

AKAROA HOSPITAL.

THIS institution was found to be in good condition and well managed. The rooms and bedding were neat and clean. A new kitchen, store-room, scullery, and porch have been built, which greatly add to the fitness of the building for the purposes of a hospital. Mr. Penrose, the master, has himself repaired and distempered the whole interior, so that it looks much more cheerful than at my last visit.

The salaries received by the master and his wife amount to £100. The following figures will show the important facts regarding the administration for last year:—

The number of patients on 31st March, 1888	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	17
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	22
Discharged	...	...	...	19
Died	...	...	...	2
				—
Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	...	...	1

Sex.—19 males, 3 females.

Country.—New Zealand, 7; England, 7; France, 5; New Zealand (Maori), 2; Ireland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 13; Roman Catholic, 5; Wesleyan, 4.

The total collective days' hospital stay was 788; individual average stay, 35·8 days. Daily average cost per head, 8s. No out-patients.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	158	0	1	Returns	...	100	15	1
Derived from North Canterbury Hospital Board, of which it is a branch hospital	...	158	0	1	Wines, spirits, ales, &c.	...	4	5	6
					Surgery and dispensary	...	31	17	6
					Fuel and light	...	28	12	0
					Salaries and wages	...	127	1	8
					Other expenses	...	23	8	5
Total	...	£316	0	2	Total	...	£316	0	2

ARROWTOWN HOSPITAL.

Patients remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	89
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	92
Discharged	...	...	...	82
Died	...	...	...	3
				—
Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	...	...	7

Sex.—64 males, 28 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Lake County, 86; Vincent County, 2; Taieri County, 1; unknown, 3.

Country.—England, 21; Scotland, 17; Ireland, 12; Wales, 2; New Zealand, 25; Victoria, 5; Tasmania, 1; France, 1; Germany, 2; Denmark, 4; Netherlands, 1; Switzerland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 33; Presbyterian, 25; Wesleyan, 6; Roman Catholic, 20; Lutheran, 4; Freethinkers, 4.

The total collective number of hospital days was 1,892; individual average, 20·5 days. The average daily cost per head was 6s. 3d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 11d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	232	3	10½	Rations and fuel	...	140	8	1
Local bodies	...	123	2	10½	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	6	14	5
Subscriptions and donations	...	105	2	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	35	14	7
Patients' payments	...	125	6	4	Bedding and clothing	...	0	11	6
Other sources	...	3	6	6	Salaries and wages	...	345	16	8
					Funerals	...	1	15	0
					Repairs and furnishing	...	25	19	2
					Printing, postage, and stationery	...	1	18	0
					Insurance	...	2	10	0
					Other expenses	...	29	1	4
Total	...	£589	2	1	Total	...	£590	8	9

INSPECTION.

Though it is a question how far the existence of this hospital is justified so near to the parent hospital at Frankton, yet there can be no question that it is an admirably designed and managed