

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	...	...	...	14
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	347
Total under treatment ...				361
Discharged ...	...	...	...	316
Died ...	...	...	...	21
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...				24

Sex.—250 males, 111 females.

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

Country.—England, 79; Scotland, 67; Ireland, 65; New Zealand, 111; Tasmania, 1; Germany, 1; Victoria, 9; China, 13; India, 1; Denmark, 2; Sweden, 5; Holland, 1; Finland, 1; Morocco, 1; South Australia, 1; Canada, 1; New South Wales, 1; United States of America, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 114; Roman Catholic, 88; Presbyterian, 111; Wesleyan, 11; Salvationist, 1; Lutheran, 6; Baptist, 3; Confucian, 13; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Methodist, 4; Church of Christ, 3; Congregationalist, 1; Agnostic, 1; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 11,944; individual average days' stay, 33·08. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 3d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 867; attendances, 2,638.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Revenue.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government ...	1,590	10	0	Rations ...	729	4	10
Local bodies ...	1,590	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	58	3	11
Subscriptions and donations ...	16	6	7	Surgery and dispensary ...	275	10	10
Patients' payments ...	130	4	10	Fuel and light ...	271	0	11
Other sources ...	91	14	2	Bedding and clothing ...	143	13	9
				Furniture and earthenware ...	140	3	0
				Washing and laundry ...	90	0	10
				Salaries and wages ...	1,061	19	10
				Water-supply ...	14	17	0
				Funerals ...	12	0	0
				Repairs ...	149	19	7
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	53	16	5
				Interest ...	3	3	0
				Insurance ...	27	1	6
				Other expenses ...	109	11	7
Total ...	£3,419	5	7	Total ...	£3,140	7	0

I hope this Hospital has at length got into smooth water. I am sure Dr. McLeod is capable and attentive. The new Matron is as yet on her trial. The nurses seem to me to be satisfactory. The secretary is too able a man for the position he is content to fill, and his pay is out of proportion to the duties he has to perform. The hospital building is well adapted for its purpose, and the accommodation is ample. The patients spoke in the highest terms of the treatment they received.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1898 ...	...	...	...	16
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	74
Total under treatment ...				90
Discharged ...	...	...	...	66
Died ...	...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1899 ...				17

Sex.—78 males, 12 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kumara, 26; Dillman's, 31; Greenstone, 6; Ross, 1; Jackson, 9; Waimea, 9; Gore, 1; Westbrook, 6; Reefton, 1.

Nationality.—English, 22; Irish, 27; Scotch, 12; New Zealand, 12; Chinese, 2; Australian, 5; Swedish, 2; Danish, 1; Spanish, 1; American, 1; African, 1; German, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 35; Roman Catholic, 33; Presbyterian, 15; Wesleyan, 3; Confucian, 2; Lutheran, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,712; individual average days' stay, 52·35. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 197; attendances, 491.