

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1893	...	...	...	19
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	269
				288
Discharged	...	...	...	240
Died	...	...	...	23
				25
Remaining on 31st March, 1894	...	...	...	25

Sex.—209 males, 79 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Southland County, Wallace County, Lake County, Stewart Island.

Country.—England, 74; Scotland, 63; Ireland, 38; New Zealand, 76; Tasmania, 11; Germany, 4; Victoria, 10; Austria, 1; Switzerland, 1; Sweden, 1; Portugal, 1; China, 2; Syria, 2; India, 2; Belgium, 1; Chathams, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 86; Roman Catholic, 55; Presbyterian, 111; Wesleyan, 11; Salvationist, 9; Lutheran, 2; Baptist, 5; Methodist, 4; Confucian, 2; Christian Disciple, 1; Greek Church, 2.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 10,105; individual average days' stay, 35.09. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 801; attendances, 2,013.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,166	15	10	Rations	...	579	15	0
Local bodies	...	1,115	5	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	39	12	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	55	12	5	Surgery and dispensary	...	166	0	5
Patients' payments	...	99	15	11	Fuel and light	...	161	8	2
Other sources	...	229	15	4	Bedding and clothing	...	79	4	11
					Furniture and earthenware	...	81	1	2
					Washing and laundry	...	52	14	0
					Salaries and wages	...	798	15	6
					Water-supply	...	3	5	0
					Funerals	...	20	18	0
					Repairs	...	109	10	3
					Additions to buildings	...	249	5	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	23	8	0
					Interest	...	32	18	7
					Insurance	...	9	18	11
					Other expenses	...	50	9	0
Total	...	£2,667	4	6	Total	...	£2,458	4	5

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Every effort has been made to remedy the structural defects of this building, and I am bound to say that it has been greatly improved in many respects. The ventilation is much better, except in the female ward, and every care is taken to make the best of this antiquated and ill-arranged hospital. The Resident Surgeon is competent and attentive. The nursing has been greatly improved. There is some falling-off in the number of patients treated, and the average daily cost per head has fallen from 5s. 4½d. to 4s. 4½d.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1893	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	76
				85
Discharged	...	...	...	69
Died	...	...	...	9
				7
Remaining on 31st March, 1894	...	...	...	7

Sex.—76 males, 9 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kumara, 25; Christchurch Road, 12; Dillman's, 16; Larrikin's, 12; Westbrook and Greenstone, 13; Waimea, 1; Teremakau, 1; Morgan's Run, 1; Hokitika, 1; Kapitea, 1; Beach Road, 1; Otira Gorge, 1.

Nationality.—English, 21; Irish, 24; Scotch, 7; New Zealand, 17; Austrian, 2; Italian, 2; Canadian, 1; Swede, 1; German, 3; Australian, 1; Welsh, 3; Cape Colonist, 1; Chinese, 2.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 2,846; individual average days' stay, 33.48. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 124; attendances, 231.