

This hospital is managed very carefully, and is in a thoroughly satisfactory condition, both as regards the medical and surgical work, and the nursing is admirable. In one respect, however, I am obliged to make a grave protest against the custom which the honorary staff, by connivance of the Board, have allowed to grow up. Private patients are charged £3 3s. per week, and over and above this the patient is allowed to pay his doctor for operations, &c., any sum they may agree on. But further than this, and even worse from my point of view, any doctor in the district can send a patient into a private ward, attend the patient himself, and charge what he likes. I wrote the Board pointing out the manifest evils of this practice, and I intend, unless it is put a stop to at once, to move the Government to stop the subsidy.

#### NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	...	...	...	7
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	167
Total under treatment				174
Discharged	...	...	...	152
Died	...	...	...	12
Remaining on 31st March, 1898				10

*Sex.*—119 males, 55 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Hyde, 9; Rough Ridge, 3; Wedderburn, 5; Naseby, 42; Limeburn, 1; Kyeburn, 14; St. Bathans, 15; Hamilton's, 7; Ida Valley, 8; Gimmerburn, 9; Patearoa, 15; Blackstone Hill, 11; Eweburn, 15; Invercargill, 2; Ophir, 2; Kokonga, 7; Dunedin, 1; Waihemo, 1; Cambrian's, 1; Waipiata, 3; Vinegar Hill, 1; Alexandra, 1; Matakanaui, 1.

*Country.*—England, 27; Scotland, 25; Ireland, 33; New Zealand, 74; China, 4; Victoria, 4; Tasmania, 2; Germany, 4; Malta, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 60; Roman Catholic, 43; Presbyterian, 61; Confucian, 4; Salvationist, 4; Wesleyan, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 3,135; individual average days' stay, 18. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 8d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 34; attendances, 60.

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	...	...	Rations	...	...	...
Local bodies	...	...	...	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	...	...
Subscriptions and donations	...	...	...	Surgery and dispensary	...	...	...
Patients' payments	...	...	...	Fuel and light	...	...	...
Other sources	...	...	...	Bedding and clothing	...	...	...
Balance from last year	...	...	...	Furniture and earthenware	...	...	...
	504	11	6	Washing and laundry	...	...	...
	332	13	6	Salaries and wages	...	...	...
	130	3	9	Water-supply	...	...	...
	313	5	4	Funerals	...	...	...
	7	4	9	Repairs and additions	...	...	...
	291	10	0	Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	...	...
				Interest	...	...	...
				Insurance	...	...	...
				Commission	...	...	...
				Other expenses	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	Total	...	...	...
	£1,579	8	10		£1,357	18	2

Inspected 11th March, 1898. It is always a pleasure to visit this hospital. The doctor is all that I could wish, and his treatment of and kindness to his patients are universally appreciated in the district. The nursing by Mrs. and Miss King is admirably done. A beautiful new operating-room has been provided, and several other improvements have been effected.

#### NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1897	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	166
Total under treatment				190
Discharged	...	...	...	147
Died	...	...	...	19
Remaining on 31st March, 1898				24