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NEW ZEALAND.

HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE-AID EXPENDITURE, 1883-84

(MEMORANDUM ON).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

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THE expenditure for the financial year ended the 31st March, 1884, was as follows:—

HOSPITALS.				£	s.	d.
(Table 1.)	Wholly maintained by Government	...	...	43,639	3	0
(Table 2.)	Subsidised by Government in proportion to public contributions	...	...	10,531	15	11
				<u>54,170</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>
(Table 3.)	Less revenue from various sources	...	...	3,576	17	1
	Net expenditure	...	...	<u>£50,594</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
CHARITABLE AID.						
(Table 4.)	Paid direct by Government	...	...	14,776	7	1
	Subsidised by Government	...	...	19,872	10	11
				<u>£34,648</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
Total—Hospitals	...	...	...	50,594	1	10
Charitable aid	...	...	...	34,648	18	0
				<u>£85,242</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>

The hospitals wholly maintained by Government are, speaking generally, those at the chief centres of population (though in Canterbury District all the hospitals are so maintained); whilst those in country districts are maintained on the system of subsidies of £1 for every £1 subscribed by the general public or by local bodies for the support of the hospital. These subsidies are paid to Committees of Management elected by the subscribers.

There are a few exceptions to the pound-for-pound rule. The Tuapeka Hospital has had £3 for £1, and the Waipawa County and Coromandel Hospitals have had £2 for £1, whilst at Patea half the *actual cost* is refunded by Government to the local bodies who manage the hospital.

The revenue derived from the hospitals maintained wholly by the Government which consists of payments by patients, public subscriptions, and miscellaneous items (such as sale of pigs, &c.), amounts to about one-fifteenth of the expenditure.

The hospitals, except in Wellington, are managed by Committees variously chosen. Of those maintained by Government, that at Auckland is managed by a Committee, half of whom are elected by those who subscribe £306 against an expenditure of £6,575, and the other half are nominated by Government.

At the Thames there is a larger Committee elected by subscribers of an almost nominal sum, and by the Borough and County Council, which contribute nothing, whilst none are nominated by Government.

The New Plymouth Hospital is managed by a Committee appointed by Government.

At Napier the Committee is elected by subscribers, whose subscriptions, whilst entitling the donors or their nominees to gratuitous treatment in case of illness, are expended by the Committee, who render no accounts, and who throw the whole cost of management and maintenance on the Government. The Government are unrepresented on the Committee.

The Nelson Hospital is managed by a Committee of the City Council.

The Christchurch and Akaroa Hospitals by a Board of Management appointed by the Government.

The Ashburton Hospital has hitherto been managed by the Borough Council on the pound-for-pound principle, but that body has recently thrown it on the hands of the Government.

The Waimate Hospital is managed by the County Council.

The Timaru and Dunedin Hospitals by Committees appointed by Government.

The Hokitika and Westport Hospitals by Committees elected by subscribers. At Hokitika two members are appointed by the Government.

All the other hospitals in the colony are conducted on the voluntary system, with Government subsidies.

CHARITABLE AID.

Charitable aid in Auckland is dispensed by a paid officer of the Government.

At the Thames by a Committee of the Borough Council.

At Napier by a private gentleman, who acts gratuitously at the request of the Government.

At New Plymouth by a paid agent.

At Wellington by the Benevolent Institution, who last year received £2,200 grants in aid from Government, besides £277 subscriptions from the public, with pound-for-pound subsidy from Government, making £2,754 in all. Hutt, Wairarapa, and West Coast charities make up the total expenditure of £3,328 15s. 8d.

At Nelson the distribution is by a paid agent of the Government.

In Canterbury by the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board appointed by the Government, and aided by a paid officer of the Government.

In other parts of the colony charity is distributed by local associations, who collect subscriptions from the public and from local bodies, which amounts are subsidised pound for pound by the Government.

ORPHANAGES.

Payments to orphanages form a very considerable item in the charitable expenditure.

Those at the Thames and at Lyttelton are maintained solely at the cost of the vote,—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Thames cost	451	10	8			
Less recoveries from parents	44	19	5			
Net				406	11	3
Lyttelton cost	2,450	6	2			
Less recoveries from parents	171	2	8			
Net				2,279	3	6

St. Mary's, Ponsonby; St. Joseph's, Wellington; and St. Mary's, Nelson, are Catholic institutions, to which head-money is paid for children sent by Government. St. Stephen's, Parnell, is on the pound-for-pound principle, with head-money in addition; and Motueka Orphanage receives 8s. per week for children sent by Government.

The net payments last year were—

	£	s.	d.
Thames	406	11	3
Lyttelton	2,279	3	6
St. Mary's, Ponsonby	815	19	8
St. Joseph's, Wellington	375	9	0
St. Mary's, Nelson	2,249	9	0
St. Stephen's, Parnell	172	1	8
Motueka Orphanage	571	14	7
	<u>£6,870</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

BUILDING—REPAIRS AND ADDITIONS.

No new buildings have been undertaken during last financial year.

Votes were taken for £2,000 on the consolidated revenue and £4,000 on loan, but the greater part of the latter sum was not spent, although engagements were made under it for repairs and additions.

A fresh vote has been put on the Estimates this year of £6,000, the greater part of which will be required to meet last year's unfulfilled engagements.

The Public Works Department have the control of the details.

Wellington, October, 1884.

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Table 1.

HOSPITALS maintained wholly by Government, showing Localities and Amounts.

Name of Hospital.						Amount.		
						£	s.	d.
Auckland	...	...	...	...	...	6,575	1	5
Thames	...	...	...	...	...	3,434	14	1
Napier	...	...	...	...	...	4,072	11	3
New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	...	1,090	13	3
Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	6,785	19	6
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	1,894	0	0
Westport	...	...	...	...	...	1,172	5	10
Picton	...	...	...	...	...	616	11	5
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	...	767	6	7
Westland	...	...	...	...	...	3,173	1	11
Christchurch	...	...	...	...	...	4,789	19	8
Akaroa	...	...	...	...	...	341	17	10
Timaru	...	...	...	...	...	2,032	14	3
Waimate (estimate calculated from three quarters' accounts)	...	...	...	...	...	800	0	0
Dunedin	...	...	...	...	...	6,092	6	1
Total						£43,639	3	0

Table 2.

HOSPITALS subsidised by Government.

County.	Name of Hospital.	Rate of Subsidy.	Amount.
			£ s. d.
Coromandel	Coromandel	£2 for £1	240 16 10
Cook	Poverty Bay	£1 for £1	759 0 11
Waipawa	Waipawa County	£2 for £1	887 13 10
Wairarapa West	Greytown	£1 for £1	138 13 10
" East	Masterton	"	214 5 7
Wanganui	Wanganui	"	715 0 0
Patea	Patea	Half cost paid by Government	116 18 2*
Buller	Charleston	£1 for £1	87 4 1
Inangahua	Reefton	"	562 3 6
Grey	Grey River	"	921 13 1
Westland	Kumara	"	408 7 0
"	Totara	"	423 7 0
Ashburton	Ashburton	"	436 5 3
Lake	Arrow	"	360 11 3
"	Wakatipu	"	211 8 9
Vincent	Cromwell	"	367 17 2
"	Dunstan	"	455 8 9
Maniototo	Mount Ida	"	213 0 0
Waitaki	Oamaru	"	489 17 9
Southland	Southland	"	1,146 6 3
Tuapeka	Tuapeka	£3 for £1	1,249 0 9
Wallace	Wallace and Fiord	£1 for £1	326 19 6
Total			£10,531 15 11

* Nine months.

Table 3.
REVENUES received from Hospitals supported by the Government.

Name of Hospital.	Payments by Patients.			Public Subscriptions and Donations.			Miscellaneous Receipts.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	485	18	6	306	16	1	21	10	7	814	5	2
Thames ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Plymouth	214	7	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	214	7	11
Wellington	254	11	9	52	7	0	2	8	0	309	6	9
Napier	186	17	9	...	...	...	31	1	11	217	19	8
Picton ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Blenheim ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Westport	130	18	6	42	5	0	...	...	...	173	3	1
Westland	84	7	6	497	10	6	116	6	8	698	4	8
Christchurch... ..	382	16	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	382	16	6
Akaroa	29	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	12	0
Timaru	165	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	165	6	1
Dunedin	502	9	10	...	...	...	69	5	0	571	14	10
Totals	2,437	6	4	898	18	7	240	12	2	3,576	17	1

Table 4.
CHARITABLE-AID Expenditure.

Provincial District.	Amount paid direct.			Subsidies to Local Institutions.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	2,931	5	10	3,298	17	9	6,230	3	7
Taranaki	850	19	2	66	19	9	917	18	11
Wellington	139	2	10	3,189	12	10	3,328	15	8
Hawke's Bay	89	0	0	1,552	7	10	1,641	7	10
Nelson	724	18	7	3,033	1	4	3,757	19	11
Marlborough	76	13	3	...	...	...	76	13	3
Canterbury	9,664	18	7	4,617	13	11	14,282	12	6
Westland	22	16	0	771	4	6	794	0	6
Otago	276	12	10	3,342	13	0	3,619	5	10
Totals	14,776	7	1	19,872	10	11	34,648	18	0