

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	364	18	5	Rations ...	173	4	2
Local bodies ...	116	5	7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	4	6	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	77	14	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	37	10	7
Patients' payments ...	173	6	6	Furniture and earthenware ...	29	9	1
				Salaries and wages ...	348	17	10
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	10	3	6
				Commission ...	4	8	8
				Insurance ...	8	8	9
				Other expenses... ..	83	14	0
Total ...	£732	5	0	Total ...	£700	3	1

Visited 12th December.—Six men and one woman patient. A new isolation-ward was in course of building. Everything satisfactory. During Dr. Bell Thomson's absence in England Dr. McBrearty will be in charge.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1899 ...	13
Admitted during the year ...	262
Total under treatment ...	275
Discharged ...	261
Died ...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1900 ...	9

Sex.—218 males, 57 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ashburton, 245; Christchurch, 13; Timaru, 1.

Nationality.—British, 128; New Zealand, 121; Australians, 8; German, 1; Swede, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 112; Presbyterian, 53; Roman Catholic, 57; Wesleyan, 35; Jewish, 1; Agnostic, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,509; individual average days' stay, 16.40. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.

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<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	700	0	0	Rations and light ...	485	1	8
Local bodies ...	770	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	12	7	0
Patients' payments ...	185	16	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	176	5	10
Other sources ...	15	16	0	Fuel ...	77	2	3
Balance from last year ...	48	1	5	Bedding and clothing ...	28	0	9
				Furniture and earthenware ...	37	6	9
				Washing and laundry ...	4	5	0
				Salaries and wages ...	586	10	5
				Water-supply ...	65	18	3
				Funerals ...	3	5	0
				Repairs ...	43	14	11
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	13	5	0
				Interest ...	1	17	6
				Insurance ...	7	19	0
				Commission ...	3	8	11
				Other expenses... ..	73	15	7
Total ...	£1,719	13	11	Total ..	£1,620	3	10

Visited 29th November and 22nd May.—On latter date there were nine men and one woman patient. There have been changes here recently. Mrs. Mackay, Matron for many years past, has been succeeded by Miss McAndrew, formerly Matron of Kumara and later of Greymouth Hospitals. Many nursing and sanitary reforms were needed, and we may hope that before long Miss McAndrew and her staff will make this an up-to-date little hospital.