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HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON THE), BY THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS to the Hon. the
MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

2nd July, 1903.

THE total expenditure on charitable aid in New Zealand in 1901 was £79,873; in 1902, £88,848; for the year ending the 31st March, 1903, it amounts to £93,158.

The amount distributed in outdoor relief for the year ending the 31st March, 1902, was £38,934; for the year ending the 31st March, 1903, it amounts to £43,421. In the four larger towns the expenditure on outdoor relief alone is as follows: Auckland Charitable Aid Board, £4,923; Christchurch Charitable Aid Board, £7,356; Dunedin Benevolent Trust, £6,048; Wellington Benevolent Trust, £4,685. It will be seen that there is considerable increase in outdoor relief all along the line. The Wellington Benevolent Trust has increased its outdoor relief during the past year by £1,305. It is a fact accepted by all careful students of social science that pauperism grows by giving. Too-freely administered outdoor relief merely intensifies the evil its administrators desire to mitigate.

Of the charitable institutions for old and destitute persons, the Ohiro Home, Wellington, the Jubilee Home, Christchurch, and Tuarangi, Ashburton, are the most satisfactory: the food, clothing, cleanliness, and comfort of the inmates all that could be wished. At the Jubilee Home everything possible is done for the comfort and well-being of the old folk by the indefatigable Matron, Miss Higgins, and the Charitable Aid Board spends ungrudgingly whatever is necessary to keep the Jubilee Home at a high standard of comfort. At the Ohiro Home Mr. and Mrs. Purvis are very successful managers, and the transformation in food, clothing, and comfort effected here within the last few years is admirable. At Tuarangi Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey have only old-men inmates—no women—and they are kind and judicious in their management. Lorne Farm, near Invercargill, does not quite come under the category of the above-mentioned institutions, as it is not solely for the benefit of the aged. Mr. and Mrs. Cusworth have under their charge thirty-four children, and also some twenty old men, who are able to do a little farming and gardening. This institution continues to deserve praise, and is a credit to its managers and to the Southland Charitable Aid Board.

At the Old Men's Home, Invercargill, the decrepit, bedridden, and feeble aged are carefully looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Cole. The Benevolent Institution, Caversham, is still overfull and understaffed. Mr. and Mrs. Mee have about 270 inmates under their care, a large number of these being bedridden, paralysed, or enfeebled with senility, and yet the Master and Matron have no officers to assist them, excepting for a succession of nurses (unpaid) who come for three-month periods to assist with maternity cases. Many years ago, before the new buildings began to be erected, I did my best to impress upon the Trustees how unwise it was to erect new buildings on so small a piece of ground, amounting to not more than eight acres and a half. Now the time has come when even the blind can see that a great mistake has been made in placing so many expensive buildings on so small a site. A piece of good land must be obtained somewhere in the Taieri, and a building erected to be worked in connection with the central institution.

The Costley Home, Auckland, is in much the same condition as the previous year, the only change being that Miss Mills has replaced Miss Phillips as Matron. The structural changes which I recommended on my visit in September had not been carried out on my visit in the following March. New beds are needed all through.

There is nothing fresh to report about the Home for the Aged Needy, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie are very kind to the old people. The Nelson and Timaru Old Men's Homes continue to be carried on in the same satisfactory way. Of the Oamaru Home there is nothing fresh to report. The Thames and Whangarei Homes are both managed very satisfactorily.

For many years I have endeavoured to persuade the Board to remove the Napier Old Men's Home on to a good piece of land in the country. In the time of Mr. Ballance they could have had the former Immigration Barracks, where the soil was good, and the buildings could easily have been made suitable; but, for some reason or other, the Board could not be induced to take advantage of this opportunity. The present site, as I have often pointed out, is far too limited in size; but its undoubtedly cheerful and beautiful situation seems to have weighed with the majority of the Board, so that nothing has hitherto been done but to patch up the insect-infected wood and the present building is kept as clean as may be.

The Samaritan Home, Christchurch, still has its doors open for women of the vagrant and destitute class, and about twenty old men; it also gives shelter and tendance in maternity cases. Christchurch has more refuges, homes, and recipients of aid in some form or other than most towns. Whether this does not intensify the poverty by leading the poor to apply for help at the very first breath of trouble, instead of putting their shoulders to the wheel and courageously preserving their independence, is an open question. Any way, it may be noted that, notwithstanding the multiplicity of Church and charitable agencies, outdoor relief is distributed in Christchurch to a very much larger extent than in other towns.

The Linwood Refuge, Christchurch, and the Alexandra Home, Wellington, are doing kindly work on behalf of young mothers. The good influence of Mrs. Scott, the President of the Refuge, is felt long after the girls and babies have left the institution. The Alexandra Home is cleaner and brighter than formerly, but there is crying need for further improvement in the drying-room and laundry.

The Levin Memorial Cottage Home is a model institution of its kind; the twenty-five little girls are thoroughly well "mothered" by Miss Ockenden. The Convalescent Home, Wellington, has lost its admirable Matron, Mrs. Rutter; her successor is Miss Oakley, and she will doubtless carry on the policy of economy combined with comfort and kindness that has hitherto made this Home an example of wise management.

A considerable difference is shown in the amount spent on "rations" and on "wines and spirits" in hospitals of about the same size. Take Timaru, Thames, Napier, Invercargill, and Wanganui:—

Hospital.	Rations.	Wines and Spirits.	Total Collective Days' Stay in the Hospital.
	£	£	
Timaru	825	75	12,574
Thames	490	4	13,951
Napier	1,067	23	13,954
Invercargill	820	19	13,578
Wanganui... ..	932	82	14,006

The hospitals on the West Coast must be classed by themselves, and considered as two-thirds homes for old men and only one-third as legitimate hospital cases:—

Hospital.	Rations.	Wines and Spirits.
	£	£
Hokitika	795	55
Greymouth	997	77
Westport	617	55

The item "wines and spirits" for Auckland Hospital amounts to £314 for the year; Christchurch Hospital, £61; Dunedin Hospital, £186; Wellington Hospital, £173.

As a whole our hospitals are very creditable institutions, and year by year it becomes less necessary to find fault.

The Nurses Registration Act has now been in force for a year and a half, and is working smoothly. There are 320 names of nurses on the register. Twenty-nine nurses entered as candidates for the examination held in May last, and twenty-seven of these passed and are duly registered. Such an Act is necessary owing to the advance of scientific surgery and progress of medical knowledge. It protects medical men, and also the public, from the increasing number of unqualified women who pose as nurses, and who too often prove a real danger in critical illness and in operations. It is interesting to note that within the last few months five of the American States—North Carolina, New York, Illinois, Virginia, and New Jersey—have followed the lead of this colony, and passed Acts for the State registration of duly qualified nurses. The Nurses Registration Act of New Zealand uses no compulsion, except that of enlightened self-interest on the part of the nurses themselves, and it is becoming daily more apparent that by the silent pressure of this law the nursing profession of New Zealand will be effectively organized. The whole working of it has been intrusted to Mrs. Grace Neil, and the tact and skill by which she has carried-out all the

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.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,570	6	4	Rations and light	...	361	13	7
Local bodies	...	1,492	13	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	17	8	6
Subscriptions and donations	..	1	7	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	77	16	6
Patients' payments	...	171	2	11	Fuel	...	73	16	9
Other sources	...	61	13	6	Bedding and clothing	...	17	1	8
					Salaries and wages	...	581	6	6
					Funerals	...	2	0	0
					Repairs	...	10	11	1
					Additions to buildings	...	1,696	13	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	10	8	6
					Interest	...	2	10	0
					Insurance	...	56	16	0
					Other expenses	...	137	18	10
Total	...	£3,297	3	7	Total	..	£3,046	1	1

Visited 25th October and 30th May.—Improvements and extensions have been carried out during the past year, and there are now thirty-five beds available.

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	203
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	1,895
Total under treatment	...	...	...	2,098
Discharged	...	...	...	1,717
Died	...	...	...	232
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	149

Sex.—1,381 males, 717 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Auckland City and suburbs, 1,406; District of Auckland, 437; North Auckland, 90; south of Auckland, 106; shipping, 59.

Nationality.—English, 433; Scotch, 104; Irish, 187; New Zealand, 1,147; Australian, 81; Canadian, 5; American, 13; German, 19; French, 3; Austrian, 19; Danish, 6; Indian, 6; Norwegian and Swedish, 31; Finnish, 8; Chinese, 2; Maltese, 2; South Sea Islanders, 7; Russian, 3; Newfoundland, 4; Italian, 7; Channel Islanders, 11.

Religion.—Church of England, 1,109; Presbyterian, 271; Roman Catholic, 443; Wesleyan, 135; Church of Christ, 12; Hebrew, 7; Greek, 1; Salvationist, 21; Baptist, 35; Congregational, 15; Lutheran, 17; Plymouth Brethren, 11; Unitarian, 3; Nonconformist, 1; Hindoo, 2; Missions, 4; Freethinker, 3; no religion, 8.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 69,424; individual average days' stay, 33.09. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,440; attendances, 9,579.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	6,091	15	10	Rations	...	3,577	17	10
Local bodies	...	6,091	15	11	Nurses' Home, maintenance	...	1,430	7	5
Subscriptions and donations	...	96	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	314	8	8
Bequests (interest on)	...	60	3	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	2,317	4	1
Rents	...	198	13	2	Fuel and light	...	1,204	2	7
Patients' payments	...	4,091	16	8	Bedding and clothing	...	716	3	10
Bertram's bequest	...	279	17	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	279	6	11
Government subsidy on same	...	139	18	9	Washing and laundry	...	464	19	6
					Salaries and wages	...	4,066	14	11
					Water-supply	...	223	10	0
					Funerals	...	36	3	0
					Maintenance of grounds	...	133	19	1
					Repairs	...	671	17	11
					New buildings	...	117	4	2
					Drains	...	389	2	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	81	14	11
					Legal expenses	...	12	17	6
					Insurance	...	38	9	9
					Proportion of office expenses	...	462	15	7
					Other expenses	...	91	5	3
Total	...	£17,050	1	5	Total	...	£16,630	5	2

Visited 8th September and 20th March.—This Hospital has had rather a trying year, owing to troubles that have arisen over the provision for and nursing of infectious and contagious diseases. There are no other changes in the condition or organization of the Hospital calling for remark, except the increasing cost of administration.

BLLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	11
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	161
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	172
Discharged	...	...	...	153
Died	...	...	...	11
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	8

Sex.—116 males, 56 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Marlborough.

Country.—England, 37; Scotland, 14; New Zealand, 88; Ireland, 15; Australia, 2; Portugal, 1; Russia, 1; Germany, 3.

Religion.—Church of England, 55; Roman Catholic, 45; Presbyterian, 30; Methodist, 29; Salvationist, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,159; individual average days' stay, 30.00. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 9½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,460	13	6	Rations	...	449	3	1
Local bodies	...	1,027	13	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	20	5	3
Subscriptions and donations	...	30	12	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	149	14	5
Rents	...	22	2	0	Fuel and light	...	189	2	8
Patients' payments	...	379	1	8	Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware	...	150	11	0
Other sources	...	7	17	9	Salaries and wages	...	766	8	3
					Water-supply	...	83	19	0
					Funerals	...	3	10	0
					Repairs	...	49	5	6
					Additions to buildings	...	25	4	8
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	47	13	4
					Interest and insurance	...	23	7	0
					Commission	...	7	14	0
					Other expenses	...	89	0	9
Total	...	£2,928	0	7	Total	...	£2,054	18	11

Visited 12th November.—There are no structural improvements either possible or desirable in this Hospital, owing to its defective original plan. The hospital-work, medical and surgical, is extremely well carried out by Dr. Anderson. Here, and at other hospitals, I pointed out that it was undesirable to engage any but trained nurses, for the facilities to do justice to probationers in the matter of training do not exist.

CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	7
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	30
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	37
Discharged	...	...	...	24
Died	...	...	...	8
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	5

Sex.—37 males.

Localities from which Patients came.—Charleston, Addison's, Brighton, and Westport.

Country.—England, Ireland, Scotland, and New Zealand.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 14; Church of England, 9; Presbyterian, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,144; individual average days' stay, 30.92. average cost per head, 9s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 2½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	223	2	6	Rations	...	165	2	8
Local bodies	...	103	2	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	14	19	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	79	7	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	37	5	4
Rents	...	10	0	0	Fuel and light	...	13	5	5
Patients' payments	...	105	3	9	Bedding and clothing	...	26	7	9
Balance from last year	...	42	17	8	Salaries and wages	...	178	0	0
					Furniture	...	4	6	2
					Repairs	...	4	18	6
					New buildings	...	30	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	11	3	9
					Insurance	...	2	7	3
					Other expenses	...	28	18	3
Total	...	£563	13	11	Total	...	£516	14	5

Visited 19th November.—A newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, are in charge of this Hospital. A cottage has been built close up to the hospital building. In other respects it remains the same kindly old men's home it has ever been.

CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	90
Admitted during the year	...	1,590
Total under treatment	...	1,680
Discharged	...	1,456
Died	...	131
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	93

Sex.—1,041 males, 639 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Christchurch, 896; Suburbs, 341; North Canterbury, 137; Lyttelton, 101; Akaroa, 30; Bealey, 1; Ashburton, 7; Waikari, 7; Greymouth, 1; Kaikoura, 11; Chathams, 2; Amuri, 2; Oamaru, 2; Rakaia, 2; Waimate, 2; Hororata, 3; Otago, 2; Dunedin, 1; Auckland, 1; Masterton, 1; unknown, 130.

Country.—New Zealand, 744; England, 331; Ireland, 167; Scotland, 86; Australia, 62; Wales, 7; Ceylon, 1; Chathams, 2; Norway, 8; France, 3; Tasmania, 7; China, 1; Germany, 11; Canada, 1; Holland, 2; Denmark, 2; America, 5; Austria, 2; West Indies, 3; East Africa, 1; Greece, 1; Sweden, 1; unknown, 232.

Religion.—Church of England, 702; Roman Catholic, 270; Presbyterian, 233; Methodist, 148; Baptist, 23; Salvation Army, 17; Lutheran, 15; Brethren, 5; Congregational, 3; Jewish, 2; Quaker, 1; Church of Christ, 1; unknown, 260.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 38,286; individual average days' stay, 22.80. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,269; attendances, 9,141.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	5,691	5	7	Rations	...	2,450	4	3
Local bodies	...	5,296	13	2	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	61	12	10
Subscriptions and donations	...	29	7	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	761	12	6
Patients' payments	...	927	11	5	Fuel and light	...	1,388	4	10
Other sources	...	103	13	9	Bedding and clothing	...	321	7	3
Balance from last year	...	741	12	9	Furniture and earthenware	...	107	13	10
					Salaries and wages	...	3,958	0	4
					Funerals	...	25	14	6
					Repairs	...	281	0	7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	53	6	2
					Interest	...	1	9	0
					Insurance	...	85	4	5
					Other expenses	...	1,286	17	5
Total	...	£12,790	3	8	Total	...	£10,782	7	11

Visited 27th and 28th October, 21st February, and 2nd June.—There is nothing special to report about this hospital. Some money should be expended on the lavatories and bathrooms attached to the older wards. It is urgently necessary that enlarged accommodation be provided in this direction, and that the old baths and closets should be replaced by more modern fittings.

AKAROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	1
Admitted during the year	31
Total under treatment	32
Discharged	29
Died	2
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	1

Sex.—21 males, 11 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Akaroa County, 27; Lyttelton, 1; Christchurch, 3; Australia, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 21; England, 4; Scotland, 3; Denmark, 2; Sweden, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 16; Presbyterian, 10; Roman Catholic, 4; Lutheran, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 707; individual average days' stay, 22.10. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 6d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 7½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	134	15	0	Rations	88	5	8
Derived from North Canterbury Hospital Board, of which it is a branch hospital	134	15	7	Wines, &c.	3	15	0
Patients' payments	30	10	0	Surgery and dispensary	13	15	1
				Fuel and light	26	16	1
				Salaries and wages	150	0	0
				Other expenses	17	8	9
Total	£300	0	7	Total	£300	0	7

Visited 3rd June.—There were two patients on day of visit. The matron in charge keeps small hospital clean and in good order.

COROMANDEL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	8
Admitted during the year	117
Total under treatment	125
Discharged	105
Died	14
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	6

Sex.—89 males, 36 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Coromandel County, 109; Auckland, 3; Thames, 1; Hamilton, 1; Bombay, 1; Puhoi, 1; Whangarei, 1.

Country.—England, 26; Ireland, 15; Scotland, 1; New Zealand, 66; Australia, 3; Austria, 2; Sweden, 1; Norway, 2; unknown, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,832; individual average days' stay, 22.65. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 0½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 166; attendances, 307.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	483	16	6	Rations	154	6	4
Local bodies	100	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	5	18	0
Subscriptions and donations	198	16	6	Surgery and dispensary	74	16	6
Patients' payments	87	5	0	Fuel and light	58	10	2
Other sources	254	10	0	Bedding and clothing	31	2	9
Balance from last year	102	14	9	Salaries and wages	646	15	4
				Funerals	3	11	6
				Repairs	53	7	0
				Printing, advertising, &c.	11	8	3
				Insurance and commission	18	17	0
				Other expenses	28	11	6
Total	£1,227	2	9	Total	£1,087	4	4

Visited 25th March.—The sisters, trained nurses from St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, who have had the charge of this hospital since its opening have left, as their services were required elsewhere. They have done admirable work here under Drs. Bull and Cheesman, and I only hope that under the new régime the results may be as good.

CROMWELL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	72
Total under treatment				74
Discharged	...	...	...	66
Died	...	...	...	5
Remaining on 31st March, 1903				3

Sex.—61 males, 13 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Bannockburn, 16; Cromwell, 15; Nevis, 7; Lowburn, 5; Tarras, 7; Hawea, &c., 10; Kawarau, 4; Mount Pisa, 3; Queensberry, 2; Kawarau Gorge, 3; Naseby, 1; Lumsden, 1.

Country.—England, 19; Scotland, 21; Ireland, 8; New Zealand, 13; Australia, 5; China, 4; Germany, 2; Wales, 1; Sweden, 1.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 16; Church of England, 19; Presbyterian, 24; Wesleyan, 9; Confucian, 4; Lutheran, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,152; individual average days' stay, 15.57. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 10s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 40; attendances, 60.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	365	6	1	Rations	...	112	8	3
Local bodies	...	232	7	0	Surgery and dispensary, &c.	...	57	19	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	193	8	10	Fuel and light	...	30	13	3
Rent	...	5	0	0	Bedding and clothing, &c.	...	36	18	5
Patients' payments	...	109	9	2	Salaries and wages	...	416	16	9
Other sources	...	1	11	6	Water-supply	...	20	0	0
Balance from last year	...	654	9	2	Funerals	...	3	15	0
					Repairs	...	16	18	0
					Printing, advertising, &c.	...	15	8	9
					Insurance	...	10	7	0
					Commission	...	0	10	0
					Other expenses	...	532	6	0
Total	...	£1,561	11	9	Total	...	£1,254	0	5

Visited 19th October.—This Hospital I found in charge of a capable matron trained in Wellington Hospital, Miss Hilda Stevens, and this new arrangement promises to work well. A cupboard for dressings and an instrument-case are needed very badly.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	102
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,142
Total under treatment			1,244
Discharged	...	...	1,049
Died	...	...	101
Remaining on 31st March, 1903			94

Sex.—778 males, 466 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Dunedin and suburbs, 752; Allanton, 5; Abbotsford, 7; Alexandra, 2; Beck's, 3; Balclutha, 9; Burnside, 3; Berwick, 4; Clinton, 8; Cromwell, 3; Catlin's, 11; Gore, 14; Green Island, 15; Greymouth, 10; Hampden, 3; Henley, 4; Hindon, 3; Invercargill, 11; Kaitangata, 12; Lawrence, 6; Mosgiel, 31; Middlemarch, 6; Milton, 20; Macrae's, 4; Outram, 14; Palmerston, 17; Port Chalmers, 29; Sawyer's Bay, 6; Seacliff, 8; Stirling, 7; Taieri, 7; Tapanui, 4; Waitahuna, 6; Waipori, 4; Waitati, 4; shipping, 35; others, 157.

Country.—New Zealand, 585; Scotland, 213; England, 196; Ireland, 124; America, 3; Belgium, 1; born at sea, 11; Canton, 13; Canada, 1; Ceylon, 1; Denmark, 2; France, 2; Germany, 8; India, 4; Jersey, 1; Mauritius, 1; Norway, 6; Nova Scotia, 1; New South Wales, 5; Queensland, 1; Sweden, 6; Switzerland, 1; Syria, 3; Tasmania, 5; Tripoli, 1; Victoria, 36; West Indies, 3; West Australia, 2; South Australia, 6; Maoris, 2.

Religion.—Presbyterian, 522; Church of England, 345; Roman Catholic, 192; Baptist, 32; Adventist, 1; Bible Church, 1; Congregationalist, 16; Church of Christ, 11; Church Brethren, 7; Christadelphian, 1; Confucian, 13; Disciple of Christ, 1; Free Church, 2; Greek Church, 4; Independent, 1; Mohammedan, 2; Methodist, 10; Salvationist, 13; Lutheran, 5; Wesleyan, 56; Unitarian, 1; Tabernacle, 1; no religion, 7.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 38,314; individual average days' stay, 30.80. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 1,748; attendances, 4,710.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	3,418	11	1	Rations	...	2,595	1	5
Local bodies	...	3,000	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	186	13	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	257	9	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	939	18	11
Bequests	...	592	3	6	Fuel and light	...	944	3	3
Patients' payments	...	1,696	5	6	Bedding and clothing	...	61	19	10
Other sources	...	279	2	8	Furniture, earthenware, &c.	...	295	16	4
					Salaries and wages	...	2,740	1	5
					Water-supply	...	141	2	6
					Funerals	...	32	0	0
					Repairs	...	375	17	4
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	78	19	9
					Interest	...	4	19	0
					Insurance	...	49	16	4
					Commission	...	12	16	2
					Other expenses	...	386	2	3
Total	...	£9,243	12	1	Total	...	£8,845	7	6

Visited 15th October, 4th March, and 28th May.—I was sorry to learn from Mr. Burns, the Secretary, that he thought of retiring. He has been the heart and soul of the administration of this Hospital for many years, and a more efficient hospital-manager could not have been found. The sudden death on the 24th May of Dr. Browne, the senior Resident Medical Officer, caused grief throughout the Hospital. He had proved himself an able and conscientious officer, was well liked by all, and his death was felt to be a real loss to Dunedin. I found all departments working smoothly, and the Medical School proves an increasingly powerful stimulus to medical and surgical work in the wards.

DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	54
				—
				57
Discharged	...	...	...	45
Died	...	...	...	7
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	5

Sex.—48 males, 9 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Alexandra, 16; Clyde, 12; Cromwell, 2; Black's, 6; Kawarau, 1; Hawea Flat, 1; Ida Valley, 1; Poolburn, 1; Earnsclough, 8; Matakauui, 2; Bald Hill Flat, 2; Moutere, 2.

Country.—England, 8; Ireland, 5; Scotland, 9; New Zealand, 19; Australia, 4; China, 5; America, 1; France, 1; Tasmania, 1; Canada, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 18; Roman Catholic, 10; Presbyterian, 21; Confucian, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,468; individual average days' stay, 25.75. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 3d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 11d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 47.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	458	16	6	Rations	...	153	19	3
Local bodies	...	238	13	3	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	4	7	9
Subscriptions and donations	...	124	15	1	Surgery and dispensary	...	39	5	2
Patients' payments	...	98	5	11	Fuel and light	...	42	2	5
Balance from last year	...	11	14	8	Bedding and clothing	...	6	4	10
					Furniture and earthenware	...	35	8	1
					Salaries and wages	...	474	2	6
					Water-supply	...	6	0	0
					Funerals	...	16	0	0
					Additions and repairs	...	112	2	7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	21	14	3
					Interest	...	0	2	6
					Insurance	...	14	10	0
					Commission	...	0	11	6
Total	...	£932	5	5	Total	...	£926	10	10

Visited 20th October.—A satisfactory hospital, substantially built. There is a central block with side wings, a fine large operating-room and dispensary combined, well and smoothly plastered with Keen's cement. The management is good.

GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	25
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	265
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	290
Discharged	...	...	...	251
Died	...	...	...	15
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	24

Sex.—210 males, 80 females.

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

Nationality.—British, 286; foreign, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,659; individual average days' stay, 26·41. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	940	1	10	Rations	...	317	11	1
Local bodies	...	820	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	13	11	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	98	7	5	Surgery and dispensary	...	130	7	2
Rents	...	33	4	0	Fuel and light	...	160	17	10
Patients' payments	...	395	13	0	Bedding and clothing	...	57	13	11
Interest on endowments	...	22	15	8	Furniture and earthenware	...	44	15	0
					Salaries and wages	...	811	7	5
					Repairs	...	127	2	9
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	22	16	5
					Interest	...	15	2	0
					Insurance	...	57	2	0
					Sanitation	...	22	14	0
					Other expenses	...	5	16	0
Total	...	£2,310	1	11	Total	...	£1,786	16	7

Visited 10th September and 14th March.—This is now a very perfect little hospital, well and economically managed by Miss Stewart, the Matron. Dr. Morrison is the Medical Officer, and takes great interest in his work. The management and working of Gisborne Hospital is so satisfactory that it is hoped the Hospital Trustees will hold on their way, and not consent to the change of method urged by some of the local medical men.

GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	51
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	203
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	254
Discharged	...	...	...	169
Died	...	...	...	33
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	52

Sex.—214 males, 40 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Greymouth, 56; Grey County, 161; Brunnerton, 22; other places, 15.

Country.—England, 47; Ireland, 79; Scotland, 40; New Zealand, 35; America, 5; China, 14; Australia, 9; Wales, 6; Scandinavia, 9; France, 2; Germany, 4; Austria, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 84; Roman Catholic, 75; Presbyterian, 52; Confucian, 14; Wesleyan, 20; others, 9.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 19,358; individual average days' stay, 76·21. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 176; attendances, 315.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	1,726	16 2	Rations ...	997	15 9
Local bodies ...	750	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	77	8 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	394	9 4	Surgery and dispensary ...	163	17 9
Rents ...	10	5 0	Fuel and light ...	166	4 3
Patients' payments ...	607	0 8	Bedding and clothing ...	284	19 11
Other sources ...	12	17 9	Furniture and earthenware ...	83	11 7
			Salaries and wages ...	917	3 4
			Funerals ...	12	2 0
			Repairs ...	103	3 7
			New buildings ...	750	2 0
			Additions to buildings ...	44	15 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	62	14 3
			Interest ...	25	9 6
			Insurance ...	30	0 0
			Rent and rates ...	22	10 0
			Other expenses ...	15	17 2
Total ...	£3,501	8 11	Total ...	£3,757	14 1

Visited 14th November.—No changes observable either in the conditions or administration of this Hospital, excepting the resignation of Miss Barclay, the Matron, and the appointment of Miss Fothergill (Wellington certificate) in her place. Under the care of Drs. Morice, senior and junior, this Hospital has always been, so far as their work is concerned, admirably managed. The difficulty that has always hampered the Trustees has been the large number of chronic cases. This has made the Greymouth Hospital more of an old men's home than a hospital properly so called. This will necessarily continue to be the characteristic of all the West Coast Hospitals until such time as the people of Westland determine to have an old men's home somewhere in the neighbourhood of Greymouth, the natural centre of all means of communication on the Coast. Westport, though isolated by land except *via* Reefton, is still easily accessible by sea.

HAWERA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	11
Admitted during the year ...	148
Total under treatment ...	159
Discharged ...	138
Died ...	12

Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ... 9

Sex.—109 males, 50 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawera County, 138; Taranaki County, 4; Patea County, 5; Stratford County, 2; New Plymouth, 2; Auckland, 2; other places, 6.

Nationality.—English, 38; Irish, 23; Scotch, 13; Colonial, 77; Welsh, 2; Swiss, 1; Danish, 1; Indian, 1; Italian, 1; Norwegian, 1; German, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,785; individual average days' stay, 23.80. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 3d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	598	13 2	Rations ...	199	11 2
Local bodies ...	516	9 2	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	18	15 6
Subscriptions and donations ...	68	10 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	69	8 3
Patients' payments ...	214	9 6	Fuel and light ...	109	11 6
			Bedding and clothing ...	13	16 9
			Furniture and earthenware ...	68	14 8
			Salaries and wages ...	384	1 6
			Additions and repairs ...	27	15 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	31	9 11
			Interest ...	39	11 6
			Insurance ...	6	5 0
			Commission ...	2	2 0
			Other expenses ...	426	19 1
Total ...	£1,398	1 10	Total ...	£1,398	1 10

Visited 15th October.—Considerable improvement has been effected at this Hospital during the year. The new operating-room has been furnished with the latest fittings out of money raised locally. The Hospital has had a bequest of £2,000 from the late Mr. Melmore, but the Trustees have not yet decided how this is to be used. Detached accommodation is to be provided for the nurses, and a start has already been made. This year Hawera has been made a separate hospital district, having formerly been administered by the New Plymouth Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	...	...	...	34
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	150
Total under treatment ...				184
Discharged ...	...	...	...	121
Died ...	...	...	...	30
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...				33

Sex.—131 males, 53 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Westland.

Country.—England, 28; Scotland, 30; Ireland, 35; Germany, 10; Italy, 7; Colonies, 64; China, 2; Switzerland, 4; America, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 52; Presbyterian, 43; Roman Catholic, 80; Lutheran, 7 Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,486; individual average days' stay, 67·85. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 186; attendances, 465.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	927	0	2	Rations ...	...	795	0	0
Local bodies ...	...	556	11	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	55	18	6
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	355	6	9	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	140	11	8
Rents ...	...	4	0	0	Fuel and light ...	...	136	13	4
Patients' payments ...	...	298	8	6	Bedding and clothing ...	...	56	16	7
Other sources ...	...	21	16	4	Furniture and earthenware ...	...	66	10	4
Balance from last year ...	...	389	14	2	Salaries and wages ...	...	820	11	1
					Funerals ...	...	27	0	0
					Repairs ...	...	52	17	6
					Additions ...	...	20	12	9
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	58	6	0
					Insurance ...	...	28	2	10
					Commission ...	...	15	4	6
					Other expenses ...	...	268	8	2
Total ...	...	£2,532	17	7	Total ...	...	£2,542	13	3

Visited 14th November.—No change worthy of note has taken place here since my last report. To illustrate how the West Coast hospitals are hampered with chronic cases, the female ward, containing nine beds, had seven beds occupied by chronics. New drains are being laid running into the gully at the back. This will be a great advantage. There does not seem to be such a run of surgical cases this year as formerly.

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	...	...	...	37
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	436
Total under treatment ...				473
Discharged ...	...	...	...	394
Died ...	...	...	...	42
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...				37

Sex.—331 males, 142 females.

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

Country.—England, 73; Scotland, 73; Ireland, 55; New Zealand, 223; Germany, 3; Victoria, 12; China, 5; Denmark, 1; New South Wales, 3; America, 4; Jersey, 1; Portugal, 1; South Australia, 2; Sweden, 1; East India, 2; West Indies, 1; Orkney Islands, 2; France, 1; Tasmania, 5; Cape Colony, 1; Finland, 1; Holland, 1; born at sea, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 146; Roman Catholic, 91; Presbyterian, 186; Wesleyan, 14; Salvationist, 8; Confucian, 5; Methodist, 4; no religion, 2; Protestant, 7; Agnostic, 1; Baptist, 1; Church of Christ, 3; Christadelphian, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 13,758; individual average days' stay, 29.08. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 970; attendances, 2,008.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£		s. d.		<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.	
From Government	...	1,730	4	2	Rations	...	820	9	6
Local bodies	...	1,686	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	19	5	3
Subscriptions and donations	...	75	10	2	Surgery and dispensary	...	233	10	3
Rents	...	28	12	0	Fuel and light	...	339	0	6
Patients' payments	...	476	6	6	Bedding and clothing	...	159	9	10
Other sources	...	128	7	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	130	9	0
					Washing and laundry	...	64	2	8
					Salaries and wages	...	1,369	19	10
					Water-supply	...	17	19	0
					Funerals	...	38	0	0
					Repairs	...	199	10	8
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	36	5	11
					Interest	...	6	14	6
					Commission	...	0	10	0
					Insurance	...	31	12	6
					Other expenses	...	29	3	0
Total	...	£4,125	0	4	Total	...	£3,496	2	5

Visited 16th October and 18th May.—I had occasion this year to call the attention of the Chairman to serious defects in the material and workmanship of the buildings, new and old, which I trust by this time have been remedied so far as this can be done. Miss Ewart and her staff are working well.

KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	13
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	77
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	90
Discharged	...	...	...	65
Died	...	...	...	8
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	17

Sex.—73 males, 17 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Kumara, 54; Dillman's, 18; Westbrook, 5; Hokitika, 1; Greenstone, 3; Reefton, 1; Waimea, 5; Grey, 3.

Nationality.—English, 16; Irish, 27; Scotch, 7; New Zealand, 14; Danish, 5; Swedish, 3; Australian, 9; Austrian, 1; German, 2; Italian, 2; Chinese, 2; Canadian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 26; Roman Catholic, 40; Presbyterian, 12; Wesleyan, 3; Lutheran, 7; Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,039; individual average days' stay, 78.21. Daily average cost per head, 2s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 166; attendances, 272.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£		s. d.		<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.	
From Government	...	389	1	3	Rations	...	344	4	10
Local bodies	...	210	1	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	8	0	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	150	12	3	Surgery and dispensary	...	5	10	0
Patients' payments	...	219	3	0	Fuel and light	...	83	1	0
Balance from last year	...	60	15	11	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c.	...	103	0	11
					Salaries and wages	...	385	0	6
					Funerals	...	20	0	0
					Repairs	...	51	10	10
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	10	12	6
					Insurance	...	6	9	0
					Other expenses	...	1	0	0
Total	...	£1,029	13	9	Total	...	£1,018	9	7

Visited 16th November.—A very great improvement has been effected here since my last visit, in converting certain rooms, formerly used as bedrooms, into an operating-room. This room is well lighted from above. The glass operating-table and the glass instrument-stand are the neatest I have seen.

LAWRENCE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	7
Admitted during the year	104
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	Total under treatment	111
Discharged	96
Died	13
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	Remaining on 31st March, 1903	2

Sex.—86 males, 25 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Tuapeka County.

Country.—New Zealand, 36; England, 15; Scotland, 17; Ireland, 27; Germany, 1; Victoria, 1; China, 6; Holland, 1; Isle of Man, 1; Tasmania, 1; Canada, 1; Denmark, 2; Finland, 1; born at sea, 1.

Religion.—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,391; individual average days' stay, 21.54. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 4d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 70.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	263	5	9	Rations	257	0	1
Local bodies	514	7	6	Surgery and dispensary	30	4	5
Subscriptions and donations	2	12	9	Fuel and light	68	11	4
Patients' payments	123	10	5	Bedding and clothing	3	15	0
Balance from last year	211	15	8	Furniture and earthenware	18	14	0
				Salaries and wages	384	7	6
				Water-supply	10	0	0
				Funerals	4	0	0
				Repairs	71	16	6
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	8	2	0
				Interest	0	10	0
				Insurance	1	0	0
				Other expenses	24	5	0
Total	£1,115	12	1	Total	£882	5	10

Visited 3rd March.—No changes to be reported, either in the administration or structure of this Hospital. It is in all respects a very creditably managed institution.

MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	11
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	85
				<hr/>
	Total under treatment	...	...	96
Discharged	...	...	...	81
Died	...	...	...	9
				<hr/>
	Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	6

Sex.—73 males, 23 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Masterton, 46; Suburbs, 6; East Coast, 3; Eketa-huna, 6; Mauriceville, 8; Pahiatua, 4; Wellington, 1; Taueru, 4; Carterton, 4; Hutt, 3; Tupurupuru, 2; Bideford, 3; Christchurch, 2; Martinborough, 1; Greytown, 1; Ashburton, 1; Oamaru, 1.

Country.—England, 22; Ireland, 14; New Zealand, 42; Scotland, 4; Australia, 7; America, 3; Sweden, 1; Denmark, 1; France, 1; China, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 45; Roman Catholic, 21; Presbyterian, 19; Wesleyan, 7; Lutheran, 3; Buddhist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,397; individual average days' stay, 35.37. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 7s.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,048	14	1	Rations	...	228	10	6
Local bodies	...	887	5	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	10	12	3
Subscriptions and donations	...	138	3	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	125	6	5
Patients' payments	...	147	7	1	Fuel and light	...	106	10	9
Balance from last year	...	743	14	1	Bedding and clothing	...	52	12	6
					Furniture and earthenware	...	28	6	6
					Washing and laundry	...	27	17	7
					Salaries and wages	...	603	5	10
					Funerals	...	2	15	0
					Repairs	...	20	9	8
					Additions to buildings	...	17	9	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	29	5	1
					Interest	...	2	1	3
					Insurance	...	18	19	6
					Commission	...	28	10	6
					Other expenses	...	35	9	11
Total	...	£2,965	4	0	Total	...	£1,338	2	3

Visited 22nd March and 27th May.—The well-known defects of this Hospital, so often reported on by me, it seems impossible to remedy because of the see-saw policy of the local bodies. I inspected the new hospital-site, and though not, in my opinion, equal to the one I formerly approved, still it will be a good site for a hospital when connected with local drainage and water-supply. It consists of 5 or 6 acres of good land resting on a shingle subsoil.

MERCURY BAY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	43
Total under treatment	...	...	...	45
Discharged	...	...	...	40
Died	...	...	...	4
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	1

Sex.—39 males, 6 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Mercury Bay District.

Nationality.—British.

Religion.—Protestant, 40; Roman Catholic, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 588; individual average days' stay, 13.6. Daily average cost per head, £1 11s. 2d.; less patients' payments, £1 9s. 10d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 360; attendances, 1,750.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	440	12	7	Rations	...	110	4	10
Subscriptions and donations	...	362	6	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	19	13	4
Rents	...	20	8	6	Surgery and dispensary	...	94	10	2
Patients' payments	...	38	17	4	Fuel and light	...	20	4	9
Balance from last year	...	296	2	2	Bedding and clothing	...	19	2	5
					Furniture and earthenware	...	9	9	6
					Washing and laundry	...	10	19	10
					Salaries and wages	...	532	12	11
					Funerals	...	7	0	0
					Repairs	...	24	15	8
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	21	0	0
					Insurance	...	7	14	6
					Other expenses	...	39	8	2
Total	...	£1,158	7	1	Total	...	£916	16	1

Visited 24th March.—No change to report. Dr. Cairns has taken the place of Dr. Slater, and goes to Kuaotunu once a week and to Tairua when wanted. The Hospital is admirably looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Parker, and Mr. O'Brien, the Chairman, takes extreme interest in all its concerns.

NAPIER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	53
Admitted during the year	...	...	441
Total under treatment			494
Discharged	...	...	417
Died	...	...	33
Remaining on 31st March, 1903			44

Sex.—317 males, 177 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawke's Bay and adjoining districts.

Country.—New Zealand, 235; England, 112; Ireland, 49; Scotland, 20; Victoria, 5; Tasmania, 1; New South Wales, 5; Sweden, 2; Norway, 3; America, 3; Spain, 1; Denmark, 2; Austria, 1; China, 1; Finland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 230; Roman Catholic, 104; Presbyterian, 74; Wesleyan, 17; Salvation Army, 3; Lutheran, 1; no religion, 1; Seventh Day Adventists, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Baptist, 3; Congregational, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 13,954; individual average days' stay, 28·25. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 10¾d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 904.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	2,084	13	3	Rations	...	1,067	3	8
Local bodies	...	1,000	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	23	7	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	613	9	5	Surgery and dispensary	...	497	18	7
Bequest	...	209	14	4	Fuel and light	...	364	16	6
Rents	...	60	7	6	Bedding and clothing, furniture, and earthenware	...	169	10	11
Patients' payments	...	406	13	4	Salaries and wages	...	1,441	11	8
Other sources	...	78	16	9	Water-supply	...	69	0	0
Balance from last year	...	444	6	9	New buildings	...	500	11	11
					Additions to buildings	...	218	2	11
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	49	14	9
					Interest	...	0	3	6
					Insurance	...	67	8	0
					Commission	...	40	13	4
					Other expenses	...	36	16	9
Total	...	£4,898	1	4	Total	...	£4,546	19	6

Visited 11th September and 9th March.—Clean, orderly, and well managed so far as Dr. Leahy, the Matron, and her staff are concerned; but the building is old and sadly requires repainting and repairing inside. The lavatories need improvement. The magnificent site and broad verandahs are in themselves a recuperative means of immense value to the patients.

NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	153
Total under treatment			158
Discharged	...	...	135
Died	...	...	16
Remaining on 31st March, 1903			7

Sex.—101 males, 57 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Naseby, St. Bathans, Miller's Flat, Patearoa, Kyeburn, Gimmerburn, Waipiata, Dunedin, Eweburn, Waihemo, Rough Ridge, Wedderburn, Ida Valley, Linnburn, Poolburn, Blackstone Hill, Ranfurly, Moonlight, Middlemarch, Hamilton's, Black's, Kokonga, Beck's, Hyde, Oamaru, Thames.

Country.—New Zealand, 68; Scotland, 25; Ireland, 25; England, 20; Australia, 8; China, 5; Canada, 3; Italy, 2; America, 1; Denmark, 1.

Religion.—Presbyterian, 65; Church of England, 39; Roman Catholic, 33; Unsectarian, 7; Confucian, 4; Lutheran, 3; Salvationist, 3; Baptist, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Congregationalist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,404; individual average days' stay, 27·87. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 11½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 42; attendances, 139.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	468	0	5	Rations	337 11 8
Local bodies	...	287	6	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	19 1 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	146	3	2	Surgery and dispensary	105 12 3
Patients' payments	...	530	16	11	Fuel and light	90 0 6
Other sources	...	43	7	10	Bedding and clothing	54 12 10
Balance from last year	...	349	10	2	Furniture and earthenware	14 6 0
					Washing and laundry	10 11 10
					Salaries and wages	567 16 4
					Water-supply	8 0 0
					Funerals	15 0 0
					Repairs	244 10 9
					New buildings	57 8 0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	15 1 10
					Insurance	9 0 6
					Other expenses	132 13 3
Total	...	£1,825	5	0	Total	£1,681 7 3

Visited 21st October.—This Hospital has always appeared to me to be an admirably conducted institution.

NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	23
Admitted during the year	...	272
Total under treatment	...	295
Discharged	...	245
Died	...	20
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	30

Sex.—183 males, 112 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Greymouth, 1; Napier, 1; Westport, 4; Wellington, 2; Buller, 8; City of Nelson and Waimea County, 279.

Country.—New Zealand, 185; England, 59; Ireland, 16; Scotland, 15; Denmark, 2; Victoria, 3; Wales, 3; Sweden, 2; Italy, 1; Germany, 5; India, 2; America, 1; Switzerland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 133; Presbyterian, 41; Church of Rome, 44; Wesleyan, 37; Baptist, 11; Salvationist, 4; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Methodist, 2; Lutheran, 7; Church of Christ, 10; Congregationalist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,476; individual average days' stay, 42.29. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 939; attendances, 3,276.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	1,508	6	10	Rations	579 6 5
Local bodies	...	900	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	28 9 1
Subscriptions and donations	...	255	12	6	Surgery and dispensary	341 18 10
Rents	...	218	0	0	Fuel and light	181 6 5
Patients' payments	...	539	13	0	Bedding and clothing	90 3 0
Other sources	...	13	0	0	Furniture and earthenware	118 3 2
					Salaries and wages	1,117 18 11
					Water-supply	17 0 0
					Funerals	15 8 0
					Repairs	104 2 5
					New buildings	366 13 1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	17 0 2
					Insurance	38 0 0
					Other expenses	99 15 0
Total	...	£3,434	12	4	Total	£3,115 4 6

Visited 23rd November and 15th March.—This Hospital continues to be well administered by Dr. Mackie. No changes to report.

NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	15
Admitted during the year	365
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	Total under treatment	380
Discharged	335
Died	25
				<hr/>
	Remaining on 31st March, 1903	20

Sex.—252 males, 128 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Taranaki County, 193; Hawera County, 12; Clifton County, 14; Stratford County, 49; New Plymouth, 92; Otago, 2; Nelson, 1; Auckland, 7; Christchurch, 1; Gisborne, 1; Wellington, 1; Wairarapa, 1; Invercargill, 1; Wanganui, 2; Hamilton, 1; Kawhia, 1; Australia, 1.

Nationality.—English, 91; Scotch, 21; Irish, 22; Colonial, 230; German, 7; Danish, 1; American, 3; Canadian, 1; West Indian, 1; Norwegian, 2; Hungarian, 1.

Religion.—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,151; individual average days' stay, 21.45. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9d.

Outdoor Patients.—No record kept.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,227	0	5	Rations	...	487	0	5
Local bodies	...	776	14	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	31	2	7
Subscriptions and donations	...	36	7	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	299	15	9
Rents	...	2	10	0	Fuel and light	...	228	1	9
Patients' payments	...	659	13	5	Bedding and clothing	...	60	11	11
Other sources	...	588	19	11	Furniture and earthenware	...	128	14	7
Balance from last year	...	7	11	1	Washing and laundry	...	151	15	5
					Salaries and wages	...	778	8	1
					Water-supply	...	11	0	0
					Funerals	...	10	5	0
					Additions to buildings	...	701	7	10
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	98	16	8
					Interest	...	59	7	3
					Insurance	...	32	12	9
					Commission	...	37	5	6
					Other expenses	...	182	10	8
Total	...	£3,298	16	2	Total	...	£3,298	16	2

Visited 5th September and 17th March.—A practically new operating-room has been provided at this Hospital, and is well furnished in every respect, also much-needed suitable quarters for the nursing staff. Excellent surgical work is being done here by Drs. Leatham and Walker.

NORTHERN WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Hospital not yet opened.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	711	6	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	88	12	7
Subscriptions and donations	...	848	12	0	Salaries and wages	...	66	13	4
Other sources	...	87	0	10	New buildings	...	675	12	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	14	3	5
					Insurance	...	4	18	3
					Commission	...	...	...	...
					Other expenses	...	252	3	6
					Total	...	£1,102	3	7

OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	..	...	...	21
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	190
				211
Discharged	...	...	...	172
Died	...	...	...	19
				20
Remaining on 31st March, 1903				20

Sex.—155 males, 56 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Oamaru town and district and Otago.

Country.—England, 38; Scotland, 46; Ireland, 42; New Zealand, 60; Australia, 10; Continent of Europe, 15.

Religion.—Church of England, 56; Roman Catholic, 46; Presbyterian, 70; Wesleyan, 39.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,200; individual average days' stay, 24.64. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 103; attendances, 725.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	..	172	17	0	Rations	...	424	14	4
Subscriptions and donations	...	110	11	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	21	12	10
Bequests	...	100	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	112	12	2
Rents	...	828	4	6	Fuel and light	...	123	11	0
Patients' payments	...	263	12	7	Bedding and clothing	...	76	14	3
Other sources	...	285	1	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	100	15	8
Balance from last year	...	184	19	7	Salaries and wages	...	554	2	11
					Funerals	...	23	4	0
					Repairs, &c.	...	70	0	0
					Additions and new buildings	...	852	13	9
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	18	8	8
					Interest	...	2	0	0
					Insurance	...	2	14	6
					Other expenses	...	4	3	1
Total	...	£1,945	6	2	Total	...	£2,387	7	2

Visited 24th October.—This is a very complete and substantial little hospital, administered with the extremest care and devotion by Mr. Mainland, the Chairman.

OTAKI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	86
				91
Discharged	...	...	...	83
Died	...	...	...	4
				4
Remaining on 31st March, 1903				4

Sex.—71 males, 20 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Otaki, 31; Waikanae, 7; Manakau, 11; Levin, 12; Shannon, 2; Te Horo, 5; Ohau, 3; Paraparaumu, 4; Paikakariki, 1; Wellington, 4; Kereru, 5; Feilding, 1; Hatherly, 1.

Nationality.—Colonial, 56; English, 6; Irish, 4; Scotch, 4; Australian, 2; American, 1; Chinese, 2; Danish, 3; Swedish, 1; German, 1; Norwegian, 1; Maori, 5; Welsh, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 60; Roman Catholic, 11; Presbyterian, 10; Wesleyan, 4; Lutheran, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,964; individual average days' stay, 21.58. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 6½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	408	3 11	Rations ...	183	4 9
Local bodies ...	408	3 2	Wines, spirits, &c. ...	6	6 4
Subscriptions and donations ...	16	1 9	Surgery and dispensary ...	48	0 3
Patients' payments ...	103	6 1	Fuel and light ...	65	7 6
Other sources ...	6	0 0	Bedding and clothing, &c. ...	13	7 4
			Salaries and wages ...	471	6 5
			Additions to buildings ...	2	14 6
			Other expenses ...	151	7 0
Total ...	£941	14 11	Total ...	£941	14 1

Visited 29th May.—An extremely well-designed and well-finished hospital, excepting that the wards are too small in proportion to the administrative centre. These wards would need extension if the existence of the institution could be justified. In consultation with Mr. McBeath, the acting member of the local Committee, it was agreed that the swamp to the immediate east of the Hospital ought to be drained.

PAHIATUA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	...	...	Nil.
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	66
			—
Total under treatment ...	...	...	66
Discharged ...	...	...	55
Died ...	...	...	5
			—
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...	...	...	6

Sex.—50 males, 16 females.

Localities from which Patients Came.—Pahiatua, Mangatainoka, Woodville, Eketahuna, &c.

Country.—England, 15; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 11; New Zealand, 30; Australia, 4; Wales, 1; Sweden, 1.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 15; Church of England, 28; Presbyterian, 10; Wesleyan, 6; Methodist, 3; Christadelphian, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Salvationist, 1; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,455; individual average days' stay, 22.05. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 5d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	577	19 8	Rations ...	156	5 10
Local bodies ...	340	0 0	Wines, &c. ...	7	0 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	162	1 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	67	15 6
Rents ...	8	4 0	Fuel and light ...	26	1 6
Patients' payments ...	120	4 0	Furniture, &c. ...	211	9 3
Other sources ...	3	7 6	Salaries, &c. ...	243	8 8
Balance from last year ...	327	14 9	Grounds ...	129	4 0
			Funerals ...	3	0 0
			Repairs ...	18	9 3
			New buildings ...	491	1 2
			Printing, advertising, &c. ...	46	15 10
			Interest ...	4	11 5
			Insurance ...	11	2 0
			Commission ...	27	10 0
			Other expenses ...	5	13 11
Total ...	£1,539	10 11	Total ...	£1,449	8 4

Visited 21st March and 28th May.—This is a small hospital built on a flat piece of land with shingle subsoil some distance to the north of the township, not far from the railway. I was informed by Dr. Dawson and some members of the Committee that certainly within twelve months the land would be drained and water laid on. The future of the Hospital will depend on whether this promise is kept.

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	...	23
Admitted during year	...	...	...	...	254
					277
Discharged	...	...	...	...	237
Died	...	...	...	...	22
					18
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	...	18

Sex.—190 males, 87 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Palmerston North, 240; Wanganui, 10; Napier, 7; Wellington, 17; Hawera, 1; Auckland, 1; Greymouth, 1.

Nationality.—English, 74; Scotch, 15; Irish, 32; New Zealand, 126; Australian, 11; German, 10; Canadian, 1; Danish, 6; Norwegian, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 109; Roman Catholic, 64; Presbyterian, 29; Wesleyan, 25; Primitive Methodist, 5; Lutheran, 17; Salvation Army, 4; Baptist, 6; Plymouth Brethren, 7; Congregationalist, 3; Jewish, 1; Quaker, 1; Adventist, 1; Church of Christ, 1; undenominational, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,288; individual average days' stay, 26.31. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5d.; less patients' payments, 4s.

Outdoor Patients.—No record.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	779	3	2	Rations	...	372	3	4
Local bodies	...	707	17	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	13	3	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	69	16	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	155	6	5
Patients' payments	...	550	0	3	Fuel and light	...	200	0	5
Other sources	...	38	11	9	Bedding and clothing	...	25	5	9
Balance from last year	...	470	4	5	Furniture and earthenware	...	32	11	11
					Washing and laundry	...	43	2	10
					Salaries and wages	...	888	0	0
					Funerals	...	13	12	6
					Repairs	...	35	5	2
					Additions	...	254	3	8
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	33	13	3
					Interest	...	0	19	0
					Insurance	...	39	17	9
					Other expenses	...	160	6	10
Total	...	£2,615	12	7	Total	...	£2,267	12	4

Visited 12th September.—Miss Dougherty and her staff are working with thorough efficiency. The kitchen department is specially to be commended. To provide verandah shelter for patients from the large ward is a problem of difficulty in this Hospital. I discussed the matter in all its bearings with the doctors and Secretary, and immediate action was to be taken.

PATEA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	...	50
					52
Discharged	...	...	...	...	47
Died	...	...	...	...	3
					2
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	...	2

Sex.—38 males, 14 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawera to Waitotara.

Nationality.—English, 19; Irish, 11; New Zealand, 14; Australian, 3; Swedish, 1; Norwegian, 2; Canadian, 1; Syrian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,099; individual average days' stay, 21.13. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 6d.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	186	4	11	Rations	...	119	19	3
Local bodies	...	165	0	0	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	2	6	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	18	6	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	46	19	5
Rents	...	5	12	0	Fuel and light	...	58	4	8
Patients' payments	...	135	3	2	Bedding and clothing	...	6	7	4
Balance from last year	...	109	11	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	8	4	3
					Washing and laundry	...	18	19	6
					Salaries and wages	...	234	9	10
					Funerals	...	3	17	6
					Repairs	...	26	5	0
					New buildings	...	286	3	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	2	0
					Insurance	...	6	8	8
					Other expenses	...	3	7	3
Total	...	£619	17	11	Total	...	£833	13	8

Visited 19th September.—Dr. Percival has succeeded Dr. Gillon as Medical Officer to this Hospital.

PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	94
Total under treatment	...	106
Discharged	...	81
Died	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	12

Sex.—79 males, 27 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Picton Hospital District, 92; Wellington, 4; Blenheim, 6; Nelson, 2; Bluff, 1; Christchurch, 1.

Country.—England, 30; Scotland, 10; Ireland, 13; New Zealand, 48; Victoria, 4; Germany, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 71; Roman Catholic, 13; Presbyterian, 20; Lutheran, 1; Freethinker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,274; individual average days' stay, 40.32. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Nil.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	819	14	3	Rations	...	144	1	1
Local bodies	...	577	14	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	7	10	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	307	16	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	78	15	0
Patients' payments	...	160	3	8	Fuel and light	...	46	16	10
Other sources	...	59	3	10	Bedding and clothing, &c.	...	140	6	9
Balance from last year	...	151	11	3	Salaries and wages	...	349	9	2
					Water-supply	...	7	0	0
					New buildings	...	860	10	6
					Repairs	...	20	2	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	15	7	3
					Interest	...	26	2	8
					Insurance	...	17	13	3
					Purchase of site for cottage hospital, Havelock	...	55	0	0
					Other expenses	...	222	13	8
Total	...	£2,076	3	9	Total	...	£1,991	8	8

Visited 22nd May.—There is nothing fresh to report about this Hospital. Dr. Redman has replaced Dr. Claridge as Medical Officer. The proximity of this new Hospital to the antiquated structure at Blenheim will probably lead to the erection of a new Hospital at Blenheim also.

QUEENSTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	77
Total under treatment ...				82
Discharged ...	...	...	...	66
Died ...	...	...	...	7
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...				9

Sex.—58 males, 24 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Lake and Southland Counties.

Country.—New Zealand, 30; England, 9; Ireland, 13; Scotland, 20; Australia, 1; Germany, 3; China, 2; Holland, 2; Canada, 1; Italy, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 26; Roman Catholic, 17; Presbyterian, 31; Wesleyan, 2; Lutheran, 3; Buddhist, 2; Salvation Army, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,330; individual average days' stay, 28·41. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 3½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 58; attendances, 149.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	410	19	5	Rations ...	...	209	3	8
Local bodies ...	...	260	0	0	Wines, &c. ...	...	8	8	0
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	50	4	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	38	18	8
Patients' payments ...	...	233	18	7	Fuel and light ...	...	84	4	7
Balance from last year ...	...	23	11	1	Furniture, earthenware, &c. ...	...	24	3	0
					Salaries and wages ...	...	425	18	8
					Funerals ...	...	12	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	3	12	6
					Insurance ...	...	15	5	3
					Commission ...	...	3	14	2
					Other expenses ...	...	23	5	4
Total ...	...	£978	13	7	Total ...	...	£848	13	10

Visited 19th October.—Nothing fresh to report about this Hospital. It is easy-going and comfortable for its patients, and is medically and surgically well looked after by Dr. Douglas.

REEFTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	106
Total under treatment ...				130
Discharged ...	...	...	...	94
Died ...	...	...	...	14
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...				22

Sex.—119 males, 11 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Inangahua County.

Country.—England and Wales, 24; Scotland, 14; Ireland, 41; New Zealand, 30; China, 5; Denmark, 1; Norway, 1; Australia, 9; Tasmania, 3; Italy, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 45; Roman Catholic, 46; Presbyterian, 16; Wesleyan, 7; Confucian, 6; Lutheran, 1; Spiritualist, 2; Ascensionist, 1; Independent, 2; unknown, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,366; individual average days' stay, 41·27. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 10d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 291; attendances, 1,008.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	851	18	5	Rations	...	564	4	1
Local bodies	...	357	10	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	58	1	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	421	10	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	77	13	6
Patients' payments	...	310	1	0	Fuel and light	...	116	14	2
Balance from last year	...	43	18	2	Bedding and clothing	...	54	3	8
					Furniture and earthenware	...	101	17	10
					Washing and laundry	...	47	2	1
					Salaries and wages	...	635	3	1
					Funerals	...	9	16	0
					Repairs	...	17	7	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	76	18	5
					Interest	...	0	12	0
					Insurance	...	3	15	0
					Commission	...	7	8	0
					Purchase of vegetable-garden	...	125	0	0
					Other expenses	...	102	9	7
Total	...	£1,984	18	2	Total	...	£1,998	5	11

Visited 17th November.—Great delay has taken place in effecting the structural improvements contemplated in this Hospital. I hope that now all difficulties have been removed. It was impossible to avoid extending the buildings without a corresponding increase of work for the administration. I found everything in good order in the capable hands of Miss Gosling.

RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	15
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	121
Total under treatment	...	...	...	136
Discharged	...	...	...	104
Died	...	...	...	13
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	19

Sex.—96 males, 40 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Waiiau, Orepuki, Colac, Riverton, Otautau, Thornbury, Tapanui, Invercargill, Fairfax, Round Hill, Pahia, Waimatuku, Te Tua, &c.

Nationality.—English, Scotch, Irish, Chinese, New Zealand, Canadian, Tasmanian.

Religion.—Church of England, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Confucian.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,723; individual average days' stay, 20. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 11s. 7d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 179; attendances, 200.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	850	11	6	Rations	...	359	8	3
Local bodies	...	843	7	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	15	17	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	30	8	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	96	6	0
Patients' payments	...	169	7	6	Fuel and light	...	112	1	9
Other sources	...	23	19	11	Bedding and clothing	...	53	3	6
					Furniture and earthenware	...	84	6	10
					Washing and laundry	...	14	7	6
					Salaries and wages	...	713	6	3
					Water-supply	...	70	13	5
					Funerals	...	3	17	6
					Repairs	...	112	11	1
					New buildings	...	37	14	6
					Additions	...	117	17	9
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	4	9
					Interest	...	0	7	8
					Insurance	...	12	2	9
					Other expenses	...	85	6	4
Total	...	£1,917	14	5	Total	...	£1,901	12	10

Visited 17th October and 20th May.—Steady improvement is manifest in this Hospital. Several structural additions have been made. A new up-to-date operating-room has been built, and suitably fitted. Miss Willis is a capable Matron and economical manager.

ROSS HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	19
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	27
Discharged	...	...	...	15
Died	...	...	...	6
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	6

Sex.—25 males, 2 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Ross, 24; South Westland, 3.

Country.—England, 6; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 5; New Zealand, 6; Holland, 2.

Religion.—Church of England, 6; Roman Catholic, 5; Presbyterian, 10; Lutheran, 2; Wesleyan, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,233; individual average days' stay, 119·73. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 4s.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 3; attendances, 50.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	283	9	1	Rations, wine, spirits, ale, &c.	...	198	7	9
Local bodies	...	248	7	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	56	12	3
Subscriptions and donations	...	87	13	6	Fuel and light	...	41	6	0
Patients' payments	...	90	15	0	Bedding and clothing	...	34	18	6
Other sources	...	29	10	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	21	6	6
					Salaries and wages	...	316	11	6
					Water-supply	...	4	10	0
					Funerals	...	9	0	0
					Repairs	...	26	19	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	12	6	0
					Insurance	...	5	3	6
					Other expenses	...	12	14	0
Total	...	£739	15	3	Total	...	£739	15	3

Visited 15th November.—Mr. and Mrs. Messon are extremely attentive to their duties. Six new beds have been provided. The female ward has been lined with wood, and the kitchen and passage repainted. The Hospital can accommodate ten. Of the nine cases on the day of visit, two were accident cases and the remainder chronic and old age.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	66
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	74
Discharged	...	...	...	64
Died	...	...	...	4
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	6

Sex.—60 males, 14 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Carterton, 16; Greytown, 17; Featherston, 9; Martinborough, 12; Masterton, 6; Gladstone, 6; Cross's Creek, 4; Wellington, 4.

Country.—England, 15; Scotland, 2; Ireland, 12; New Zealand, 32; Sweden, 3; Australia, 3; Canada, 1; Denmark, 3; Jersey, 1; Italy, 1; Germany, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 34; Roman Catholic, 22; Presbyterian, 12; Wesleyan, 6.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,852; individual average days' stay, 25·02. Daily average cost per head, 12s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 11s. 8½d.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	350	16	6	Rations	...	264	12	6
Local bodies	...	233	19	10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	7	8	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	787	4	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	97	5	11
Rents	...	4	0	0	Fuel and light...	...	38	2	3
Patients' payments	...	50	1	0	Bedding and clothing	...	12	1	2
Other sources	...	132	14	2	Salaries and wages	...	394	17	6
					Furniture and earthenware	...	24	18	0
					Repairs	...	434	2	8
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	15	7	4
					Interest	...	14	4	9
					Insurance	...	22	8	1
					Commission	...	0	16	0
					Other expenses	...	241	19	4
Total	...	£1,558	15	10	Total	...	£1,568	4	0

Visited 27th May.—A neat new cross-block in brick, roofed with Marseilles tiles, has been added to this Hospital. Mrs. Bassett, the Matron, is leaving, but her husband, a very capable and useful man, stays. Dr. Bey's attention to his work is all that could be desired. The arrangements with Mr. Bassett will be difficult to carry out.

THAMES HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	38
Admitted during the year	...	383
Total under treatment	...	421
Discharged	...	343
Died	...	29
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	49

Sex.—300 males, 121 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Thames, 378; Auckland, 1; East Coast, 3; Wai-kato, 3; Rotorua, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 155; England, 66; Ireland, 97; Scotland, 20; Australia, 23; Wales, 1; America, 4; Cape Colony, 2; Austria, 5; Sweden, 2; Aboriginal, 4; Finland, 1; Russia, 2; Tahiti, 1; China, 1; Belgium, 1; Italy, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 223; Roman Catholic, 83; Presbyterian, 39; Wesleyan, 30; Congregationalist, 1; Salvation Army, 2; Primitive Methodist, 1; Church of Christ, 1; Lutheran, 1; Baptist, 2; Jewish, 1; Unitarian, 1; Theosophist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 13,951; individual average days' stay, 33.13. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 7½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 329; attendances, 1,002.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,523	16	4	Rations	...	490	18	7
Local bodies	...	1,271	8	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	4	10	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	95	7	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	296	13	6
Bequests	...	279	17	6	Fuel and light	...	153	18	2
Patients' payments	...	698	13	4	Bedding and clothing, &c.	...	168	4	2
Balance from last year	...	199	5	9	Salaries and wages	...	1,056	13	10
					Rates	...	51	0	10
					Funerals	...	18	11	6
					Repairs	...	25	1	1
					Additions to buildings and new buildings	...	290	14	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	40	11	4
					Interest	...	2	6	6
					Insurance	...	38	18	9
					Other expenses	...	170	17	7
Total	...	£4,068	7	11	Total	...	£2,809	0	1

Visited 20th March.—The surgical work at this Hospital is extremely satisfactory, and the nursing and careful management deserving of the utmost praise. The position of the Medical Officer to this Hospital is somewhat peculiar. He is allowed to receive outside patients at his house, but, without express permission, can only visit outside as a consultant.

TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	35
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	438
				473
Discharged	...	...	...	402
Died	...	...	...	36
				35
Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	35

Sex.—304 males, 169 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hospital district, 435; outside hospital district, 38.

Country.—England, 85; Scotland, 32; Ireland, 64; New Zealand, 278; Germany, 3; Denmark, 3; Sweden, 1; France, 3; Austria, 1; America, 1; China, 1; Holland, 1.

Religion.—Roman Catholic, 118; Episcopalian, 190; Presbyterian, 79; Salvation Army, 9; Wesleyan, 36; Methodist, 17; Lutheran, 1; Congregationalist, 8; Brethren, 12; Quaker, 1; unknown, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,574; individual average days' stay, 26.58. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 370; attendances, 1,480.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	...	1,303 14 10	Rations	...	825 6 3
Local bodies	...	1,303 14 11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	75 17 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	1,696 13 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	354 18 11
Rents	...	8 10 0	Fuel and light	...	350 16 4
Patients' payments	...	282 14 3	Bedding and clothing	...	88 15 11
			Furniture and earthenware	...	49 0 0
			Salaries and wages	...	1,034 9 8
			Water-supply	...	27 14 7
			Repairs	...	141 6 5
			Additions to buildings and furniture	...	1,520 4 3
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	43 19 0
			Members' travelling-expenses	...	13 12 2
			Other expenses	...	69 6 0
Total	...	£4,595 7 0	Total	...	£4,595 7 0

Visited 25th October and 30th May.—The medical supervision of this Hospital is extremely satisfactory. The nurses' new quarters are comfortable and convenient. It is a pity that the ward for infectious cases could not have been built at a greater distance from the main building.

WAIKATO HOSPITAL.

Failed to furnish returns.

Visited 21st March.—This Hospital continues to be well administered in every respect. The linoleum on the floors has been greatly and, I think, needlessly destroyed by the method of moving the beds on to the verandahs. The books of the Hospital are not properly kept, and the annual returns have not been sent to the Department.

WAIHI HOSPITAL.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	...	1,160 19 0	Furniture and earthenware	...	10 0 0
Local bodies	...	63 6 9	Salaries and wages	...	43 15 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	733 12 11	New buildings	...	1,183 5 0
Other sources	...	25 10 7	Ground improvements	...	80 8 3
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	14 16 8
			Interest	...	0 16 5
			Other expenses	...	29 4 6
Total	...	£1,983 9 3	Total	...	£1,362 5 10

WAIMATE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	15
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	145
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	160
Discharged	...	...	...	132
Died	...	...	...	13
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1903	..	...	15

Sex.—96 males, 64 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Waimate County.

Country.—England, 25; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 16; New Zealand, 98; America, 1; Australia, 8; Germany, 2; Canada, 1; Palestine, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,195; individual average days' stay, 26·21. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 2½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 62; attendances, 206.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	559	4	10	Rations	...	225	19	8
Local bodies	...	553	6	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	18	8	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	5	1	2	Surgery and dispensary	...	91	13	1
Patients' payments	...	132	9	0	Fuel and light	...	85	15	3
Other sources	...	11	19	6	Bedding and clothing	...	59	4	3
					Furniture and earthenware	...	16	3	9
					Salaries and wages	...	525	15	9
					Funerals	...	1	4	6
					Repairs	...	56	13	10
					Additions and new buildings	...	113	16	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	11	19	0
					Interest	...	3	9	6
					Insurance	...	13	9	0
					Other expenses...	...	116	9	5
Total	...	£1,262	0	6	Total	...	£1,340	1	9

Visited 24th October.—This little Hospital is doing good work. It has been steadily improving for years past.

WAIPAWA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	...	28
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	363
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	391
Discharged	...	...	...	332
Died	...	...	...	22
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1903	...	...	37

Sex.—284 males, 107 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Dannevirke, 52; Coast, 8; Waipukurau, 28; Porangahau and Wanstead, 18; Waipawa, 41; Hastings, 17; Bush, 109; Tikokino, 5; Napier, 12; Wimbledon and Weber, 21; Kaikora and Te Aute, 28; Gisborne, 1; Makaretu, 25; Woodville, 19; Taupo, 1; Pahiatua, 1; Palmerston, 1; Wellington, 1; Masterton, 1; Feilding, 1; Patea, 1.

Country.—England, 94; New Zealand, 170; Ireland, 42; Germany, 11; Australia, 14; Saxony, 1; Sweden, 9; Scotland, 13; Denmark, 7; Norway, 12; Tasmania, 3; Italy, 1; Queensland, 1; Prussia, 1; Channel Islands, 2; Chatham Islands, 1; Philippine Islands, 1; America, 3; Canada, 3; Nova Scotia, 1; Russia, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 204; Roman Catholic, 66; Presbyterian, 42; Lutheran, 48; Salvationist, 4; Wesleyan, 14; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Baptist, 1; no religion, 6; Adventist, 2; Methodist, 2; Freethinker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 11,043; individual average days' stay, 28·24. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 7¼d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 1d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	1,559	2 7	Rations ...	912	4 6
Local bodies ...	1,100	0 0	Wines, &c. ...	26	2 6
Subscriptions and donations ...	128	11 8	Surgery and dispensary ...	370	5 3
Patients' payments ...	281	8 6	Fuel and light ...	152	3 1
Other sources ...	16	8 9	Bedding and clothing ...	62	10 8
Balance from last year ...	84	12 10	Furniture, earthenware, and repairs	275	12 6
			Washing and laundry ...	83	4 0
			Salaries and wages ...	1,034	12 4
			Funerals ...	12	10 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	31	6 0
			Insurance ...	43	11 6
			Other expenses ...	89	4 3
Total ...	£3,170	4 4	Total ...	£3,093	6 7

Visited 12th September and 21st March.—This Hospital continues to do admirable work. The large ward is airy, but very plain; it might be relieved by a little colour. A new operating-room, with tiled floor and well-cemented walls, has been added. A very kindly atmosphere pervades the whole place.

WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	2
Admitted during the year ...	32
Total under treatment ...	34
Discharged ...	32
Died ...	1
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...	1

Sex.—27 males, 7 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Hawke's Bay and Wairoa Counties and Waikaremoana.

Country.—New Zealand, 22; England, 3; Scotland, 1; Ireland, 5; Austria, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 19; Roman Catholic, 8; Presbyterian, 4; Wesleyan, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 846; individual average days' stay, 24·88. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 10d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	311	1 0	Rations ...	96	15 3
Local bodies ...	187	3 3	Surgery and dispensary ...	54	18
Subscriptions and donations ...	102	10 10	Fuel and light ...	37	2
Patients' payments ...	60	14 1	Bedding and clothing ...	3	17
Other sources ...	0	18 3	Furniture, &c. ...	8	7 0
			Salaries and wages ...	250	18 6
			Repairs ...	0	17 6
			New grounds ...	175	3 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	8	10 2
			Interest ...	0	5 0
			Insurance ...	3	4 0
			Other expenses ...	12	0 7
Total ...	£662	7 5	Total ...	£651	19 8

Visited 17th March.—There are seven beds in the present Hospital (a disused Courthouse), and there were two patients under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Stone on the day of visit. Dr. Moore has been appointed Medical Officer. The site for the new Hospital is a good one, on a slight rise near the town. The timber was lying on the ground, but the erection of the building had not started.

WANGANUI HOSPITAL

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	43
Admitted during the year	...	...	490
Total under treatment			533
Discharged	...	...	455
Died	...	...	36
Remaining on 31st March, 1903			42

Sex.—351 males, 182 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wanganui Borough, 242; Wanganui County, 60; Waitotara County, 66; Rangitikei County, 127; Marton Borough, 23; Patea, 6; Palmerston North, 7; Hawera, 2.

Country.—England, 101; Scotland, 34; Ireland, 70; New Zealand, 279; Australia, 19; Norway, 3; Sweden, 4; America, 7; Canada, 1; Germany, 3; Austria, 2; France, 3; India, 2; Channel Islands, 4; Africa, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 227; Roman Catholic, 124; Presbyterian, 92; Wesleyan, 31; Plymouth Brethren, 5; Baptist, 11; Salvation Army, 9; Lutheran, 7; Methodist, 15; Zionist, 1; unknown, 11.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 14,006; individual average days' stay, 26.28. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 10½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 167; attendances, 1,584.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,186	12	9	Rations	...	932	12	3
Local bodies	...	1,137	2	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	82	0	10
Subscriptions and donations	...	41	5	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	317	12	4
Rents	...	1,103	9	9	Fuel and light...	...	348	3	3
Patients' payments	...	510	16	1	Bedding and clothing	...	79	0	9
Other sources	...	195	15	10	Furniture and earthenware	...	79	0	4
Balance from last year	...	2,677	4	11	Salaries and wages	...	1,049	13	11
					Water-supply	...	90	0	0
					Funerals	...	11	15	0
					Repairs	...	3	3	5
					New buildings	...	2,019	9	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	42	5	8
					Interest	...	251	13	6
					Insurance	...	1	17	0
					Other expenses	...	117	8	9
Total	...	£6,852	6	11	Total	...	£5,425	16	6

Visited 13th September.—I have nothing but commendation for the medical and surgical work at this Hospital. The nursing is well looked after, and it is a burning question in the district as to whether the nurses shall be accommodated in the new ward divided into cubicles, or should have a separate building to themselves. I recommend the latter course, and think that £1,500 or £2,000 ought to provide adequate accommodation.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902	...	...	161
Admitted during the year	...	...	2,099
Total under treatment			2,260
Discharged	...	...	1,904
Died	...	...	159
Remaining on 31st March, 1903			197

Sex.—1,352 males, 908 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Wellington Hospital District: Wellington City, 1,630; Wellington Suburbs, 220; Petone, 96; Lower Hutt, 46; Upper Hutt, 17; Levin, 15; Otaki, 3; sundry small places in the district, 13. Wairarapa Hospital District: Masterton, 13; Featherston, 2; sundry places in the district, 40. Palmerston North Hospital District: Palmerston North, 4; sundry places in the district, 5. Wanganui Hospital District: Feilding, 6; Wanganui, 4; sundry places in district, 8. Taranaki Hospital District, 3; Waipawa Hospital District, 4; Cook Hospital District, 2; Hawke's Bay Hospital District, 2; South Canterbury Hospital District, 6; Christchurch, 6; Lyttelton, 4; Dunedin, 5; Westport, 8; Reefton, 1; Victoria, 1; Queensland, 1; ships in port, 95.

Nationality of Patients.—Colonials (New Zealand), 1,346; Colonials (Australia), 66; English, 444; Irish, 166; Scotch, 128; Americans, 25; Scandinavians, 30; Germans, 12; Italians, 8; Assyrians, 7; Russians, 6; Welsh, 5; Chinese, 4; Greeks, 3; French, 2; Spaniard, 1; Egyptian, 1; Finlander, 1; Austrian, 1; Pole, 1; India (native of), 1; Shetland Islander, 1; Manxman, 1.

Religion of Patients.—Church of England, 1,070; Roman Catholic, 526; Presbyterian, 305; Wesleyan Methodist, 185; Baptist, 28; Lutheran, 26; Primitive Methodist, 21; Congregationalist, 20; Salvation Army, 20; Brethren, 16; Church of Christ, 15; Christadelphians, 3; Hebrew, 3; Spiritualists, 3; Greek Church, 3; Agnostics, 2; Freethinkers, 2; Confucian, 2; Unitarian, 1; Mormon, 1; no religion, 8.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 66,215; individual average days' stay, 29.30. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 8½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 2,804; attendances, 14,046.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	7,004	16	0	Rations ...	...	3,890	10	1
Local bodies ...	...	6,580	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	174	4	9
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	225	1	7	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	1,274	1	5
Rents ...	...	2,523	0	0	Fuel and light ...	...	1,175	6	4
Patients' payments ...	...	2,260	9	11	Bedding and clothing ...	...	501	17	9
Other sources ...	...	511	1	6	Furniture and earthenware ...	...	164	12	11
Balance from last year ...	...	10,737	9	1	Washing and laundry ...	...	539	10	0
					Salaries and wages ...	...	4,484	8	8
					Water-supply ...	...	127	3	3
					Funerals ...	...	23	13	0
					Repairs ...	...	760	11	9
					New buildings and preparing site ...	...	2,439	18	9
					Additions to buildings ...	...	1,339	2	0
					Purchase of land for extension of premises ...	...	2,946	17	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	118	11	7
					Interest ...	...	353	13	8
					Insurance ...	...	96	18	3
					Other expenses ...	...	1,151	12	7
Total ...	...	£29,841	18	1	Total ...	...	£21,562	14	3

Visited several times during the year.—The great defect here, and one that I hope may be only temporary, is overcrowding. It is not right that stretchers should be introduced into the wards at night, over and above the number of filled beds. However, a start has at last been made with the building of the Nurses' Home, and when that is ready for occupation two large wards will be set free for the use of patients. During the year Miss Payne resigned from the matronship, upon her appointment to a similar post at Rotorua Sanatorium. Miss Payne's resignation was a great loss to the Hospital. She was a good administrator, and with Dr. Ewart had done admirable work in advancing and improving the nursing department. Miss Pettitt has succeeded Miss Payne as Matron. The Wellington out-patient department entails heavy work on the Resident Medical Officer, and the appointment of Dr. Elliott as Assistant Medical Officer will, I hope, relieve Dr. Ewart. The individual cases last year numbered 2,804, with 14,046 attendances. Dunedin Hospital comes next with 1,748 individual cases and 4,710 attendances.

WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	...	...	...	26
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	150
Total under treatment ...	...	...	...	176
Discharged ...	...	...	...	134
Died ...	...	...	...	20
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...	...	...	...	22

Sex.—131 males, 45 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Buller district and Wellington.

Country.—England, 46; Ireland, 37; Scotland, 10; New Zealand, 60; America, 3; Germany, 2; Denmark, 2; Sweden, 1; Australia, 9; Spain, 1; Italy, 1; Wales, 3; Holland, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 86; Roman Catholic, 52; Presbyterian, 16; Baptist, 4; Salvation Army, 10; Lutheran, 2; Methodist, 6.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 9,938; individual average days' stay, 56.46. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 6½d.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 133; attendances, 318.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	575	0 4	Rations ...	617	14 1
Local bodies ...	575	0 4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	55	19 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	73	7 9	Surgery and dispensary ...	106	9 0
Rents ...	25	0 0	Fuel and light... ..	118	15 3
Patients' payments ...	440	19 2	Bedding and clothing ...	21	12 7
Other sources ...	6	15 0	Furniture and earthenware ...	73	5 0
			Salaries and wages ...	598	6 0
			Funerals ...	23	12 6
			Repairs ...	36	11 4
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery, &c. ...	16	3 6
			Interest ...	0	4 9
			Insurance ...	13	19 0
			Other expenses ...	13	10 7
Total ...	£1,696	2 7	Total ...	£1,696	2 7

Visited 18th November.—Found this Hospital much improved, largely owing to the energy and ability of Miss Hayward, the Matron. Regular instruction is given by Dr. Mackenzie and the Matron to the nurses. I noticed three very good wheeled chairs, one of them specially for fracture cases. They were imported from America at a cost of £8 and £9.

WHANGAREI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1902 ...	7
Admitted during the year ...	83
Total under treatment ...	90
Discharged ...	69
Died ...	14
Remaining on 31st March, 1903 ...	7

Sex.—68 males, 22 females.

Localities from which Patients came.—Whangarei, 81; Bay of Islands, 6; Auckland, 2; Hobson County, 1.

Country.—New Zealand, 47; England, 22; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 2; Germany, 2; Norway, 1; Sweden, 2; France, 1; Nova Scotia, 2; Australia, 2; Wales, 1; unknown, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 40; Roman Catholic, 8; Presbyterian, 8; Wesleyan, 7; Lutheran, 1; Baptist, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Mormon, 1; not described, 22.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,172; individual average days' stay, 24.13. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	550	15 1	Rations ...	219	16 2
Local bodies ...	266	5 1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	5	0 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	237	1 7	Surgery and dispensary ...	155	9 1
Rents ...	16	16 0	Fuel and light ...	32	4 6
Patients' payments ...	208	9 9	Bedding and clothing ...	7	19 5
Other sources ...	22	15 0	Furniture, &c. ...	47	17 0
			Washing and laundry ...	1	7 0
			Salaries and wages ...	197	15 4
			New buildings ...	117	0 6
			Insurance ...	11	0 0
			Hospital grounds ...	58	4 3
			Water-supply ...	279	14 7
			Rawene Cottage Hospital ...	168	14 8
Total ...	£1,302	2 6	Total ...	£1,302	2 6

This is one of the nicest and neatest hospitals in the country. The water-supply has not yet been provided, although this was promised to me before the plans were approved. It is well managed, and evidently great interest is taken in it by the people of the district. Good roads have been made, and planting has been done, so that the beauty of the situation will soon have its full effect.

D. MACGREGOR, M.A., M.B.,
Inspector-General of Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.

TABLE showing Admissions, Discharges, &c., of Patients at Hospitals for the Year ended the 31st March, 1903.

Hospitals.	Number of Patients on March 31, 1902.	Number of Patients admitted during Year.	Total under Treatment.	Number discharged.	Died.	Number remaining on March 31, 1903.	Sex.		Total Collective Days' Stay in Hospital.	Individual Average Days' Stay.	Average Daily Cost per Patient.	Percentage of Cost of Administration on Total Expenditure.	Number of Outdoor Patients.	
							M.	F.					Individual Cases.	Attendances.
Akaroa	1	31	32	29	2	1	21	11	707	22.10	0 8 6	50.00	78	105
Arrowtown	6	88	94	88	15	3	32	32	1,660	17.66	0 11 3 1/2	46.00	..	..
Ashburton	16	201	217	185	203	17	175	42	5,178	23.86	0 5 2 1/2	19.43	..	..
Auckland	203	1,895	2,098	1,717	232	149	1,381	717	69,424	33.09	0 4 7 1/2	27.02	1,440	9,579
Blenheim	11	161	172	153	11	8	116	56	5,159	30.00	0 7 3 1/2	36.55	..	..
Charleston	7	30	37	24	8	5	37	..	1,144	30.92	0 9 0 1/2	37.20	5	98
Christchurch	90	1,590	1,680	1,456	131	93	1,041	639	38,286	22.80	0 4 9 1/2	60.53	1,269	9,141
Christchurch	8	117	125	105	14	6	89	36	2,632	22.65	0 7 8	34.45	166	307
Cromwell	2	72	74	66	5	3	61	13	1,152	15.57	0 12 6 1/2	31.80	40	60
Dunedin	103	1,142	1,244	1,049	101	94	778	466	38,314	30.80	0 4 7 1/2	53.50	1,748	4,710
Dunstan	3	54	57	45	7	5	48	9	1,468	25.75	0 11 3	46.68	47	..
Gisborne	25	265	290	251	15	24	210	80	7,659	26.41	0 4 8	29.76	176	315
Greytown	51	203	203	169	33	52	214	40	19,358	76.21	0 3 1	26.38	..	..
Hawera	11	148	159	138	12	9	109	50	3,785	23.80	0 7 4 1/2	34.56	186	465
Hokitika	34	150	184	121	30	33	131	53	12,486	67.85	0 4 0 1/2	38.90	970	2,008
Invercargill	37	436	473	394	42	37	331	142	13,758	29.08	0 5 0 1/2	44.44	166	272
Kumara	13	77	90	65	8	17	73	17	7,039	78.21	0 2 10 1/2	16.66	70	..
Lawrence	7	104	111	96	13	2	86	25	2,391	21.54	0 7 4 1/2	11.95	..	..
Masterton	11	85	96	81	9	6	73	23	3,397	35.37	0 7 10 1/2	58.23	16	23
Mercury Bay	2	43	45	40	4	1	39	6	583	13.06	1 11 2	38.95	360	1,750
Napier	53	441	494	417	33	44	317	177	13,954	28.25	0 5 5 1/2	34.68	904	..
Naseby	5	153	158	135	16	7	101	57	4,404	27.87	0 7 1 1/2	36.43	42	139
Nelson	23	272	245	245	20	30	183	112	12,476	42.29	0 4 4 1/2	26.58	939	3,276
New Plymouth	15	365	380	335	25	20	252	128	8,151	21.45	0 6 4 1/2	..	..	..
Northern Wairoa†	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oamaru	21	190	211	172	19	20	155	56	5,200	24.64	0 5 10 1/2	24.00	103	725
Ohaki	5	86	91	83	4	4	71	20	1,964	21.58	0 9 7	50.37	..	..
Pahiatua	..	66	66	55	5	6	50	16	1,455	22.05	0 8 0 1/2	20.00	..	..
Palmerston North	23	254	277	237	22	18	190	87	7,288	26.31	0 5 5	44.41	..	..
Patea	2	50	52	47	3	2	38	14	1,039	21.13	0 9 11	29.62	..	..
Pictou	12	94	106	81	13	12	79	27	4,274	40.32	0 5 0 1/2	18.33	..	..
Queenstown	5	77	82	66	7	9	58	24	2,380	28.41	0 7 3 1/2	50.64	58	149
Reefton	24	106	130	94	14	22	119	11	5,366	41.27	0 6 11 1/2	36.03	291	1,008
Riverton	15	121	136	104	13	19	96	40	2,723	20.00	0 12 9 1/2	38.17	179	200
Ross	8	19	27	15	6	6	25	2	3,233	119.73	0 4 6 1/2	44.45	3	50
South Wairarapa	8	66	74	64	4	6	60	14	1,852	25.02	0 12 2 1/2	26.14	..	..
Thames	38	383	421	343	29	49	300	121	13,951	33.13	0 3 7 1/2	33.52	329	1,002
Timaru	35	438	473	402	36	35	304	169	12,574	26.58	0 4 10 1/2	28.16	370	1,480
Wainī	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikato*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wairakei	15	145	160	132	13	15	96	64	4,195	26.21	0 5 10	40.14	62	206
Waipawa	28	363	391	332	22	37	284	107	11,043	28.24	0 5 7 1/2	34.43	..	..
Wairoa	2	32	34	32	1	1	27	7	846	24.88	0 11 3 1/2	39.72	..	..
Wanganui	43	490	533	455	36	42	351	182	14,006	26.28	0 4 7	22.76	167	1,584
Wellington	161	2,099	2,260	1,904	159	197	1,352	908	66,215	29.30	0 4 4 1/2	31.71	2,804	14,046
Westport	26	150	176	134	20	22	131	45	9,938	56.46	0 3 4 1/2	36.20	133	318
Whangarei	7	88	90	69	14	7	68	22	2,172	24.13	0 6 2 1/2	29.20	..	..
Totals	1,214	13,435	14,649	12,225	1,229	1,195	9,782	4,867	446,494	30.47	0 5 4 1/2	30.05	13,121	58,016

* Failed to furnish returns. † Not yet opened.

TABLE showing Receipts on Account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1903.

Hospitals.	From Government.	From Hospital Boards and Local Authorities.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents, &c.	Payments by Patents.	Other Sources.	Balance from Last Year.	Total Receipts
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Akaroa	134 15 0	134 15 7	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	30 10 0	.. .. .	365 13 4	300 0 7
Arrowtown	351 6 10	211 10 0	79 11 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	11 0 1	.. .. .	194 18 3	1,213 19 6
Ashburton	1,570 6 4	1,492 13 4	1 7 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	171 2 11	.. .. .	.. .. .	3,297 3 7
Auckland	6,231 14 7	6,091 15 11	96 0 0	340 1 1	198 13 2	4,091 16 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	17,050 1 5
Blenheim	1,460 13 6	1,027 13 8	30 12 0	.. .. .	22 2 0	379 1 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,928 0 7
Charleston	223 2 6	108 2 6	79 7 6	.. .. .	10 0 0	105 3 9	.. .. .	42 17 8	563 13 11
Christchurch	5,691 5 7	5,296 13 2	29 7 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	927 11 5	.. .. .	741 12 9	12,790 3 8
Coromandel	483 16 6	100 0 0	198 16 6	.. .. .	5 0 0	87 5 0	.. .. .	102 14 9	1,227 2 9
Cromwell	3,418 11 1	3,000 0 0	193 8 10	592 3 6	.. .. .	109 9 2	.. .. .	654 9 2	1,561 11 9
Dunedin	458 16 6	288 13 3	257 9 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,696 5 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	9,243 12 1
Dunstan	940 1 10	820 0 0	124 15 1	.. .. .	55 19 8	98 5 11	.. .. .	11 14 8	932 5 5
Gisborne	1,726 16 2	750 0 0	98 7 5	.. .. .	10 5 0	395 13 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,310 1 11
Greymouth	598 13 2	516 9 2	394 9 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	607 0 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	3,501 8 11
Hawera	927 0 2	556 11 8	68 10 0	.. .. .	4 0 0	214 9 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,998 1 10
Hokitika	1,730 4 2	1,686 0 0	335 6 2	.. .. .	28 12 0	298 8 6	.. .. .	389 14 2	2,532 17 7
Invercargill	389 1 3	210 1 4	75 10 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	476 6 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	4,125 0 4
Kumara	268 5 9	514 7 6	150 12 3	.. .. .	.. .. .	219 3 0	.. .. .	60 15 11	1,029 13 9
Lawrence	1,048 14 1	887 5 0	2 12 9	.. .. .	.. .. .	123 10 5	.. .. .	211 15 8	1,115 12 1
Masterton	440 12 7	.. .. .	138 3 9	.. .. .	20 8 6	147 7 1	.. .. .	743 14 1	2,965 4 0
Mercury Bay	2,084 13 3	1,000 0 0	362 6 6	209 14 4	60 7 6	38 17 4	.. .. .	296 2 2	1,158 7 1
Napier	468 0 5	287 6 6	146 3 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	406 13 4	.. .. .	444 6 9	4,898 1 4
Naseby	1,508 6 10	900 0 0	255 12 6	.. .. .	218 0 0	530 16 11	.. .. .	349 10 2	1,825 5 0
Nelson	1,227 0 5	776 14 0	36 7 4	.. .. .	2 10 0	13 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	3,434 12 4
New Plymouth	711 6 7	.. .. .	848 12 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	659 13 5	.. .. .	7 11 1	3,298 16 2
Northern Wairoa	172 17 0	.. .. .	110 11 0	100 0 0	828 4 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	184 19 7	1,646 19 5
Oamaru	408 3 11	408 3 2	16 1 9	.. .. .	.. .. .	263 12 7	.. .. .	1,945 6 2	1,945 6 2
Ohaki	577 19 8	340 0 0	162 1 0	.. .. .	8 4 0	103 6 1	.. .. .	.. .. .	941 14 11
Pahiatua	779 3 2	707 17 0	69 16 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	120 4 0	.. .. .	327 14 9	1,539 10 11
Palmerston North	186 4 11	165 0 0	18 6 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	550 0 3	.. .. .	470 4 5	2,615 12 7
Patea	819 14 3	577 14 1	307 16 8	.. .. .	5 12 0	135 3 2	.. .. .	109 11 6	619 17 11
Picton	410 19 5	260 0 0	50 4 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	160 3 8	.. .. .	151 11 3	2,076 3 9
Queenstown	851 18 5	357 10 0	421 10 7	.. .. .	.. .. .	238 18 7	.. .. .	23 11 1	978 13 7
Reefton	283 9 1	843 7 6	30 8 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	310 1 0	.. .. .	43 18 2	1,984 18 2
Riverton	350 16 6	248 7 8	87 13 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	169 7 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,917 14 5
Ross	1,523 16 4	233 19 10	787 4 4	.. .. .	4 0 0	90 15 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	739 15 3
South Wairarapa	1,303 14 10	1,271 8 0	95 7 0	279 17 6	.. .. .	50 1 0	.. .. .	199 5 9	1,558 15 10
Thames	1,160 19 0	63 6 9	1,696 13 0	.. .. .	8 10 0	698 13 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	4,068 7 11
Timaru	559 4 10	553 6 0	733 12 11	.. .. .	.. .. .	282 14 3	.. .. .	.. .. .	4,595 7 0
Waikato	1,559 2 7	1,100 0 0	5 1 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,983 9 3
Waimate	311 1 0	187 3 3	128 11 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	132 9 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,262 0 6
Waipawa	1,186 12 9	1,137 2 0	102 10 10	.. .. .	.. .. .	281 8 6	.. .. .	84 12 10	3,170 4 4
Wanganui	7,004 16 0	6,580 0 0	41 5 7	.. .. .	1,108 9 9	60 14 1	.. .. .	.. .. .	662 7 5
Wellington	575 0 4	575 0 4	225 7 9	.. .. .	2,523 0 0	510 16 1	.. .. .	2,677 4 11	6,852 6 11
Westport	550 15 1	266 5 1	73 7 9	.. .. .	25 0 0	2,260 9 11	.. .. .	10,737 9 1	29,841 18 1
Whangarei .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	237 1 7	.. .. .	16 16 0	440 19 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,696 2 7
Totals	55,880 11 9	44,013 5 2	10,017 4 10	1,521 16 5	5,158 14 1	19,612 9 10	3,063 9 3	19,432 15 8	158,700 7 0

* Failed to furnish returns.

TABLE showing the Expenditure on Hospitals during the Year ended the 31st March, 1903.

Hospitals.	Rations and Provisions.	Wine, Ale, &c.	Surgery and Dispensary.	Fuel and Light.	Bedding and Clothing.	Furniture, Crockery, &c.	Washing and Laundry.	Salaries and Wages.	Water-supply.	Funerals.	Repairs.	Additions to Buildings, &c., and New Buildings.	Printing, Advertising, Postage, and Stationery.	For Interest.	For Insurance.	For Commission.	Other Expenses.	Total.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Akaroa	286 5 8	3 15 0	13 15 1	26 16 1	24 8 4	6 4 6	..	150 0 0	..	16 2 6	61 5 0	9 12 0	9 3 0	..	10 6 3	..	17 8 9	300 0 7		
Arrowtown	46 7 11	17 8 6	87 15 4	73 16 9	17 1 8	..	..	420 8 6	..	2 0 0	10 11 1	11 696 13 2	10 8 6	2 10 0	56 16 0	7 4 0	36 3 3	935 0 1
Ashburton	361 13 7	314 8 2	317 10 6	1,204 2 7	176 3 10	279 6 11	464 19 6	4,066 11 11	223 10 0	2 0 0	671 17 11	596 6 5	81 14 11	..	38 9 9	..	137 18 10	3,046 0 1		
Auckland	3,577 17 10	20 5 3	149 14 5	1,899 2 8	150 11 0	..	..	766 8 3	83 19 0	36 3 0	49 5 6	25 4 8	47 13 4	..	23 7 0	7 14 0	2,131 4 10	16,630 5 2
Blenheim	449 3 8	14 19 4	37 5 4	13 5 5	26 7 9	4 6 2	..	178 0 0	..	3 10 0	4 18 6	30 0 0	11 3 9	..	2 7 3	..	89 0 9	2,054 18 11		
Charleston	165 2 8	61 12 10	761 12 6	1,388 4 10	321 7 3	107 13 10	..	3,958 0 4	..	25 14 6	281 0 7	..	53 6 2	1 9 0	85 4 5	..	28 18 3	516 14 5		
Christchurch	2,450 4 3	5 18 0	74 16 6	30 13 3	31 2 9	..	..	646 15 4	..	3 11 6	53 7 0	..	11 8 3	..	17 12 0	1 4 6	1,286 17 5	10,782 7 11
Coromandel	154 6 4	186 13 0	57 19 0	944 3 3	36 18 5	..	..	416 10 9	20 0 0	3 15 0	16 18 0	..	15 8 9	..	10 7 0	0 10 0	28 11 6	1,087 4 4
Cromwell	112 8 3	4 7 9	939 18 11	944 3 3	61 19 10	295 16 4	..	2,740 1 5	5 14 1	0 0 0	375 17 4	..	78 19 9	4 19 0	49 16 4	12 16 2	532 6 0	1,254 0 5		
Dunedin	2,595 1 5	13 11 1	39 5 2	42 2 5	6 4 10	35 8 1	..	474 2 6	6 0 0	0 16 0	0 1 7	103 1 0	21 14 3	0 2 6	14 10 0	0 11 6	386 2 3	8,845 7 6		
Dunstan	153 19 3	13 11 1	130 7 1	160 17 10	57 13 11	44 15 0	..	811 7 5	..	12 2 0	127 2 9	..	22 10 3	15 2 0	57 2 0	..	..	28 10 0
Gisborne	317 11 4	77 8 0	163 17 9	166 4 3	284 19 11	83 11 7	..	917 3 6	..	..	27 15 0	794 17 0	62 14 3	25 9 6	30 0 0	..	38 7 2	3,757 14 1
Greyouth	997 15 9	18 15 6	69 8 3	109 11 6	13 16 9	68 14 8	..	384 1 6	..	..	27 15 0	..	31 9 11	39 11 6	6 5 0	2 2 0	426 19 1	1,398 1 10
Hawera	199 11 2	55 18 6	140 11 8	136 13 4	156 16 7	66 10 4	..	820 11 1	..	27 0 0	52 17 6	20 12 9	58 6 0	28 2 10	15 4 6	0 10 0	268 8 2	2,542 13 3		
Hokitika	795 0 0	19 5 3	233 10 3	339 0 6	59 9 10	130 9 0	64 2 8	1,369 19 10	17 19 0	38 0 0	199 10 8	..	36 5 11	6 14 6	0 10 0	29 3 0	3,496 2 5			
Invercargill	820 9 6	8 0 0	5 10 0	83 1 0	103 0 11	..	..	1,369 19 10	..	20 0 0	51 10 10	..	10 12 6	..	0 10 0	1 0 0	1,018 9 7	..
Kumara	344 4 10	..	30 4 5	68 11 4	3 15 0	18 14 0	..	384 7 6	10 0 0	4 0 0	71 16 6	..	8 2 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	24 5 0	882 5 10	..		
Lawrence	257 0 1	10 12 3	125 6 5	106 10 9	52 12 6	28 6 6	27 17 7	603 5 10	69 0 0	7 0 0	10 16 6	17 9 0	29 5 1	2 1 3	18 19 6	28 10 6	35 9 11	1,338 2 3		
Masterton	228 10 1	19 13 4	94 10 2	20 4 0	19 2 5	9 9 6	10 19 10	532 12 11	..	..	24 5 11	..	21 0 0	7 14 6	..	39 8 2	916 16 1	..
Mercury Bay	110 4 10	23 7 0	497 18 7	364 16 6	169 10 11	..	..	1,441 11 8	6 0 0	..	..	..	49 14 9	0 3 6	67 8 0	40 13 4	36 16 9	4,546 19 6
Napier	1,067 3 8	19 13 4	94 10 2	20 4 0	19 2 5	9 9 6	10 19 10	532 12 11	..	..	..	..	15 1 10	..	9 0 0	..	132 13 3	1,681 7 3
Naseby	337 11 8	23 7 0	105 12 3	90 0 6	54 12 10	14 6 0	10 11 10	567 16 4	..	15 0 0	244 10 9	..	17 0 0	..	38 0 0	..	99 15 3	3,115 4 3		
Nelson	579 6 5	28 9 1	341 18 10	181 6 5	90 3 0	118 3 2	..	1,117 18 11	17 0 0	15 8 0	104 2 5	366 13 0	17 0 0	..	..	..	182 10 8	3,298 16 2
New Plymouth	487 0 5	31 2 7	299 15 9	228 1 9	60 11 11	128 14 7	151 15 5	778 8 1	11 0 0	10 5 0	..	701 7 10	98 16 8	59 7 3	32 12 9	37 5 6	252 3 6	1,102 3 7		
North. Wairoa	..	..	88 12 7	..	..	..	..	66 13 4	..	..	..	852 13 9	18 8 8	2 0 0	2 14 6	..	4 3 1	2,387 7 2
Oamaru	424 14 4	21 12 10	112 12 2	123 11 0	76 14 3	100 15 8	..	554 2 11	..	23 4 0	70 0 0	..	18 8 8	..	..	..	151 7 0	941 14 1
Ohaki	183 4 9	6 6 4	48 0 3	65 7 6	13 7 4	..	..	471 6 5	..	..	..	..	46 15 10	4 11 5	11 2 0	27 10 0	154 17 11	1,449 8 4
Pahiatua	156 5 10	7 0 0	67 15 6	26 1 6	..	..	..	243 8 8	..	..	..	..	33 13 3	0 19 0	39 17 9	..	100 6 10	2,267 12 4
Palmerston N.	372 3 4	13 3 6	155 6 5	200 0 5	25 5 9	32 11 11	43 2 10	888 0 0	..	13 12 6	35 5 2	254 3 8	12 2 0	..	6 8 8	..	3 7 3	833 13 8		
Patea	119 19 3	2 6 0	46 19 5	58 4 8	6 7 4	8 4 3	18 19 6	234 9 10	..	3 17 6	26 5 0	286 3 0	12 2 0	
Pictou	144 1 1	7 10 0	78 15 0	46 16 10	140 6 9	..	..	349 9 2	7 0 0	12 0 0	20 2 6	860 10 6	15 7 3	26 2 8	17 13 3	..	277 13 8	1,991 8 8
Queenstown	209 3 1	8 8 0	38 18 8	84 4 7	1 8 0	22 15 0	..	425 18 8	..	9 16 0	..	..	3 12 6	..	..	..	23 5 4	848 13 10
Reefton	564 4 1	58 1 6	77 13 6	116 14 2	54 3 8	107 10 0	47 2 1	635 3 1	..	11 0 0	17 7 0	..	76 18 5	0 12 0	3 15 0	7 8 0	227 9 7	1,998 5 11		
Riverton	359 8 3	15 17 0	96 6 0	112 1 9	53 3 6	84 6 10	14 7 6	316 11 6	4 10 0	9 0 0	26 19 3	..	12 6 0	0 7 8	12 2 9	..	85 6 4	1,901 12 10		
Ross	198 7 9	7 8 6	56 12 3	41 6 0	34 18 6	21 8 0	..	394 17 6	..	18 11 6	434 2 8	..	15 7 4	14 4 9	22 8 1	0 16 0	12 14 0	739 15 3		
S. Wairarapa	264 12 6	4 10 0	296 13 6	153 18 2	12 1 2	24 18 0	..	1,056 13 10	..	18 11 6	25 1 1	290 14 3	15 7 4	2 6 6	38 18 9	..	241 19 4	1,568 4 0		
Thames	490 18 7	75 17 6	354 18 11	350 16 4	88 15 11	49 0 0	..	1,034 9 8	27 14 7	..	141 6 5	51,520 4 3	43 19 0	..	..	..	82 18 2	2,800 0 1
Timaru	825 6 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	43 15 0	..	..	..	1,183 5 0	14 16 8	0 16 5	..	..	109 12 9	4,595 7 0
Waihi
Waikato*
Waikate	225 19 8	18 8 6	91 13 1	85 15 3	59 4 3	16 3 9	..	525 15 9	..	1 4 0	56 13 10	113 16 3	11 19 0	..	..	..	116 9 5	1,340 1 9
Waipawa	912 4 6	26 2 6	370 5 3	152 3 1	62 10 8	275 12 6	83 4 0	1,034 12 4	..	12 10 0	..	..	31 6 0	..	..	..	89 4 3	3,093 6 7
Wairoa	96 15 3	..	54 18 3	37 2 9	3 17 2	8 7 0	..	250 18 6	..	..	0 17 6	..	8 10 2	0 5 0	3 4 0	..	187 4 1	631 19 8
Wanganui	932 12 3	82 0 10	317 12 4	348 3 4	79 0 9	79 0 4	..	1,049 13 11	90 0 0	11 15 0	3 52,019 9 6	..	42 5 8	251 13 6	17 0 0	..	117 8 9	5,425 16 6		
Wellington	3,890 10 1	174 4 9	1,274 5 1	1,175 6 4	501 17 9	104 12 11	539 10 0	4,484 8 8	8127 3 3	23 13 0	760 11 93,779 9 6	..	118 11 7	353 13 8	96 18 3	..	4,098 10 1	121,502 14 3		
Westport	617 14 1	55 19 0	106 9 0	118 15 3	21 12 7	73 5 0	..	598 6 0	..	23 12 6	36 11 4	..	16 3 6	0 4 9	13 19 0	..	13 10 7	1,066 2 7		
Whangarei	219 16 2	5 0 0	155 9 1	32 4 6	7 19 5	47 17 0	1 7 0	197 15 4	..	..	..	117 0 6	..	..	..	..	506 13 6	1,302 2 6
Totals	28,104 1 10	1,544 9 1	10,782 12 10	9,392 13 5	3,761 6 11	2,940 18 1	1,477 19 9	94,082 15 3	3,934 11 9	9,460 0 6	4,346 15 4	17,647 16 10	1,394 3 0	819 6 10	10,007 9 7	193 14 2	13,136 1 10	138,026 17 0		

* Failed to furnish returns.

TABLE showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the under-mentioned Charitable Institutions during the Year ended the 31st March, 1903.

District.	Balance from Last Year.					Receipts.						Expenditure.						Average Weekly Cost of Children boarded out.																	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	From Government.	From Rates.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents, &c.	Payments by or on behalf of Persons relieved.	Other Sources.	Total.	Indoor Relief.	Outdoor Relief.	Total.		Children's Portion of Expenses.	Number of Children boarded out.	Total Cost of Children boarded out.														
North of Auckland...	438	8	0	1,793	3	3	1,167	3	8	1,709	0	162	1	2	3,595	0	8	1,175	18	7	*2,280	2	3	201	9	9	13	147	10	0	0	6	0	6	0
Auckland...	378	9	11	5,835	4	4	2,409	15	6	1,709	14	634	2	5	14,772	5	0	9,024	18	0	14,125	9	8	817	2	2	13	147	10	0	0	6	0	6	0
Whangamata and Coromandel	39	17	3	1,332	14	6	848	7	8	6	12	126	7	7	3,010	11	10	1,056	19	0	2,166	1	1	267	1	0	1	10	0	0	0	6	0	6	0
Waikato	281	12	11	148	15	3	254	5	0	..	0	21	16	0	725	15	5	400	10	9	400	10	9	81	4	0	2	31	4	0	0	6	0	6	0
Bay of Plenty	..	..	..	449	16	2	551	5	0	1	6	..	..	..	1,112	8	5	430	9	1	708	13	7	76	6	11	3	76	6	11	5	8	5	8
Took	603	18	10	742	9	5	1,023	11	1	..	0	459	19	5	2,874	18	9	1,278	1	9	2,563	0	0	139	18	7	9	122	18	8	5	10	5	10	
Tairāpiti	..	..	..	2,204	7	2	2,204	7	2	..	0	..	..	..	4,408	14	4	1,700	15	8	2,389	10	6	137	16	0	9	137	16	0	5	10	5	10
Manukau	..	..	..	809	6	7	809	3	0	0	3	329	5	7	2,284	9	9	1,062	10	8	1,865	11	6	142	13	3	8	76	7	3	6	1	6	1
Wanganui and Pateta	320	0	11	511	16	0	511	16	0	0	0	23	14	6	1,190	14	10	1,070	3	8	1,178	15	7	197	14	2	6	89	2	3	6	3	6	3	
Tairāpiti North	113	18	4	4,944	4	3	3,912	13	0	822	4	822	4	8	20,625	18	6	7,614	11	11	12,395	14	9	2,174	13	2	32	544	14	0	6	8	6	8	
Palmerston North	8,492	2	10	283	1	6	283	1	7	..	0	..	..	..	566	3	1	297	15	8	566	3	1	59	0	4	4	15	12	0	6	6	6	6
Wellington	88	18	0	88	18	0	..	0	177	16	0	131	0	0	177	16	0	46	16	0
Marau	1,047	7	9	1,404	9	3	900	0	0	103	11	1,299	5	11	4,867	10	11	1,070	12	7	3,331	2	6	1,046	19	2	6	72	16	0	4	8	4	8	
Hokitika	232	13	0	486	9	8	..	0	125	15	6	702	9	2	703	9	2	125	15	6
Tairāpiti	349	9	0	365	14	2	242	10	0	100	0	..	..	..	1,080	0	6	603	17	10	702	0	8	98	2	10	..	340	10	4	4	5	4	5
Nelson	286	8	4	710	5	5	648	7	0	..	0	..	..	..	1,648	16	9	797	10	1	1,369	18	2	882	9	5	25	340	10	4	4	5	4	5
Buller	127	13	4	702	4	11	262	17	4	294	8	..	..	..	1,438	0	7	1,505	7	10	1,785	1	0	395	19	4	19	297	1	0	6	1	6	1
Grey	..	..	..	6,947	14	9	6,035	15	9	58	11	952	5	1	18,084	18	7	7,356	8	7	16,565	19	9	1,995	0	0	68	879	0	9	6	0	6	0
Westland	2,138	8	11	1,802	1	9	1,802	1	9	..	0	..	..	..	186	3	2	2,083	13	8	3,156	17	11	498	13	8	38	463	12	9	4	8	4	8
North Canterbury	92	2	10	997	1	3	674	7	9	71	9	226	12	4	2,197	9	2	1,089	17	9	1,765	13	6	206	0	7	..	14	6	0	5	6	5	6	
South Canterbury	1,287	1	5	5,889	5	7	5,669	2	6	262	5	1,865	0	3	16,341	12	4	7,955	19	10	14,043	16	0	3,243	5	5	1	14	6	0	7	0	7	0	
North Otago	..	..	..	3,422	9	7	3,369	5	1	65	13	664	18	8	7,732	12	1	6,087	16	2	8,716	15	1	65	13	5	9	45	16	0	7	0	7	0
South Otago
Totals	17,896	4	5	42,478	11	2	34,105	3	6	3,495	17	8	8,143	19	8	116,008	4	1	49,737	1	0	93,158	2	6	12,849	14	8	253	3,364	13	11

* Also £689 13s. paid to Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

† Failed to furnish returns.

‡ The Samaritan Home has not furnished returns.

§ Including £3,905 14s. 10d. purchase of land and buildings, &c., at farm.

¶ Including £3,339 8s. 3d. rebuilding Ashburton Home.

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1903, and 31st March, 1902.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1903.	31st March, 1902.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1903.	31st March, 1902.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1903.	31st March, 1902.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	...	...	...	...	9	11	...	2	9	11	...	2
Auckland	10	10	...	...	50	42	8	...	60	52	8	...
Coromandel and Thames...	1	1	...	...	19	22	...	3	20	23	...	3
Waikato	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	5	...	6	...	6
Bay of Plenty	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Cook	3	8	...	5	...	...	...	...	3	8	...	5
Hawke's Bay	8	9	...	1	1	1	...	...	9	10	...	1
Taranaki	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...
Patea and Wanganui	6	2	4	...	4	4	...	...	10	6	4	...
Palmerston North	3	5	...	2	7	7	...	...	10	12	...	2
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	98	92	6	...	130	136	...	6
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	28	33	...	5	...	8	...	8				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	4	...
Wairau	1	1	...	...	4	...	4	...				
Picton	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	4	3	1	...
Nelson	6	5	1	...	24	17	7	...	30	22	8	...
Buller...	...	...	...	...	8	9	...	1	8	9	...	1
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	8	5	3	...	8	5	3	...
Grey	25	19	6	...	33	36	...	3	58	55	3	...
Westland	19	16	3	...	5	7	...	2	24	23	1	...
Ashburton and North Canterbury...	59	57	2	...	54	55	...	1	113	112	1	...
South Canterbury	38	30	8	...	5	7	...	2	43	37	6	...
North Otago	...	...	...	...	18	14	4	...	18	14	4	...
Otago United	...	...	...	...	163	158	5	...	164	160	4	...
Otago Benevolent Institution	1	2	...	1	...	...	...		
Southland	1	6	...	5	1	3	...	2	2	9	...	7
Totals	224	219	25	20	515	506	38	29	739	725	47	33

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).

(This table refers to outdoor relief and to heads of families only.)

	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board.
Lack of employment—						
(1.) Able-bodied	19	9	...	10	35	...
(2.) Inefficient	11	39	20	4	50	2
Sickness	119	42	2	33	10	10
Accident	2	3	...	1	...	1
Insanity of bread-winner	10	...	1	...	...	1
Imprisonment of bread-winner	5	2	...	...	...	...
Desertion of bread-winner	45	29	1	7	1	9
No male support—						
(1.) Widows	119	17	10	38	2	37
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	38	6	...	...	...	1
Intemperance	10	1	...	...	...	...
Shiftlessness	8	...	...	1	...	...
Physical defects...	25	1	2	7	3	4
Old age	74	13	9	13	8	7
Causes undetermined	19	19	...	...	...	...
Total number of cases	504	181	45	114	109	72

TABLE II.—DECISIONS IN CASES OF APPLICANTS FOR RELIEF.

	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board.
Continuous outdoor relief	306	108	19	53	15	49
Intermittent outdoor relief	76	21	16	24	25	18
Temporary outdoor relief	110	79	10	37	89	...
Indoor relief	327	111	...	60	7	30
Transportation	12	...	...	17	10	...
Boarded-out children	68	...	...	...	...	...

TABLE III.—NUMBER OF RATIONS ISSUED.

	Number of Rations issued Year ended 31st March, 1903.	Number of Rations issued Year ended 31st March, 1902.	Amount given in Cash, Year ended 31st March, 1903.	Amount given in Cash, Year ended 31st March, 1902.	Total Number relieved, Year ended 31st March, 1903.	Total Number relieved, Year ended 31st March, 1902.	Remarks.
Christchurch Charitable Aid Board	211,016	215,473	£ 2,420 2 6	£ 2,139 9 4	1,425	1,462	
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	58,164	51,951	1,261 0 2	1,271 16 9	571	432	
Hokitika Benevolent Trustees	...	...	208 11 6	149 5 6	...	...	Relief given by orders on store-keepers.
Napier Charitable Aid Board	51,528	58,039	35 15 10	25 1 4	279	292	
North Wairarapa Benevolent Trustees	...	...	...	...	...	...	Relief given by orders on store-keepers.
South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	...	...	Orders given on Board's own store in town, and in the country by orders on store-keepers.

Description of Daily Ration.

Christchurch.—Meat; also bread and groceries out of Board's store to value of 3·40d. per daily ration.

Wellington.—Bread, 1 lb.; potatoes, 1 lb.; meat, 8 oz.; sugar, 1½ oz.; tea, ¼ oz. Value, 4½d.

Napier.—Groceries, &c., to the value of 4d.

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