

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March, 1908.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ...	427	4	1	Rations ...	629	1	1
From Government ...	1,754	13	2	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter ...	9	4	6
Local bodies ...	1,428	15	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	446	19	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	298	16	0	Fuel and light ...	219	19	0
Rents ...	25	14	0	Bedding and clothing ...	131	11	5
Patients' payments ...	565	4	10	Furniture and earthenware ...	266	12	3
Interest on mortgage ...	24	0	0	Salaries and wages ...	1,361	9	3
Bank overdraft ...	272	7	10	Repairs and improvements ...	236	11	4
				Additions to buildings, and new buildings ...	279	15	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	79	7	2
				Interest ...	8	9	0
				Insurance ...	43	17	5
				Commission ...	2	19	0
				Sanitation ...	30	9	11
				Land-purchase ...	607	10	0
				Miscellaneous ...	29	10	7
				Rent ...	13	8	0
Total ...	£4,796	14	11	Total ...	£4,396	14	11

Visited 24th to 28th February, 1908.—There were forty-one cases in hospital—twenty-nine men and twelve women. Six patients were in various stages of enteric fever, one being a registered nurse. There were two chronic cases—a mental case and one of tabes dorsalis. The former had been in the institution two years, the latter six months. I represented to the Trustees the desirability of discharging such patients, as the demand for the accommodation of acute cases is steadily increasing. In fact, under Dr. Wilson, the recently appointed Medical Superintendent, the Hospital is working so smoothly and is so well managed that it has already regained the confidence of the public, which it had lost in some measure under the old *régime*. I was occupied for some days in an inquiry into a case of alleged neglect of a patient under the old management, but the charge could not be sustained.

The Hospital wards were in extremely good order, but the grounds were not well kept. I interviewed the Trustees regarding certain necessary improvements, which will doubtless be carried out.

12. TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Governing body: South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Honorary medical staff: Drs. Drew, Dryden, Talbot, and Gibson.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Bett.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Todd; 5 registered nurses and 11 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 kitchenmaid, 3 wardmaids, 3 housemaids, 1 laundress, 1 porter, 1 gardener, 1 laundry engineer, 1 carpenter.

Number of beds available for males, 42; for females, 32: total, 74.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 309, female 155—total 464; out-patients, 282 (number of attendances, 615).

In-patients: Average days' stay, 31·6; average daily cost per head, 7s. 3d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 6s. 5d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 36·7.

Localities from which patients came: Counties of Levels, Geraldine, Waimate, and McKenzie, and Boroughs of Timaru, Temuka, Waimate, and Geraldine; shipping, 3; and casuals, 29.

Nationality of patients: Australian, 16; Irish, 65; Scotch, 28; Tasmanian, 2; German, 5; Swiss, 2; English and New-Zealanders, 289; various, 6.

Religion: Church of England, 151; Presbyterian, 98; Roman Catholic, 95; Salvation Army, 7; Methodist, 45; Brethren, 8; Church of Christ, 4; various, 4.

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From Government ...	3,343	18	1	Rations ...	1,798	10	5
Local bodies ...	2,661	4	4	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter ...	16	13	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	360	11	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	346	4	4
Bequest ...	500	0	0	Fuel and light ...	466	18	9
Patients' payments ...	553	1	6	Bedding and clothing ...	42	5	4
Rent of morgue ...	3	0	0	Furniture and earthenware ...	88	17	11
				Salaries and wages ...	1,695	5	8
				Water-supply ...	36	17	9
				Funerals ...	12	0	0
				Repairs ...	178	15	8
				New buildings... ..	2,662	7	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	53	6	0
				Insurance ...	23	13	7
Total ...	£7,421	15	5	Total ...	£7,421	15	5