

Mr. and Mrs. Trim keep the hospital clean and in good order. Their difficulties must be great, considering the utterly inadequate water-supply. The windmill supposed to raise water has been out of order for the last eight months. Since that time the hospital, in an exceptionally dry season, has had to depend upon roof-water, together with what little discoloured fluid can be obtained from the race. There is a bathroom, but all the water has to be carried to it in buckets. If the sick are to lie in blankets both summer and winter, these require frequent washing—a wasteful procedure and one necessitating a good water-supply.

GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1896	...	...	...	13
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	137
Total under treatment				150
Discharged	...	...	...	127
Died	...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1897				13

Sex.—108 males, 42 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Cook and Waiapu Counties, and Borough of Gisborne.

Nationality.—British, 137; foreign, 13.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 4,502; individual average days' stay, 30. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 11d.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	457	16	1	Rations	231	16	10
Local bodies	350	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	10	2	0
Subscriptions and donations	50	13	3	Surgery and dispensary	37	14	2
Rents and interest	62	0	0	Fuel and light	80	7	5
Patients' payments	194	16	0	Bedding and clothing	10	10	7
Other sources	3	2	0	Furniture and earthenware	28	17	9
Balance from last year	150	15	4	Salaries and wages	540	5	6
				Repairs	67	14	11
				Additions to buildings	130	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	20	12	10
				Insurance	18	16	9
				Sanitation	20	2	0
				Other expenses	12	2	0
Total	£1,269	2	8	Total	£1,209	2	9

This is a charming little hospital, with a capable matron and good nurses. Twelve beds were occupied on the 6th and 7th October, the date of inspection. The busiest time is the summer and autumn. Last season over forty typhoid cases were admitted.

GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1896	...	...	...	47
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	148
Total under treatment				195
Discharged	...	...	...	120
Died	...	...	...	23
Remaining on 31st March, 1897				52

Sex.—169 males, 26 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Grey Valley, 98; Marsden, 17; Barrytown, 9; Greymouth, 18; Brunnerton, 16; Maori Creek, 18; Reefton, 3; Christchurch, 4; Wellington, 4; Okarito, 1; Jackson, 4; shipping, 3.

Country.—England, 49; Ireland, 50; Scotland, 32; New Zealand, 18; Sweden, 4; Denmark, 6; China, 15; Germany, 4; Australia, 8; France, 1; West Indies, 4; Nova Scotia, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 61; Roman Catholic, 66; Presbyterian, 29; Lutheran, 6; Confucian, 15; Wesleyan, 7; Quaker, 1; Baptist, 6; nil, 4.

Total collective days' stay in hospital, 17,809; individual average days' stay, 91.32. Daily average cost per head, 2s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 4½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 130; attendances, 402.