

arrangements, often complicated and difficult, as regards the examinations, have earned my highest appreciation and gratitude. These bi-annual examinations have been moulded on the system of the New Zealand University. The examiners have no knowledge of the name nor hospital of the candidates whose papers they are examining, and great care has been taken in selecting as examiners medical men who have had special knowledge of the training of nurses. The examination in practical work of each nurse is undertaken by a medical man and a registered nurse jointly.

ARROWTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	88
				94
Discharged	...	...	...	88
Died	...	...	...	3
				3
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	3

Sex.—62 males, 32 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Lake Vincent and Southland Counties.

Nationality.—British, 86; Foreign, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 25; Presbyterian, 38; Wesleyan, 5; Roman Catholic, 19; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,660; individual average days' stay, 17·66. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 11d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 78; attendances, 105.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	351	6	10	Rations, fuel, and light	...	246	7	11
Local bodies	...	211	10	0	Surgery and dispensary, &c.	...	87	15	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	79	11	0	Bedding and clothing	...	24	8	4
Patients' payments	...	194	18	3	Furniture, &c.	...	6	4	6
Other sources	...	11	0	1	Salaries and wages	...	420	8	0
Balance from last year	...	365	13	4	Funerals	...	16	2	6
					Repairs and additions	...	70	17	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	9	3	0
					Insurance	...	10	6	3
					Commission	...	7	4	0
					Other expenses	...	36	3	3
Total	...	£1,213 19 6			Total	...	£935 0 1		

Visited 19th October.—I found this Hospital satisfactorily managed, as it has always been since I have known it.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	16
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	201
				217
Discharged	...	...	...	185
Died	...	...	...	15
				17
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	17

Sex.—175 males, 42 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ashburton, 190; Springfield, 7; Timaru, 4; Otago, 5; Rakaia, 6; Christchurch, 5.

Country.—New Zealand, 83; Australia, 13; England, 48; Scotland, 34; Ireland, 32; America, 3; Guernsey, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 101; Presbyterian, 40; Roman Catholic, 47; Wesleyan, 20; Salvation Army, 2; Baptist, 5; Agnostic, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,178; individual average days' stay, 23·86. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—None.