmer Plains, 1; Rangiora, 1.

Nationality.—English, 52; Irish, 53; Scotch, 19; New Zealand, 58; Australians, 7; Welsh, 2; others, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 74; Presbyterian, 41; Roman Catholic, 48; Wesleyans, 18; others, 14.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,291; individual average days' stay, 22. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 11d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.											
<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	508	7	1	Rations	...	...	304	9	4
Local bodies	...	...	490	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	14	6	6
Patients' payments	...	...	138	9	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	151	3	0
Other sources	...	...	8	0	0	Fuel and light	...	...	53	12	1
Balance from last year	...	...	155	11	1	Bedding and clothing	...	...	18	8	6
						Furniture and earthenware	...	...	51	9	4
						Washing and laundry	...	...	2	5	0
						Salaries and wages	...	...	441	18	10
						Funerals	...	...	15	1	6
						Repairs	...	...	25	1	10
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	8	6	7
						Interest	...	...	0	2	6
						Insurance	...	...	15	15	0
						Other expenses	...	...	91	18	11
Total	...		£1,300	7	2	Total	...		£1,193	18	11