

The medical and nursing arrangements at this institution are thoroughly satisfactory. Great interest is taken by the public in its welfare. Indeed, I am inclined to think the committee, if anything, err on the side of over-solicitude.

The garden is in its usual creditable condition.

LAWRENCE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	106
Total under treatment				115
Discharged	...	...	...	100
Died	...	...	...	9
Remaining on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	6

Sex.—77 males, 38 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Tuapeka County.

Country.—New Zealand, 50; England, 15; Scotland, 19; Ireland, 23; China, 3; Victoria, 1; Italy, 1; Canada, 1; America, 1; Norway, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,385; individual average days' stay, 29.43. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 60.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	...	260	8	Rations	...	275	17
Local bodies	...	520	5	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	3	9
Subscriptions and donations	...	70	2	Surgery and dispensary	...	47	7
Rents	...	1	11	Fuel and light	...	60	18
Patients' payments	...	120	12	Bedding and clothing	...	15	11
Other sources	...	12	5	Salaries and wages	...	376	18
Balance from last year	...	149	15	Water-supply	...	10	0
				Repairs	...	14	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	5	16
				Insurance	...	3	4
				Interest	...	0	2
				Other expenses	...	57	3
Total	...	£1,134	19	Total	...	£870	8
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Inspected 4th April, 1898. This hospital is progressing under the superintendence of Dr. Newell. Several improvements have been made; notably, asphaltting of the courtyard and a more satisfactory water-supply. The patients' comfort seems well looked after by matron and wardman, and the order and cleanliness throughout were most excellent. The hospital is well supplied with fresh vegetables and fruit from its own garden.

MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	...	...	...	7
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	81
Total under treatment				88
Discharged	...	...	...	74
Died	...	...	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1898	...	...	...	6

Sex.—55 males, 33 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Masterton, 49; Pahiatua, 3; Eketahuna, 7; Mauriceville, 1; Tenui, 7; Taueru, 1; Carterton, 1; Brancepeth, 6; Mangamahoe, 3; Wellington, 2; Bideford, 2; Mangatainoka, 2; Tupurupuru, 1; East Coast, 1; Mangahao, 1; Dreyerton, 1.

Country.—England, 27; Ireland, 7; New Zealand, 36; Scotland, 4; New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 1; Germany, 2; China, 1; Denmark, 2; France, 1; Tasmania, 1; South Africa, 1; Belgium, 1; Jersey, 1; India, 1; Sweden, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 37; Roman Catholic, 14; Presbyterian, 21; Wesleyan, 8; Salvation Army, 5; Lutheran, 1; heathen, 1; no religion, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,464; individual average days' stay, 28. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 8½d.