

HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	33
Admitted during the year	158
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	Total under treatment	191
Discharged	120
Died	28
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	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	43

Sex.—130 males, 61 females.

Locality from which Patients came.—Westland.

Country.—New Zealand, 52; England, 36; Scotland, 20; Ireland, 39; Australia, 5; Tasmania, 2; Germany, 7; Italy, 7; Switzerland, 5; Finland, 2; Canada 3, Norway, 1; Sweden, 1; China, 2; Denmark, 3; Austria, 2; Shetland Islands, 4.

Religion.—Church of England, 51; Presbyterian, 32; Roman Catholic, 91; Lutheran, 8; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Wesleyan, 4; Confucian, 2; Agnostic, 1; Freethinker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 14,802; individual average days' stay, 77·50. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 3s.

Outdoor Patients.—Individual cases, 202; attendances, 592.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	...	986	1	7	Rations ...	...	993	4	8
Local bodies ...	...	550	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	...	88	9	5
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	367	12	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	...	186	0	6
Patients' payments ...	...	438	19	4	Fuel and light ...	...	144	2	7
Other sources ...	...	29	14	1	Bedding and clothing ...	...	48	1	11
					Furniture and earthenware ...	...	20	14	6
					Salaries and wages ...	...	824	12	5
					Funerals ...	...	45	0	0
					Repairs ...	...	39	7	1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	...	69	12	3
					Interest ...	...	0	2	6
					Insurance ...	...	29	7	5
					Commission ...	...	16	17	6
					Other expenses ...	...	178	5	7
Total ...	...	£2,372	7	0	Total ...	...	£2,683	18	4

Visited 17th September and 11th December.—On the September visit this Hospital was in a state of demoralisation, the old-men inmates simply taking charge and doing pretty well as they pleased. Since then, Miss Griffith, a first-class Christchurch nurse, has been appointed Matron, and will greatly improve matters in regard to nursing and discipline. There are no separate lavatory arrangements for the staff and no proper hot-water supply for baths.

INVERCARGILL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	37
Admitted during the year	482
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	Total under treatment	519
Discharged	447
Died	35
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	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	37

Sex.—360 males, 159 females.

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

Country.—England, 72; Ireland, 51; Scotland, 55; New Zealand, 278; Victoria, 15; Tasmania, 9; Mediterranean, 1; France, 2; China, 10; Canada, 2; Germany, 2; America, 2; West Indies, 2; Norway, 2; Jersey, 4; at sea, 1; Australia, 1; South America, 1; Shetland, 1; New South Wales, 1; Denmark, 1.

Religion.—Church of England, 162; Presbyterian, 182; Roman Catholic, 104; Wesleyan, 25; Salvation Army, 4; Church of Christ, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Confucian, 10; Congregational, 2; Church of Scotland, 2; Baptist, 7; Primitive Methodist, 8; Protestant 4; Latter-day Saint, 1; Lutheran, 1; Christian, 1; nil, 1.