

Visited 29th July, 1904.—Now that the Grey River Hospital is accessible easily by rail, a cottage hospital, where emergency cases could be treated, and whence all cases capable of being transferred could be sent to Greymouth, would be ample for the needs of this town. To effect this reform, an Old People's Home should be provided in the Grey Valley, and the Greymouth Hospital plans completed.

RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	183
Total under treatment				197
Discharged	...	...	...	166
Died	...	...	...	15
Remaining on 31st March, 1905				16

Sex.—140 males, 57 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waiau, Orepuki, Colac, Riverton, Otautau, Thornbury, Nightcaps, Tapanui, Fairfax, Round Hill, Kelso, Lumsden.

Nationality.—English, Scotch, Irish, Chinese, Maori.

Religion.—Church of England, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Confucian.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,676; individual average days' stay, 28·81. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 70; attendances, 112.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	894	2	10	Rations	...	387	6	10
Local bodies	...	875	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	16	15	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	61	18	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	103	4	0
Patients' payments	...	343	1	6	Fuel and light	...	97	13	8
Other sources	...	13	0	10	Bedding and clothing	...	28	5	4
					Furniture and earthenware	...	41	6	0
					Washing and laundry	...	14	10	0
					Salaries and wages	...	695	16	3
					Water-supply	...	3	9	3
					Repairs	...	106	13	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	13	7	8
					Interest	...	0	18	4
					Insurance	...	15	2	4
					Other expenses	...	134	6	8
Total	...	£2,187	13	5	Total	...	£1,658	14	6

Visited 20th May, 1905.—When this Hospital was built, I pointed out that with a large and well-equipped hospital at Invercargill there was no need for more than the old cottage hospital. Here, as everywhere else where I attempted to stem the current of the extravagance of local bodies, I was defeated. It is true that the Orepuki District and now the progress of settlement beyond the Waiau lend more justification for its existence. The practice of the Hospital has become much more enterprising in the hands of Dr. Trotter. The nursing is very good.

ROSS HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	9
Total under treatment				18
Discharged	...	...	...	5
Died	...	...	...	2
Remaining on 31st March, 1905				11

Sex.—18 males.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ross, 5; South Westland, 13.

Country.—England, 6; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 4; New Zealand, 2; Poland, 1; Norway, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 6; Roman Catholic, 5; Presbyterian, 6; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,834; individual average days' stay, 213. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 2½d.