

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.										
Revenue.				£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			
From Government	...	...	...	1,513	17	5	Rations	...	...	749 18 2
Local bodies	...	...	...	1,482	13	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	62 9 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	13	2	1	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	321 0 6
Patients' payments	...	...	...	128	9	2	Fuel and light	...	...	261 12 10
Other sources	...	...	...	176	14	0	Bedding and clothing	...	...	85 0 0
							Furniture and earthenware	...	...	124 16 1
							Washing and laundry	...	...	84 2 6
							Salaries and wages	...	...	1,010 19 9
							Water-supply	...	...	2 6 0
							Funerals	...	...	25 12 0
							Repairs	...	...	219 1 6
							Additions	...	...	55 0 0
							Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	63 0 0
							Interest	...	...	9 15 6
							Insurance	...	...	14 4 6
							Other expenses	...	...	84 7 11
Total	...	...	...	£3,314	15	8	Total	...	...	£3,173 6 9

I inspected this hospital on the 4th March. I was pleased to find that at last the old wards on the male side had been pulled down. The new wing is well designed, and when it is finished this institution will be abreast of modern requirements. All the available ward space was occupied, and the usual work of the hospital was being carried on satisfactorily. I found the nursing staff in a state of turmoil, but after reconnoitring the position I thought it best to reserve the matter for Mrs. Neill's consideration. The matters at issue were such as to require a woman's touch to insure a correct diagnosis. Mrs. Neill made a special visit, and has written a special report for the Board, containing suggestions which seemed to me likely to meet the difficulty. I have come to the conclusion that there is a centre of disturbance in this institution, and I recommend the Board to watch it narrowly; and, having once ascertained the facts precisely, they should act with vigour.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	80
Total under treatment	...	...	...	89
Discharged	...	...	...	68
Died	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	16

Sex.—71 males, 18 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kumara, 40; Dillman's, 22; Greenstone, 7; Callaghan's, 5; Stafford, 3; Cape Terrace, 5; Jackson, 5; Christchurch Road, 2.

Nationality.—English, 22; Irish, 18; Scotch, 13; New Zealand, 21; Welsh, 1; Chinese, 2; German, 5; Italian, 1; Swiss, 1; Swedish, 1; Australian, 3; Belgian, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 28; Roman Catholic, 33; Presbyterian, 19; Wesleyan, 4; Confucian, 2; Lutheran, 3.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,909; individual average days' stay, 55.15. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 110; attendances, 227.

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<i>Revenue.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.	
From Government	464	4	10	Rations	...	239	3	3
Local bodies	266	5	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c....	...	10	13	0
Subscriptions and donations	169	19	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	89	9	3
Patients' payments	102	11	0	Fuel and light	...	67	19	9
						Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c....	...	53	2	11
						Salaries and wages	...	333	14	6
						Funerals	...	10	0	0
						Repairs	...	43	6	0
						Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	16	0
						Interest	...	6	12	6
						Insurance	...	6	9	0
Total	£1,003	0	5	Total	...	£873	6	2