

Country.—New Zealand, 44; England, 33; Scotland, 16; Ireland, 37; Wales, 4; Germany, 8; Italy, 7; Finland, 2; Norway, 1; China, 3; Denmark, 4; Austria, 3; Shetland Islands, 8; America, 1; West Indies, 1; Prussia, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 63; Presbyterian, 30; Roman Catholic, 60; Lutheran, 15; Wesleyan, 2; Confucian, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 13,830; individual average days' stay, 79.94. Daily average cost per head; 3s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 204; attendances, 567.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	989	11 6	Rations ...	713	8 11
Local bodies ...	634	3 4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	31	18 8
Subscriptions and donations ...	389	5 5	Surgery and dispensary ...	130	16 6
Bequests ...	250	0 0	Fuel and light ...	112	5 4
Patients' payments ...	541	19 1	Bedding and clothing ...	11	13 3
Other sources ...	27	7 11	Furniture and earthenware ...	7	17 3
			Salaries and wages ...	763	2 5
			Funerals ...	54	0 0
			Repairs ...	88	11 9
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	56	10 1
			Interest ...	0	2 6
			Insurance ...	32	17 1
			Commission ...	15	16 6
			Other expenses ...	224	3 9
Total ...	£2,832	7 3	Total ...	£2,243	4 0

Visited 26th July, 1904.—This Hospital, though old, is in good preservation comparatively, and is spacious, convenient, and well-kept. Following the example of Greymouth, where some years ago an instalment of a new hospital designed on the same lines as the Wanganui Hospital, and of Westport, where a fine new hospital has already been planned, the people of Hokitika have raised an agitation for a similar hospital in their district. The Matron, Miss Griffith, an excellent, well-trained nurse, has everything in good order. But capable nurses, anxious to enlarge and improve their experience can, with difficulty, be retained, because all the Westland hospitals are so largely occupied by chronics, from nursing whom so little is to be learned. Dr. Teichelmann's skill and attention are well known.

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904 ...	...	...	37
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	466
Total under treatment ...	...	...	503
Discharged ...	...	...	429
Died ...	...	...	36
Remaining on 31st March, 1905 ...	...	...	38

Sex.—348 males, 155 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Southland County, Wallace County, Lake County, Fiord County, Stewart Island County.

Country.—New Zealand, 241; England, 72; Ireland, 49; Scotland, 69; Victoria, 20; Australia, 4; Tasmania, 14; New South Wales, 7; Shetland Islands, 3; Wales, 1; Orkney Islands, 1; Isle of Man, 1; France, 1; America, 2; Jersey, 2; Gurnsey, 2; China, 5; West Indies, 1; Sweden, 1; Chili, 1; Queensland, 2; Prussia, 2; Switzerland, 1; Cape of Good Hope, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 151; Presbyterian, 201; Roman Catholic, 97; Wesleyan, 13; Protestant 13; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Methodist, 11; Salvation Army, 4; Confucian, 5; Baptist, 5; Christian, 1; Spiritualist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 18,611; individual average days' stay 37. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 10¾d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 1½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 960; attendances, 1,760.