

		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Revenue.</i>		£ s. d.			<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.		
From Government	...	279	18	9	Rations	...	143	2	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	195	15	2	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	44	7	11
Rents	...	200	0	0	Fuel and light	...	40	14	5
Patients' payments	...	49	5	6	Bedding	...	2	10	5
Other sources	...	152	2	8	Furniture and earthenware	...	7	13	9
					Washing	...	13	5	0
					Salaries and wages	...	412	14	4
					Funerals	...	14	17	6
					Repairs	...	9	3	0
					Printing, advertising, &c.	...	12	9	0
					Interest	...	0	6	0
					Insurance	...	4	17	0
					Commission	...	16	10	0
					Other expenses	...	25	7	1
Total	...	£877	2	1	Total	...	£747	17	11

INSPECTION.

The management of this hospital is extremely satisfactory so far as the actual working is concerned. There is, however, a chronic feud between two rival doctors in the town as to which shall be elected to the hospital. With what seems to me very questionable wisdom the trustees have largely divested themselves of their proper responsibility in regard to this appointment, and left it to the subscribers. The consequence has been that this or that doctor has for some time past been appointed according as his canvas of the subscribers has been the more successfully conducted. The latest phase of this business is that the defeated candidate of last year has commenced an agitation to have himself, as well as his opponent, elected—to divide between them the medical charge of this hospital, with its average of from ten to twelve patients.

Of course it is only a question of degree, to be decided by circumstances when the proper time has come, when every reputable practitioner in a town ought to be admitted to the benefits of hospital practice. It seems to me, however, that in this country, where there is such a lack of controlling professional opinion, it would be unwise to place two rival doctors in a small town like Oamaru in joint charge of a hospital without a resident surgeon.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients remaining, 31st March, 1888	...	...	16
Admitted during the year	...	...	101
Total under treatment			117
Discharged	...	...	78
Died	...	...	17
Remaining, 31st March, 1889	...	...	22

Localities from which Patients came.—Nelson, Waimea, and Collingwood, 91; Inangahua, 12; Westland, 2; Auckland, 2; Dunedin, 1; Wellington, 1; shipping, 8.

Sex.—73 males, 44 females.

Nationality.—England, 37; New Zealand, 48; Scotland, 10; Ireland, 7; Sweden and Norway, 3; Russia, 1; Italy, 1; Denmark, 1; United States, 1; others, 8.

Religion.—Church of England, 56; Roman Catholic, 14; Presbyterian, 6; others, 41.

Total collective number of hospital days, 7,427; individual average stay, 63 days. Average daily cost per head, 5s. 4d.; less repayments by patients, 4s. 10½d. Out-patients—individuals, 876; attendances, 4,380.

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<i>Revenue.</i>		£ s. d.			<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.		
Amount received from Government	...	835	0	0	Rations	...	416	8	0
From local bodies	...	1,006	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	37	7	4
Rents	...	8	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	145	15	7
Patients' payments	...	227	12	4	Fuel and light	...	176	6	6
From other sources	...	25	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	45	10	7
					Furniture and earthenware	...	32	3	6
					Salaries and wages	...	932	4	6
					Funerals	...	13	15	0
					Repairs	...	112	19	9
					Printing, stationery, &c.	...	11	2	0
					Other expenses	...	57	17	1
Total	...	£2,102	2	4	Total	...	£1,981	9	10