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# HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON THE), BY THE INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS.

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

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

SIR,—

CHARITABLE AID.

27th July, 1904.

The expenditure on charitable aid during the year ending the 31st March, 1904, was—Indoor relief, £46,613; outdoor relief, £42,618: making a total of £89,231. This is apparently a reduction on last year's total which stood at £94,158, but, as £7,235 was spent in buildings and purchases of land, the more exact comparison is with a total of £86,923.

The large sums spent on charitable aid, especially on outdoor relief, of recent years calls for special notice, and its growth is a matter for serious consideration. How far the distributors are to blame it is not easy to estimate, but that they are to blame is writ large when one compares the amount of outdoor relief given in different centres of more or less equal population. It may be that they are careless or facile, or lacking in system; it may be that humanitarianism outweighs wisdom in councils where these factors should counterpoise; but it requires little penetration to discover that the trustees of public money do not accept the trust with equal seriousness.

Comparing the state of things in the four larger towns we find:—

	903.	1904.
	£	£
Auckland Charitable Aid Board	4,923	4,930
Christchurch Charitable Aid Board	7,356	7,517
Dunedin Benevolent Trust	6,048	6,210
Wellington Benevolent Trust	4,685	3,887

It will be noted that, while Wellington City has reduced its last year's total by nearly £800, and Auckland has remained stationary, there has been an increase both in Christchurch and Dunedin. The Wellington and Wairarapa District altogether spent £6,134 on outdoor relief, made up as follows: Wellington Benevolent Trust, £3,887; Wellington and Wairarapa Charitable Aid Board, £1,527 (this is money given to counties, &c., to expend); Masterton Benevolent Society, £407; Wellington Ladies' Christian Association, £313.

A family or individual can be helped to tide over a time of special trouble without the loss of self-reliance or self-respect; it is the habitual applicant for aid who should be checked by being made in some form or other to work out the relief given to him or her. Some Boards have on their books recipients of charitable aid to the third generation, showing that heredity in these matters comes largely into play. The payment of house-rent for applicants—unless as quite a temporary matter—is an economic evil. Such an expenditure of public money is prejudicial to the recipient's next-door neighbour, whose rent is a little behind, but who will pay in the long-run; for so far as the landlord is concerned, the recipient of charitable aid becomes the better tenant. The tempta-

tion for the neighbour and others in the same district to cease struggling for honest independence is too obvious. Laxity in the administration of charitable aid breeds poverty, and once more I would point out that the remedy lies to a very great extent in the hands of the citizens themselves through their representatives on local administrative bodies.

Regarding the institutions designed to provide indoor relief for the destitute and aged, I have to report as follows: The Old People's Home, New Plymouth; the Ohiro Home, Wellington; the Jubilee Home, Christchurch; Tuarangi, Ashburton; and the Lorne Farm, Southland, all merit high praise for efficiency, comfort, cleanliness, and economy. The only drawback to the Ohiro Home is its site. The Costley Home, Auckland, is busy making reforms, and I hope next year to be able to report on satisfactory conditions of cleanliness and comfort. The Caversham Benevolent Institution remains understaffed; as has been often pointed out the whole institution requires for its thorough-going reform removal to some larger ground-space in the country. The Jubilee Home, Wanganui, is fairly satisfactory, and the same may be said of the Old Men's Home, Tararu. The Whangarei Home is satisfactory, and the Gisborne Home better than formerly. At Hamilton there should be a resident caretaker. The Napier Old Men's Home is a disgrace to the Board, and something should speedily be done to remedy matters. Notes made on the visit of an Inspector in June, 1904, say, "The buildings are old, dilapidated, unlined, infested with bugs. The bedsteads are narrow, no sheets or pillow-cases, bedding dirty, and pillows in some cases filthy. Some of the inmates were very dirty, and are either neglected or beyond control." Nelson Old Men's Home is an old building, bug-infested, kept clean and habitable by indefatigable labour on the part of the matron, Mrs. Matthews. The Home at Timaru is also an old building, but the site has been chosen for a new one. At the Oamaru Home there is one good ward; the rest of the building is very unsatisfactory, although it is well managed and as clean and comfortable as such a building can be kept. Other institutions that have been visited during the year are St. Andrew's Orphanage at Motueka, thoroughly satisfactory in its management under Mr. and Mrs. Haycock. The children looked strong and healthy and find here a real home. St. Mary's Home, Wellington, and St. Mary's Home, Christchurch: In both these institutions the number of inmates is diminishing. The Linwood Refuge is still doing admirable maternity work. The Samaritan Home, Christchurch, is anxious to be placed on a firmer legal basis in regard to its inmates—the dregs of society. The patience and kindness of the Matron, Miss Early, show that her heart is in the helpful work. The Alexandra Home for Friendless Women, and the Levin Memorial Cottage Home for Children, Wellington, are working well; also the Convalescent Home, an invaluable haven of rest for delicate and convalescing patients.

#### HOSPITALS.

Generally speaking the management of our hospitals is satisfactory. Faults of construction in new hospitals are many, but this cannot be remedied until Hospital Boards are legally compelled to submit their plans for approval to this office before commencing to build. Ratepayers would be astonished if they realised the amount of money simply thrown away on defective material and workmanship, as well as the faults of construction that necessitate alteration when the building is supposed to be complete, in order to comply with laws of sanitation.

I would draw your attention to methods in use at the Northern Wairoa Hospital, Aratapu, that are a menace to our hospital system. Any person who pays £1 6s. a year is entitled to the benefit of free medicines and attendance by the doctor for himself, his wife, and children. If this benefit contributor or any of his family becomes an in-patient of the hospital they receive all the benefits thereof for 15s. a week. This means that the Aratapu Hospital is turned into a sort of private benefit club for the neighbourhood. An exceptional concession on the same lines was made to local committees in the isolated district of Mercury Bay, and this concession has been copied and taken advantage of by the Northern Wairoa Hospital, which cannot urge the same plea of isolation or difficulty of access.

I append a table giving a few comparative facts respecting our four largest hospitals:—

	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Wellington.
Daily average of patients from 1st April, 1903, to 31st March, 1904	156	105	101	169
Number of deaths, same period	176	107	133	143
Total number hospital staff	86	71	61	99
Male officers and servants	19*	17	14	25
Female officers and servants	67†	54	47	75
Cost of antiseptics, dressing, &c.	£263 7s. 8d.	£249 5s. 5d.	£278 17s.	£308 14s.

\* Also five old men doing odd work.

† No laundry-work done at this hospital.

#### NURSES' REGISTRATION ACT.

The New Zealand Nurses' Registration Act continues to work smoothly and effectively. There are now 391 nurses' names on the Register. Examinations were held at different centres on the first Tuesday and Wednesday in May and December. At the two examinations fifty nurses passed the preliminary examination in anatomy and physiology, and sixty nurses passed their final and practical, and were added to the list of registered nurses.

Dr. Copland (Gore) and Dr. Crosby (Christchurch) set the papers on anatomy and physiology, Dr. Pabst (Auckland) and Dr. Talbot (Christchurch) set those on nursing. Drs. Hope Lewis, Perkins, Roberts, Reid, Andrew, and Godfray, together with Misses Rothwell, Palmer, Collins, Ewart, Maude, Harkness, and Dougherty were examiners in practical work in May; Drs. Williams, Colquhoun, Acland, Young, Boyd, Andrew, Reed, Christies, Henley, and Roberts, together with Misses Morrison, Ewart, Maude, Godfrey, Berry, Dougherty, and Payne, and Mesdames Irving and Holgate, were examiners in practical work in December.

Expenses connected with examinations (examiners' fees and travelling-expenses) amounted to £104 14s. 10d.; fees received from nurse candidates amounted to £88 7s.

#### ARROWTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	80
				83
	Total under treatment	...	...	83
Discharged	...	...	...	72
Died	...	...	...	5
				6
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	6

*Sex.*—61 males, 22 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Macetown, Skipper's, Queenstown, Glenorchy, Pembroke, Cardrona, Cromwell, and Bannockburn.

*Nationality.*—Colonials, 49; English, 8; Scotch, 11; Irish, 5; German, 5; Chinese, 2.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 25; Presbyterian, 35; Roman Catholic, 14; Lutheran, 4; Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,776; individual average days' stay, 21.40. Daily average cost per head, 10s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 64; attendances, 113.

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	426	1	2	Rations, fuel, and light	...	269	15	3
Local bodies	...	291	0	0	Surgery and dispensary, &c.	...	54	17	7
Subscriptions and donations	...	132	15	0	Bedding and clothing	...	32	6	1
Patients' payments	...	144	7	0	Furniture, &c.	...	20	5	7
Balance from last year	...	271	8	2	Salaries and wages	...	441	8	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	13	7	6
					Insurance	...	10	6	3
					Commission	...	5	8	0
					Other expenses	...	54	5	2
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,265</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£901</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>

Visited 11th May.—Dr. Thomson is devoted to this little hospital, and under his personal guidance it is well managed.

#### ASHBURTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	17
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	226
				243
	Total under treatment	...	...	243
Discharged	...	...	...	207
Died	...	...	...	20
				16
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	16

*Sex.*—178 males, 65 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Ashburton, 226; Timaru, 5; Dunedin, 2; Napier, 1; Westport, 1; Christchurch, 8.

*Nationality.*—Colonials, 108; English, 50; Scotch, 25; Irish, 45; Other nationalities, 15.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 79; Presbyterian, 65; Roman Catholic, 63; Wesleyan, 25; Salvation Army, 8; Baptist, 2; Agnostic, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,376; individual average days' stay, 13.89. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; less patients' payments, 8s. 5d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—None.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	1,181	14	0	Rations and light	413 18 5
Local bodies	...	1,179	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	22 3 0
Subscriptions and donations	..	2	5	0	Surgery and dispensary	158 6 1
Patients' payments	...	157	15	0	Fuel	87 14 6
Other sources	...	29	14	6	Bedding and clothing	17 8 9
					Furniture and earthenware	52 3 8
					Salaries and wages	619 14 9
					Funerals	13 18 0
					Water-supply	44 3 6
					Repairs and additions to buildings	1,222 16 0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	13 4 3
					Interest	0 5 6
					Insurance	26 5 4
					Commission	1 19 6
					Other expenses	108 15 7
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£2,550</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,802 16 10</b>

Visited 26th March.—Improvements have been made of late years in regard to the building, but there is room for improvement in the nursing and household management.

#### AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	149
Admitted during the year	...	1,632
<b>Total under treatment</b>	...	<b>1,781</b>
Discharged	...	1,434
Died	...	176
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904</b>	...	<b>171</b>

*Sex.*—1,192 males, 589 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Auckland City and suburbs, 1,195; District of Auckland, 396; North Auckland, 74; south of Auckland, 66; shipping, 50.

*Country.*—England, 411; Scotland, 89; Ireland, 171; New Zealand, 914; Australia, 81; America, 8; France, 5; Germany, 20; Austria, 6; Denmark, 9; India, 6; Greece, 4; Norway and Sweden, 24; Spain, 2; Russia, 4; South Sea Islands, 6; Canada, 7; Italy, 4; Africa, 2; Switzerland, 1; Syria, 2; Channel Islands, 4; West Indies, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 1,014; Roman Catholic, 384; Presbyterian, 186; Methodist, 114; Church of Christ, 4; Hebrew, 7; Greek, 2; Salvation Army, 9; Baptist, 21; Congregational, 11; Freethinker, 4; Lutheran, 10; Plymouth Brethren, 6; Missions, 2; Nonconformist, 1; Unitarian, 3; Agnostic, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 57,264; individual average days' stay, 32·00. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 7d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 448; attendances, 3,436.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	4,867	11	6	Rations	2,958 17 6
Local bodies	...	4,867	11	7	Nurses' Home, maintenance	1,361 9 9
Subscriptions and donations	...	86	15	11	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	70 6 4
Bequests	...	87	14	11	Surgery and dispensary	1,744 14 7
Rents	...	346	18	0	Fuel and light	924 10 11
Patients' payments	...	3,026	0	2	Bedding and clothing	431 13 7
Other sources	...	105	0	6	Furniture and earthenware	120 14 4
					Washing and laundry	453 14 6
					Salaries and wages	3,877 7 9
					Water-supply	157 8 0
					Funerals	27 3 6
					Maintenance of grounds	129 4 2
					Repairs	458 5 5
					New buildings	30 8 9
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	101 15 11
					Legal expenses	20 6 1
					Insurance	35 19 9
					Proportion of office expenses	373 8 10
					Other expenses	110 2 11
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£13,387</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,387 12 7</b>

Visited 9th January and 16th and 25th June.—Many structural changes have been made and are in progress. The plans for the new operating-room were inspected and approved. A residence is being built for the Medical Superintendent. Good bacteriological work is being done.

#### BLLENHEIM HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	...	8
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	...	204
					—
	Total under treatment	...	...	...	212
Discharged	...	...	...	...	173
Died	...	...	...	...	19
					—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	20

*Sex.*—144 males, 68 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Marlborough.

*Country.*—England, 35; Scotland, 11; New Zealand, 126; Ireland, 15; Australia, 5; Sweden, 1; Africa, 5; Canada, 2; America, 2; France, 1; India, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 98; Roman Catholic, 43; Presbyterian, 41; Methodist, 11; Wesleyan, 5; Salvationist, 1; no denomination, 5.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,357; individual average days' stay, 29.98. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 11½d.

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,095	9	1	Rations	559	17	1
Local bodies	1,096	11	11	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	38	8	6
Rents	15	16	0	Surgery and dispensary	100	8	3
Patients' payments	306	1	4	Fuel and light	185	12	5
Other sources	11	14	5	Bedding, clothing, furniture, and earthenware	248	8	10
Balance from last year	830	6	8	Salaries and wages	803	17	7
				Law expenses	16	5	8
				Funerals	8	0	0
				Repairs	45	12	6
				Tree-planting and garden	16	9	9
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	52	4	11
				Interest and insurance	30	18	1
				Commission (architect)	6	8	5
				Other expenses	92	8	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,355</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Visited 3rd September, 13th January, and 13th May.—There are troublous times here. The Hospital was badly constructed, and was originally built of old timber containing vermin. This evil has grown and multiplied until it has become imperatively necessary that the old portion be destroyed by fire. A grant of £1,300 has been promised by Government towards the erection of an entirely new building, and it is to be hoped that the Board will see their way to make a start without further delay. Dr. Anderson and Miss Wyatt deserve credit for working well under great difficulties.

#### CHARLESTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	...	32
					—
	Total under treatment	...	...	...	37
Discharged	...	...	...	...	29
Died	...	...	...	...	3
					—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	5

*Sex.*—37 males.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Charleston, 19; Addison's, 8; Brighton, 2; Westport, 3; Croninville, 1; Nine-mile Beach, 3; Dunedin, 1.

*Country.*—England, 11; Ireland, 19; Scotland, 5; New Zealand, 1; Canada, 1.

*Religion.*—Roman Catholic, 18; Church of England, 11; Presbyterian, 5; Methodist, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,243; individual average days' stay, 33.59. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 10s. 3¼d.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	303	2	5	Rations	258 12 2
Local bodies	...	183	10	10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	15 16 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	119	5	6	Surgery and dispensary	11 19 2
Rents	...	10	0	0	Fuel and light	24 0 6
Patients' payments	...	86	19	0	Bedding and clothing	7 11 7
Balance from last year	...	54	7	0	Salaries and wages	339 5 9
					Funerals	13 6 0
					Repairs	8 11 6
					New buildings	16 12 0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	12 10 4
					Insurance	2 7 3
					Other expenses	15 8 1
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£757</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£726 0 10</b>

This Hospital is still kept open, and is little more than a home for a few old men under charge of Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell.

#### CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	93
Admitted during the year	...	1,481
<b>Total under treatment</b>	...	<b>1,574</b>
Discharged	...	1,376
Died	...	107
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904</b>	...	<b>91</b>

*Sex.*—994 males, 580 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Christchurch, 814; Suburbs, 239; North Canterbury, 206; Lyttelton, 86; sundry, 79; unknown, 150.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 701; England, 340; Ireland, 148; Scotland, 68; Australia, 63; sundry, 68; unknown, 186.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 668; Roman Catholic, 234; Presbyterian, 200; Methodist, 66; Wesleyan, 96; Baptist, 30; Lutheran, 17; sundry, 36; unknown, 227.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 37,960; individual average days' stay, 24.11. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 3d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 9½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 2,115; attendances, 11,368.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	4,949	6	4	Rations	2,458 19 10
Local bodies	...	5,014	10	9	Wines, spirits, &c.	111 6 3
Subscriptions and donations	...	28	4	0	Surgery and dispensary	867 13 5
Patients' payments	...	891	16	11	Fuel and light	1,304 14 2
Other sources	...	19	3	1	Bedding and clothing	322 13 3
Balance from last year	...	2,007	15	9	Furniture and earthenware	283 0 9
					Salaries and wages	4,021 14 2
					Funerals	8 4 6
					Repairs	205 8 1
					New buildings	1,475 6 6
					Painting buildings	672 16 7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	66 5 5
					Insurance	93 13 1
					Other expenses	227 2 9
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£12,910</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,118 18 9</b>

Visited 28th September, 7th December, 28th March, and 21st May.—The remarks made last year as to the urgent necessity for improvement in the baths and lavatories attached to the older wards still apply, and I regret to see that nothing has been done in this direction. The servants' quarters are also bad.

## AKAROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	1
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	25
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	26
Discharged	...	...	...	23
Died	...	...	...	2
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	1

*Sex.*—24 males, 2 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Akaroa County, Christchurch.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 14; England, 4; Scotland, 1; Ireland, 2; Denmark, 2; Australia, 3.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 17; Presbyterian, 3; Roman Catholic, 5; Lutheran, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 616; individual average days' stay, 23.69. Daily average cost per head, 10s. 9½d.; less patients' payments, 10s. 0¼d.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	...	154 18 0	Rations	...	90 7 10
Derived from North Canterbury Hospital Board, of which it is a branch hospital	...	154 18 0	Wines, &c.	...	1 14 6
Patients' payments	...	23 0 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	17 4 2
			Fuel and light	...	20 11 0
			Salaries and wages	...	150 0 0
			Other expenses	...	52 18 6
Total	...	£332 16 0	Total	...	£332 16 0

## COROMANDEL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	88
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	94
Discharged	...	...	...	79
Died	...	...	...	8
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	7

*Sex.*—58 males, 36 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Coromandel County, 77; Auckland, 4; Thames, 2; Westport, 1; Hamilton, 1; Whangarei, 1; Whangaroa, 1; Kawakawa, 1.

*Country.*—England, 14; Ireland, 11; New Zealand, 32; Australia, 4; Aboriginal, 21; Austria, 3; Switzerland, 1; Norway, 1; unknown, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,226; individual average days' stay, 23.68. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 8s.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 30; attendances, 82.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	...	420 17 11	Rations	...	179 4 10
Local bodies	...	300 0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	10 3 9
Subscriptions and donations	...	85 12 5	Surgery and dispensary	...	38 19 3
Patients' payments	...	170 17 3	Fuel and light	...	76 11 1
Other sources	...	17 6 8	Bedding and clothing	...	24 6 6
Balance from last year	...	147 18 5	Washing and laundry	...	64 16 3
			Salaries and wages	...	505 1 0
			Repairs	...	87 17 6
			Printing, advertising, &c.	...	17 4 6
			Insurance	...	15 12 6
			Other expenses	...	41 17 3
Total	...	£1,142 12 8	Total	...	£1,061 14 5

Visited 29th January.—The visit was made at an early hour of the morning, and all seemed in good-working order under Miss Street, the Matron. It is greatly to be hoped that this Hospital will continue to deserve the commendation I formerly felt justified in giving expression to.

## CROMWELL HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	3
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	61
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	64
Discharged	...	...	...	53
Died	...	...	...	5
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	6

*Sex.*—59 males, 5 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Cromwell district, 54; Lindis district, 4; Pembroke and Hawera Flat, 4; Naseby, 1; Greymouth, 1.

*Country.*—England, 20; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 8; New Zealand, 18; Australia, 7; China, 4; Tasmania, 1; Wales, 1.

*Religion.*—Roman Catholic, 5; Church of England, 31; Presbyterian, 21; Wesleyan, 3; Confucian, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,738; individual average days' stay, 27.15. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 11½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 8½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 35; attendances, 62.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	429	18	0	Rations	123	6	1
Local bodies	197	14	3	Wines, spirits, &c.	8	15	6
Subscriptions and donations	125	2	0	Surgery and dispensary	54	11	0
Rent	5	0	0	Fuel and light	22	15	10
Patients' payments	196	5	8	Bedding and clothing	18	14	1
Other sources	11	14	6	Furniture and earthenware	36	13	11
Balance from last year	307	11	4	Salaries and wages	477	7	3
				Water-supply	10	0	0
				Funerals	3	15	0
				Repairs	21	2	5
				New buildings	81	10	0
				Printing, advertising, &c.	11	7	9
				Insurance	10	7	0
				Commission	0	10	0
				Other expenses	66	13	8
Total	£1,273	5	9	Total	£947	9	6

Visited 11th May.—This Hospital has reverted to the old style of management under a man and wife.

## DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	94
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,285
			—
	Total under treatment	...	1,379
Discharged	...	...	1,155
Died	...	...	133
			—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	91

*Sex.*—842 males, 537 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Dunedin and suburbs, 884; Auckland, 2; Allanton, 7; Abbotsford, 5; Balclutha, 15; Clinton, 7; Catlin's, 12; Gore, 6; Green Island, 6; Henley, 4; Hillgrove, 4; Invercargill, 5; Kelso, 4; Kaitangata, 14; Lawrence, 5; Middlemarch, 9; Mosgiel, 23; Milton, 26; Merton, 4; Maheno, 4; Macrae's, 5; Mataura, 4; Owaka, 11; Oamaru, 6; Port Chalmers, 27; Palmerston, 26; Roxburgh, 7; Taieri, 11; Timaru, 11; Waikouaiti, 12; Waitati, 4; Woodside, 4; Waikaia, 5; shipping, 14; others, 186.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 688; England, 203; Scotland, 203; Ireland, 131; United States, 4; Austria, 2; Assyria, 1; born at sea, 6; Canton, 18; Denmark, 3; Finland, 4; Germany, 6; Greece, 1; India, 2; Italy, 1; Jersey, 2; New South Wales, 12; Norway, 5; Palestine, 1; Roumania, 1; Queensland, 1; Sweden, 5; South Australia, 7; Tasmania, 21; Victoria, 47; West Indies, 2; Mauritius, 2.

*Religion.*—Presbyterian, 555; Church of England, 387; Roman Catholic, 206; Baptist, 49; Brethren, 8; Christadelphian, 2; Congregationalist, 14; Church of Christ, 15; Catholic Apostolic, 1; Confucian, 18; Freethinker, 1; Greek Church, 2; Jewish, 2; Lutheran, 12; no religion, 4; Quaker, 1; Methodist, 1; Salvationist, 12; Wesleyan, 89.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 37,256; individual average days' stay, 27. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 10¾d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 11½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 1,540; attendances, 4,563.



RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s. d.
From Government	...	3,605	0 11	Rations	...	2,453	8 11
Local bodies	...	3,000	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	124	19 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	246	17 6	Surgery and dispensary	...	977	0 3
Bequests	...	300	0 0	Fuel and light	...	897	2 0
Patients' payments	...	1,734	18 0	Bedding and clothing	...	125	7 0
Other sources	...	338	19 5	Furniture, earthenware, &c.	...	359	12 9
				Washing and laundry (steam-disinfecting)	...	223	17 1
				Salaries and wages	...	2,819	3 1
				Water-supply	...	157	0 0
				Funerals	...	34	0 0
				Repairs	...	475	6 2
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	64	4 9
				Interest	...	4	13 9
				Insurance	...	57	6 6
				Commission	...	13	8 10
				Other expenses	...	358	13 5
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£9,225</b>	<b>15 10</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£9,145</b>	<b>3 6</b>

Visited 30th November and 30th April.—This Hospital is working well. It has been found necessary to increase the accommodation of the nurses' home. A new steam-disinfecting apparatus has been installed. Notwithstanding the many advantages conferred on Dunedin Hospital by connection with a medical school, there are some drawbacks, and one of these I find is that the students do so much of the surgical dressings and other work in the wards that I fear the nurses have not the same advantages as the nurses in other training-hospitals.

#### DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	5
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	44
				—
<b>Total under treatment</b>	...	...	...	<b>49</b>
Discharged	...	...	...	37
Died	...	...	...	8
				—
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904</b>	...	...	...	<b>4</b>

*Sex.*—43 males, 6 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Alexandra district, 18; Clyde, 9; Cromwell and Clutha, 8; Ophir and Matakani district, 13; Wellington, 1.

*Nationality.*—British, 22; New Zealand, 15; Australian, 4; European, 4; Chinese, 4.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 19; Roman Catholic, 8; Presbyterian, 14; Wesleyan, 4; Confucian, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,519; individual average days' stay, 31.00. Daily average cost per head, 10s. 11d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 8½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 36; attendances, 80.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s. d.
From Government	...	545	8 9	Rations	...	146	1 2
Local bodies	...	319	6 1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	8	17 4
Subscriptions and donations	...	161	18 1	Surgery and dispensary	...	38	8 4
Patients' payments	...	91	12 3	Fuel and light	...	38	19 0
Other sources	...	0	4 0	Bedding and clothing	...	0	9 6
Balance from last year	...	5	14 7	Furniture and earthenware	...	21	16 6
				Salaries and wages	...	461	18 6
				Water-supply	...	38	15 7
				Funerals	...	8	0 0
				Additions and repairs	...	179	12 4
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	24	7 0
				Interest, &c.	...	1	0 3
				Insurance	...	17	4 2
				Other expenses	...	23	2 0
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,124</b>	<b>3 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,008</b>	<b>11 8</b>

Visited 11th May.—A good Hospital for the district and well managed.

## GISBORNE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	24
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	260
				284
Discharged	...	...	...	249
Died	...	...	...	22
				13
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	13

*Sex.*—203 males, 81 females.

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

*Nationality.*—British, 272; foreign, 12.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,505; individual average days' stay, 26·43. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 11½d.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	902	19 11	Rations	344	11 1
Local bodies	600	0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	10	7 0
Subscriptions and donations	286	2 0	Surgery and dispensary	188	9 8
Rents	25	14 0	Fuel and light	168	9 10
Patients' payments	407	18 6	Bedding and clothing	51	7 3
Interest on endowments	12	0 0	Furniture and earthenware	105	1 4
Other sources	20	6 6	Salaries and wages	813	17 4
Balance from last year	201	7 1	Repairs and improvements	114	0 7
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	10	2 10
			Rates	2	19 0
			Insurance	60	16 0
			Sanitation	24	19 6
			Other expenses	6	6 0
Total	£2,456	8 0	Total	£1,901	7 5

Visited 26th June.—The patients comfortable, well treated, and well nursed. The Hospital was clean and orderly throughout. A septic tank has recently been added.

## GREY RIVER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	52
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	254
				306
Discharged	...	...	...	209
Died	...	...	...	37
				60
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	60

*Sex.*—243 males, 63 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Greymouth, 63; Grey County, 219; Brunerton, 16; Westland, 2; Westport, 1; Reefton, 1; shipping, 4.

*Country.*—England, 72; Ireland, 82; Scotland, 50; New Zealand, 39; America, 8; China, 20; Australia, 5; Wales, 7; Europe, 23.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 101; Roman Catholic, 96; Presbyterian, 49; Confucian, 20; Lutheran, 18; Wesleyan, 19; others, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 20,280; individual average days' stay, 66·27. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 5½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 115; attendances, 407.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	1,419	7 6	Rations ...	881	15 11
Local bodies ...	862	10 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	98	4 3
Subscriptions and donations ...	232	0 1	Surgery and dispensary ...	103	2 2
Bequest ...	10	0 0	Fuel and light ...	186	5 2
Rents ...	5	0 0	Bedding and clothing ...	263	6 7
Patients' payments ...	701	8 1	Furniture and earthenware ...	35	11 0
Other sources ...	123	11 0	Salaries and wages ...	983	13 8
			Funerals ...	19	10 0
			Repairs ...	112	18 1
			New buildings ...	285	6 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	59	19 5
			Interest ...	26	9 3
			Insurance ...	35	19 0
			Other expenses ...	148	5 0
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3,353</b>	<b>16 8</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3,240</b>	<b>5 6</b>

Visited 11th September and 9th December.—An increasing number of old-men residents reduce the legitimate hospital value of this institution. A Government grant of £3,000 is being spent on additions to Greymouth Hospital.

## HAWERA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903 ...	9
Admitted during the year ...	120
<b>Total under treatment ...</b>	<b>129</b>
Discharged ...	107
Died ...	7
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904 ...</b>	<b>15</b>

*Sex.*—84 males, 45 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Hawera, Eltham, Manaia, and Opunake.

*Nationality.*—British.

*Religion.*—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,462; individual average days' stay, 19.08. Daily average cost per head, 14s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 12s. 6½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Nil.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	1,100	11 8	Rations ...	266	14 3
Local bodies ...	639	5 7	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	8	9 0
Subscriptions and donations ...	62	13 8	Surgery and dispensary ...	185	4 4
Bequests ...	1,625	3 11	Fuel and light ...	108	13 1
Rents ...	35	5 0	Bedding and clothing ...	66	15 3
Patients' payments ...	266	9 6	Furniture and earthenware ...	141	0 6
Other sources ...	144	15 6	Washing and laundry ...	25	2 7
			Salaries and wages ...	597	11 4
			Funerals ...	1	7 6
			Repairs ...	6	0 6
			New buildings ...	1,360	12 1
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	133	15 11
			Interest ...	0	9 3
			Insurance ...	32	10 4
			Other expenses ...	235	15 2
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3,874</b>	<b>4 10</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3,170</b>	<b>1 1</b>

Visited 6th January.—There has been the addition of a new ward. All is going on well.

## HOKITIKA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903 ...	...	...	...	33
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	158
				—
	Total under treatment ...	...	...	191
Discharged ...	...	...	...	120
Died ...	...	...	...	28
				—
	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
				—
	Total under treatment ...	...	...	519
Discharged ...	...	...	...	447
Died ...	...	...	...	35
				—
	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.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 15,271; individual average days' stay, 29.42. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 3½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 984; attendances, 1,987.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government ...	...	1,692	17	10	Rations ...	889 8 7
Local bodies ...	...	1,695	17	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	22 10 6
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	170	2	6	Surgery and dispensary ...	186 3 6
Rents ...	...	29	16	6	Fuel and light ...	314 5 1
Patients' payments ...	...	627	14	9	Bedding and clothing ...	134 5 10
Other sources ...	...	121	16	2	Furniture and earthenware ...	120 5 0
Balance from last year ...	...	226	11	6	Washing and laundry ...	31 3 10
					Salaries and wages ...	1,491 11 3
					Water-supply ...	34 14 0
					Funerals ...	12 0 0
					Repairs ...	530 15 10
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	31 8 6
					Commission ...	2 18 2
					Insurance ...	35 6 1
					Other expenses ...	229 11 3
Total ...	...	<u>£4,564</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	Total ...	<u>£4,066</u> <u>7</u> <u>5</u>

Visited 4th May.—The Hospital has been painted and renovated inside. The ventilation throughout is defective, some wards having no cross-ventilation. There should be an outside place for keeping milk, with light and air. Patients speak highly of the care and attention of Dr. Hendry and Miss Ewart.

#### KUMARA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903 ...	...	...	...	17
Admitted during the year ...	...	...	...	88
				—
Total under treatment ...	...	...	...	105
Discharged ...	...	...	...	77
Died ...	...	...	...	10
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904 ...	...	...	...	18

*Sex.*—87 males, 18 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Kumara, 48; Dillman's, 18; Westorook, 11; Hokitika, 2; Greenstone, 5; Waimea, 9; Grey, 4; Callaghan's, 6; Jackson's, 2.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 25; Ireland, 26; England, 22; Australia, 8; Austria, 3; Denmark, 3; Sweden, 2; Switzerland, 2; Scotland, 5; Italy, 2; China, 1; Germany, 5; Canada, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 33; Roman Catholic, 46; Presbyterian, 10; Wesleyan, 8; Baptist, 2; Lutheran, 5; Confucian, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,242; individual average days' stay, 59.45. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 7d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 0½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 119; attendances, 242.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government ...	...	422	7	6	Rations ...	297 6 7
Local bodies ...	...	248	15	1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	7 12 6
Subscriptions and donations ...	...	148	15	9	Surgery and dispensary ...	121 16 0
Bequest ...	...	5	0	0	Fuel and light ...	116 19 6
Patients' payments ...	...	174	15	6	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c. ...	24 18 6
Other sources ...	...	11	10	0	Washing and laundry ...	21 19 6
Balance from last year ...	...	5	19	7	Salaries and wages ...	375 15 6
					Funerals ...	25 0 0
					Repairs ...	99 9 5
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	23 10 3
					Insurance ...	6 9 0
Total ...	...	<u>£1,017</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	Total ...	<u>£1,120</u> <u>16</u> <u>9</u>

Visited 21st September and 14th December.—Dr. Morkane is Medical Officer and Miss Brook-Smith, Matron. All the patients were chronic cases except three. Twelve new beds are required and a bath for the staff.

## LAWRENCE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	101
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	103
Discharged	...	...	...	83
Died	...	...	...	13
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	7

*Sex.*—75 males, 28 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Tuapeka County.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 39; England, 15; Scotland, 23; Ireland, 21; Germany, 1; Victoria, 1; China, 2; New South Wales, 1.

*Religion.*—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,355; individual average days' stay, 22·86. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 8s.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 68.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government	520	5	0	Rations	312	16	8
Local bodies	266	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	52	17	10
Patients' payments	134	3	9	Fuel and light	66	9	5
Balance from last year	233	6	3	Bedding and clothing	27	16	3
				Salaries and wages	454	19	2
				Water-supply	10	0	0
				Funerals	1	2	6
				Repairs	62	11	1
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	8	14	0
				Interest	0	3	6
				Insurance	7	7	8
				Commission	1	10	0
				Other expenses	70	10	10
Total	£1,153	15	0	Total	£1,076	18	11

Visited 7th December and 18th May.—Dr. Sutherland has succeeded Dr. Newall as Medical Officer. The remainder of the staff, who have been attached to the Hospital for many years, remain the same. A clean, comfortable little building, situated in pretty grounds.

## MASTERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	98
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	104
Discharged	...	...	...	76
Died	...	...	...	15
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	13

*Sex.*—84 males, 20 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Masterton, 52; Masterton Suburbs, 9; Wellington, 5; Alfredton, 4; Eketahuna, 4; Tenui, 4; Featherston, 3; Taueru, 3; Whareumu, 3; Mangamahoe, 3; Carterton, 2; Pahiatua, 2; Mauriceville, 1; Bideford, 1; Brancepeth, 1; Martinborough, 1; Petone, 1; Foxton, 1; Wanganui, 1; Napier, 1; Auckland, 2.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 32; England, 25; Ireland, 14; Scotland, 10; Australia, 5; America, 3; Tasmania, 2; Canada, 2; Denmark, 2; Germany, 2; New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 1; Jersey, 1; Austria, 1; Prussia, 1; Russia, 1; Sweden, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 47; Roman Catholic, 27; Presbyterian, 11; Wesleyan, 7; Lutheran, 3; Salvationist, 3; Baptist, 2; Congregationalist, 2; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Spiritualist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,469; individual average days' stay, 33·37. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 11½d.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	748	8	1	Rations ...	244	19	8
Local bodies ...	609	5	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	8	17	3
Subscriptions and donations ...	220	1	9	Surgery and dispensary ...	103	5	5
Patients' payments ...	120	6	8	Fuel and light ...	97	3	11
Rents ...	11	0	0	Bedding and clothing ...	24	10	6
Other sources ...	52	8	1	Furniture and earthenware ...	28	3	3
Balance from last year ...	1,637	11	9	Washing and laundry ...	21	14	10
				Salaries and wages ...	561	9	2
				Water-supply ...	4	15	6
				Funerals ...	11	0	0
				Repairs ...	3	15	6
				Land ...	75	0	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	20	5	5
				Interest ...	21	6	6
				Insurance ...	22	1	9
				Commission ...	25	1	6
				Costs Empowering Bill and title to land ...	12	14	0
				Telephone and rent of meeting-room ...	17	15	0
				Other expenses ...	4	11	6
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3,399</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£1,308</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>

Visited 6th July.—It says much for the staff that the results of treatment here are satisfactory, because the building is absolutely unfitted for its purpose, and was condemned by this Department years ago. The plans for a new hospital on a better site are now under consideration, as they have been for the last few years.

## MERCURY BAY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903 ...	1
Admitted during the year ...	59
<b>Total under treatment ...</b>	<b>60</b>
Discharged ...	57
Died ...	0
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904 ...</b>	<b>3</b>

*Sex.*—42 males, 18 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Whitianga.

*Nationality.*—British, 56; half-caste, 4.

*Religion.*—No record.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 703; individual average days' stay, 11.71. Daily average cost per head, £1 7s. 6d.; less patients' payments, £1 5s.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 979; attendances, 1,631.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Government ...	436	11	8	Rations ...	128	3	2
Subscriptions and donations ...	441	18	5	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	7	5	3
Rents ...	17	16	0	Surgery and dispensary ...	166	13	6
Patients' payments ...	87	5	5	Fuel and light ...	21	5	4
Other sources ...	1	8	6	Bedding and clothing ...	8	15	9
Balance from last year ...	241	11	0	Furniture and earthenware ...	9	14	6
				Washing and laundry ...	6	14	1
				Salaries and wages ...	513	1	4
				Repairs ...	27	2	4
				Additions to buildings ...	12	11	0
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	15	1	1
				Insurance ...	11	8	3
				Other expenses ...	38	13	2
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£1,226</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£966</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>

Visited 15th January.—I found this Hospital in its usual satisfactory condition, assuming its peculiar constitution.

## NAPIER HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	44
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	455
				499
Discharged	...	...	...	424
Died	...	...	...	32
				43
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				...

*Sex.*—287 males, 212 females.

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

*Country.*—New Zealand, 305; England, 87; Ireland, 38; Scotland, 36; Victoria, 15; Hobart, 1; New South Wales, 2; Sweden, 2; Austria, 1; America, 2; Germany, 3; Denmark, 1; China, 2; India, 1; France, 2; Philippine Islands, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 268; Roman Catholic, 108; Presbyterian, 85; Wesleyan, 17; Salvation Army, 5; Congregational, 4; Lutheran, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Seventh Day Adventists, 3; Baptist, 6.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,262; individual average days' stay, 24.57. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 9d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 570; attendances, 852.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	...	1,856 13 4	Rations	...	1,087 6 1
Local bodies	...	1,120 0 0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	21 11 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	634 4 7	Surgery and dispensary	...	550 7 11
Bequest	...	4,553 9 3	Fuel and light	...	393 12 10
Rents	...	80 5 6	Bedding and clothing, furniture, and earthenware	...	322 1 5
Patients' payments	...	296 2 10	Salaries and wages	...	1,460 12 2
Other sources	...	82 3 9	Water-supply	...	65 5 0
Balance from last year	...	348 1 1	Additions to buildings and repairs	...	372 7 8
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	35 2 0
			Insurance	...	70 7 7
			Commission	...	29 3 0
			Other expenses	...	40 15 7
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£8,971 0 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£4,448 12 9</b>

Visited 3rd September and 4th July.—The three main wards, bath-rooms, and lavatories have been repainted and renovated. Improvements have also been carried out in the operating-room and its accessories. Dr. Leahy, after many years' good work here, has resigned, and has been succeeded by Dr. Wilson.

## NASEBY HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	7
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	122
				129
Discharged	...	...	...	115
Died	...	...	...	12
				2
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				...

*Sex.*—86 males, 43 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Maniototo County.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 55; Scotland, 16; Ireland, 16; England, 22; Australia, 7; China, 5; Tasmania, 2; Canada, 3; Wales, 1; Austria, 1; Malta, 1.

*Religion.*—Presbyterian, 52; Church of England, 36; Roman Catholic, 31; Confucian, 6; Salvationist, 4.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,924; individual average days' stay, 30.41. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 8d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 11½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 34; attendances, 139.



RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	439	11	8	Rations	...	226	18	7
Local bodies	...	264	4	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	8	15	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	137	14	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	66	7	9
Patients' payments	...	531	15	6	Fuel and light	...	64	0	11
Other sources	...	6	4	6	Bedding and clothing	...	13	17	7
Balance from last year	...	143	17	9	Furniture and earthenware	...	19	15	9
					Washing and laundry	...	9	18	10
					Salaries and wages	...	569	7	4
					Water-supply	...	8	0	0
					Funerals	...	15	0	0
					Repairs	...	36	13	8
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	14	17	7
					Insurance	...	10	1	6
					Other expenses	...	50	6	6
Total	...	£1,523	8	8	Total	...	£1,114	1	6

Visited 2nd December and 12th May.—Dr. Church, who has been identified with this Hospital for many years, has settled in Dunedin, and Dr. McKnight is his successor. The patients are carefully considered, and the Hospital well managed. There is great need for a new laundry.

#### NELSON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	30
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	267
				297
Total under treatment	..	...	...	297
Discharged	...	...	...	241
Died	...	...	...	18
				38
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	38

*Sex.*—176 males, 121 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Waimea County, 280; Wanganui, 2; Buller, 2; Wellington, 3; Westport, 3; Greymouth, 1; Hokitika, 1; Auckland, 4; Ashburton, 1.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 187; England, 60; Ireland, 15; Scotland, 17; Australia, 9; Tasmania, 1; Sweden, 3; Italy, 1; Germany, 4.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 145; Presbyterian, 30; Church of Rome, 47; Wesleyan, 37; Baptist, 12; Plymouth Brethren, 11; Lutheran, 2; Church of Christ, 11; Congregationalist, 1; Freethinker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 13,050; individual average days' stay, 43.93. Daily average cost per head, 5s.; less patients' payments, 4s. 4½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 897; attendances, 3,285.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.									
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	886	1	8	Rations	...	612	14	10
Local bodies	...	850	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	26	5	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	46	14	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	446	7	7
Rents	...	178	12	6	Fuel and light	...	184	2	10
Patients' payments	...	411	8	1	Bedding and clothing	...	80	5	0
Other sources	...	15	15	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	220	4	6
					Salaries and wages	...	1,122	6	2
					Water-supply	...	17	0	0
					Funerals	...	10	12	0
					Repairs	...	198	17	8
					Additions to buildings	...	201	4	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	27	18	3
					Insurance	...	28	0	0
					Other expenses	...	97	8	10
Total	...	£2,388	11	9	Total	...	£3,273	6	10

Visited 7th September, 16th January, and 10th May.—This Hospital is doing good work. Dr. Mackie has been granted leave of absence on account of health, and Dr. Betts is acting in his place. Miss Köhn was appointed Matron last September, and has much improved the nursing and discipline. The small destructor employed seems to be an inexpensive as well as an efficient method of destroying refuse of all sorts. The operating-room is not well lighted, neither is it supplied with hot water, also the closet in the immediate neighbourhood of the operating-room should be at once removed.

## NEW PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	20
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	412
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	432
Discharged	...	...	...	372
Died	...	...	...	29
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	31

*Sex.*—276 males, 156 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Taranaki County, 146; Hawera County, 42; Clifton County, 37; Stratford County, 67; New Plymouth, 95; Auckland, 11; Opunake, 15; Patea, 2; Foxton, 2; Palmerston North, 1; Oamaru, 1; Wellington, 6; Wanganui, 5; Australia, 2.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 266; England, 80; Ireland, 35; Scotland, 8; Australia, 20; Germany, 7; Austria, 1; China, 1; Sweden, 1; Jersey, 1; America, 3; Madeira, 2; Isle of Man, 1; Shetland Isles, 2; India, 1; Portugal, 1; Denmark, 2.

*Religion.*—No record kept.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 10,054; individual average days' stay, 23·27. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 1d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 6d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Nil.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	1,182	12	3	Rations	561	4	11
Local bodies	856	2	6	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	28	17	0
Subscriptions and donations	188	13	11	Surgery and dispensary	309	3	10
Rents	63	1	6	Fuel and light	240	11	11
Patients' payments	1,297	1	10	Bedding and clothing	41	3	11
Other sources	780	13	9	Furniture and earthenware	158	1	2
				Washing and laundry	48	10	0
				Salaries and wages	878	8	11
				Repairs	774	15	7
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	87	6	11
				Interest	24	18	11
				Insurance	33	17	9
				Commission	20	11	9
				Other expenses	556	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,368</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,763</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>

Visited 5th February and 13th June.—The wards were clean and the patients comfortable. The Hospital is evidently well managed, and some excellent work is done by Dr. Leatham and his colleagues. A water-supply with sufficient pressure in case of fire is to be introduced shortly. The situation of this Hospital is excellent, and an annexe is in contemplation for the open-air treatment of phthisis.

## NORTHERN WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients admitted since 21st November, 1903 (when Hospital opened)	...	...	...	...	26
Discharged	...	...	...	...	20
Died	...	...	...	...	2
					—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	4

*Sex.*—23 males, 3 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Hobson County.

*Nationality.*—Colonial, 9; English, 5; Irish, 7; Scotch, 1; Austrian, 1; American, 1; Swede, 1; Italian, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 10; Roman Catholic, 7; Wesleyan, 4; Presbyterian, 3; Baptist, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 521; individual average days' stay, 20·04. Daily average cost per head, 9s. 4½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 4½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Attendances, 3,013.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.					
<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.
From Government	...	2,059 0 1	Rations	...	49 4 8
Local Bodies	...	130 10 0	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	0 10 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	787 10 0	Surgery and dispensary	...	199 4 0
Patients' payments	...	52 19 1	Fuel and light...	...	30 16 8
Other sources	...	27 17 9	Bedding, clothing, furniture, &c.	...	363 12 11
Balance from last year...	...	544 15 10	Salaries and wages	...	510 17 1
			Water-supply	...	120 18 9
			New buildings	...	1,696 10 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	18 15 0
			Insurance	...	25 16 3
			Other expenses	...	439 17 0
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£3,602 12 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£3,456 3 4</b>

Visited 10th January.—This is a well-situated and well-built Hospital. Miss Rowles, whom I have known for many years as a first-class nurse in the Auckland Hospital, is the Matron.

#### OAMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	20
Admitted during the year	...	...	208
			—
Total under treatment	...	...	228
Discharged	...	...	193
Died	...	...	13
			—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	22

*Sex.*—137 males, 91 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Oamaru town, 84; Waitaki County, 124; outside districts and shipping, 20.

*Country.*—England, 29; Scotland, 39; Ireland, 34; New Zealand, 106; Australia, 14; America, 3; Spain, 1; Poland, 1; Denmark, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 62; Roman Catholic, 52; Presbyterian, 96; Wesleyan, 8; Baptist, 3; Salvation Army, 6; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 5,689; individual average days' stay, 24.95. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 6d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 8½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 88; attendances, 613.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.					
<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.
From Government	...	131 14 11	Rations	...	430 2 4
Subscriptions and donations	...	103 3 9	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	13 7 11
Rents	...	828 4 6	Surgery and dispensary	...	112 7 4
Patients' payments	...	224 8 0	Fuel and light	...	150 0 6
Other sources	...	299 11 10	Bedding and clothing	...	39 7 5
			Furniture and earthenware	...	68 7 6
			Salaries and wages	...	558 15 9
			Funerals	...	15 16 0
			Repairs and additions	...	106 1 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	9 9 4
			Interest	...	1 17 6
			Insurance	...	10 13 7
			Other expenses	...	51 2 1
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,587 3 0</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,567 8 3</b>

Visited 25th March.—Clean, and in good order.

#### OTAKI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	4
Admitted during the year	...	...	76
			—
Total under treatment	...	...	80
Discharged	...	...	70
Died	...	...	2
			—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	8

*Sex.*—57 males, 23 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Otaki, 22; Waikanae, 19; Manakau, 18; Levin, 12; Shannon, 4; Ohau, 2; Wellington 2; Tinnaru, 1.

*Nationality.*—Colonial, 57; English, 5; Irish, 5; American, 1; Danish, 1; German, 2; Maori, 8; Chilian, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 52; Roman Catholic, 11; Presbyterian, 6; Wesleyan, 7; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Salvation Army, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,005; individual average days' stay, 25·06. Daily average cost per head, 8s. 2½d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 2½d.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.			<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.		
From Government	...	402	17	11	Rations	...	151	19	9
Local bodies	...	270	15	11	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	5	8	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	55	1	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	44	1	5
Patients' payments	...	100	5	6	Fuel and light	...	47	18	1
Other sources	...	115	3	6	Bedding and clothing, &c.	...	22	7	2
					Salaries and wages	...	485	19	4
					Additions to buildings	...	115	3	6
					Insurance	...	13	4	0
					Other expenses	...	54	19	10
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£944</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£941</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Visited 23rd June.—An enlargement and alterations are being carried out that will render this Hospital of more use to the district. Three shelter-sheds have been attached for the treatment of phthisical patients.

#### PAHIATUA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	96
<b>Total under treatment</b>	...	...	...	<b>102</b>
Discharged	...	...	...	94
Died	...	...	...	6
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904</b>	...	...	...	<b>2</b>

*Sex.*—77 males, 25 females.

*Localities from which Patients Came.*—Pahiatua, Mangatainoka, Woodville, Pongaroa, Akitio, &c.

*Country.*—England, 7; Scotland, 6; Ireland, 10; New Zealand, 65; Australia, 6; Denmark, 6; India, 2.

*Religion*—Church of England, 41; Roman Catholic, 23; Presbyterian, 24; Methodist, 13; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 1,945; individual average days' stay, 19·07. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 6¼d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 7¼d.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.			<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.		
From Government	...	541	13	1	Rations	...	192	13	3
Local bodies	...	473	0	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	65	3	11
Subscriptions and donations	...	71	6	0	Fuel and light	...	35	4	0
Rents	...	8	0	0	Furniture, &c.	...	16	6	0
Patients' payments	...	182	5	0	Salaries and wages	...	376	4	7
Other sources	...	7	11	8	Funerals	...	3	0	0
Balance from last year	...	98	5	4	Repairs	...	5	13	4
					New buildings	...	191	0	5
					Printing, advertising, &c.	...	5	8	6
					Interest and exchange...	...	3	4	11
					Insurance	...	15	15	0
					Other expenses	...	13	4	0
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,382</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£922</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>

Visited 5th July.—Five male patients, two female. The second ward of this Hospital has now been finished. The attention of the Committee has been drawn to the want of proper ventilation in the closets attached to the new ward.

## PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	18
Admitted during year	...	...	...	302
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	320
Discharged	...	...	...	266
Died	...	...	...	26
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	28

*Sex.*—232 males, 88 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Palmerston North, 263; Wanganui, 16; Napier, 4; Wellington, 18; Hawera, 2; Auckland, 1; New Plymouth, 3; Christchurch, 3; Waipukurau, 3; Carterton, 1; Blenheim, 1; Masterton, 3; Invercargill, 1; Dunedin, 1.

*Nationality.*—English, 77; Scotch, 24; Irish, 35; New Zealand, 141; Australian, 11; Tasmanian, 7; German, 6; Canadian, 1; Danish, 8; Norwegian, 3; Swedish, 1; Italian, 2; Mexican, 1; Madeiran, 1; Chinese, 2.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 160; Roman Catholic, 60; Presbyterian, 34; Wesleyan, 29; Primitive Methodist, 3; Lutheran, 14; Salvation Army, 5; Baptist, 3; Plymouth Brethren, 6; Congregationalist, 1; Jewish, 1; Confucian, 2; undenominational, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 8,269; individual average days' stay, 25·84. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 5½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—No record.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	900	0	0	Rations	...	409	8	0
Local bodies	...	786	7	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	9	0	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	86	6	8	Surgery and dispensary	...	183	12	8
Patients' payments	...	413	3	10	Fuel and light	...	207	19	2
Other sources	...	7	4	6	Bedding and clothing	...	43	16	5
Balance from last year	...	319	0	3	Furniture and earthenware	...	111	6	1
					Washing and laundry	...	42	9	4
					Salaries and wages	...	954	1	6
					Funerals	...	14	5	0
					Repairs	...	21	1	6
					Additions	...	255	10	7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	37	2	1
					Interest	...	1	11	0
					Insurance	...	45	3	9
					Other expenses	...	181	12	6
Total	...	£2,512	2	3	Total	...	£2,517	19	7

Visited 10th and 22nd June.—For the last twelve months this Hospital has been full and at times overfull. The verandah at the end of the ward is a great improvement, also the asphaltting of the drying-ground. Miss Dougherty and her nurses make the patients very comfortable and the food is excellent.

## PATEA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	2
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	59
				—
	Total under treatment	...	...	61
Discharged	...	...	...	56
Died	...	...	...	3
				—
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	2

*Sex.*—51 males, 10 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Waitotara to Stratford.

*Nationality.*—English, 13; Scotch, 3; Irish, 5; New Zealand, 34; Australian, 1; Swedish, 1; Hungarian, 1; Indian, 1; Welsh, 1; Newfoundlander, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 993; individual average days' stay, 16·28. Daily average cost per head, 11s. 2¼d.; less patients' payments, 9s. 8¼d.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.					
<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.
From Government	...	343 13 9	Rations	...	118 1 6
Local bodies	...	252 10 0	Wines, spirits, &c.	...	6 15 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	50 9 3	Surgery and dispensary	...	43 11 10
Bequests	...	62 8 7	Fuel and light	...	37 12 7
Rents	...	1 19 0	Bedding and clothing	...	16 14 9
Patients' payments	...	76 10 0	Furniture and earthenware	...	30 16 1
Other sources	...	0 10 0	Washing and laundry	...	46 0 3
			Salaries and wages	...	227 13 6
			Repairs	...	4 5 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	5 17 6
			Interest	...	3 14 11
			Insurance	...	8 6 9
			Commission	...	0 10 0
			Other expenses	...	7 14 8
Total	...	<u>£788 0 7</u>	Total	...	<u>£557 14 10</u>

Visited 5th January.—Two patients.

#### PICTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	12
Admitted during the year	...	87
Total under treatment	...	99
Discharged	...	85
Died	...	8
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	6

*Sex.*—68 males, 31 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Picton Hospital District, 80; Wellington, 6; Blenheim, 7; Nelson, 4; Timaru, 2.

*Country.*—England, 23; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 10; New Zealand, 55; Australia, 3; Tasmania, 1; Norway, 1; Denmark, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 62; Roman Catholic, 20; Presbyterian, 10; Wesleyan, 6; Freethinker, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,331; individual average days' stay, 43.75. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 0½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Nil.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.					
<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.
From Government	...	647 1 7	Rations	...	180 6 1
Local bodies	...	400 16 1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	0 7 6
Subscriptions and donations	...	71 0 2	Surgery and dispensary	...	84 15 1
Patients' payments	...	195 1 0	Fuel and light	...	42 14 5
Other sources	...	41 0 3	Bedding and clothing, &c.	...	11 10 1
Balance from last year	...	95 5 1	Furniture and earthenware	...	114 14 8
			Salaries and wages	...	376 17 0
			New buildings and additions	...	183 17 3
			Repairs	...	3 7 6
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	14 13 11
			Interest	...	30 8 0
			Insurance	...	21 12 0
			Other expenses	...	171 11 8
Total	...	<u>£1,450 4 2</u>	Total	...	<u>£1,236 15 2</u>

Visited 11th May and 2nd September.—One ward is entirely occupied by old men; in the other were four chronic cases. The general tidiness and order had improved between the two visits.

## QUEENSTOWN HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	9
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	73
				82
Discharged	...	...	...	70
Died	...	...	...	5
				7
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	7

*Sex.*—64 males, 18 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Lake County, 77; Taieri County, 1; Selwyn County, 1; Southland County, 1; Vincent County, 1; Wallace County, 1.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 27; England, 14; Ireland, 16; Scotland, 13; Australia, 5; Germany, 2; China, 1; Holland, 3; Denmark, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 26; Roman Catholic, 22; Presbyterian, 28; Wesleyan, 2; Baptist, 1; Lutheran, 1; Buddhist, 1; Salvation Army, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,496; individual average days' stay, 30.44. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 10d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 6d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 93; attendances, 412.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government	331	12 0	Rations	176	1 11
Local bodies	322	0 0	Wines, &c.	8	8 0
Subscriptions and donations	72	8 1	Surgery and dispensary	50	15 10
Patients' payments	164	5 5	Fuel and light	61	5 11
Balance from last year	129	19 9	Furniture, earthenware, &c.	52	13 5
			Salaries and wages	433	2 8
			Repairs	13	16 3
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	10	15 6
			Insurance	15	5 3
			Commission	3	6 10
			Other expenses	28	0 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,020</b>	<b>5 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£853</b>	<b>11 10</b>

Visited 10th May.—Six male, two female patients. There is a homely air about this place.

## REEFTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	22
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	125
				147
Discharged	...	...	...	99
Died	...	...	...	20
				28
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	28

*Sex.*—129 males, 18 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Reefton, 63; Globe Hill, 10; Totara Flat, 9; Capelston, 12; Little Grey, 5; Victoria Range, 2; Rutherglen, 1; Greymouth, 1; Murchison, 1; other places, 21.

*Country.*—England and Wales, 20; Scotland, 21; Ireland, 32; New Zealand, 24; China, 3; Australia, 13; Finland, 3; France, 2; Sweden, 1; Germany, 1; Austria, 2; Shetland Islands, 1; Switzerland, 2.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 42; Roman Catholic, 42; Presbyterian, 28; Wesleyan, 4; Confucian, 2; Lutheran, 5; Spiritualist, 1; Greek Church, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 7,359; individual average days' stay, 50.06. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 2d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 253; attendances, 581.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	1,567	2	11	Rations	576 17 10
Local bodies	...	425	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	28 3 0
Subscriptions and donations	...	433	8	3	Surgery and dispensary	228 1 4
Bequest	...	10	0	0	Fuel and light	95 2 3
Patients' payments	...	357	12	11	Bedding and clothing	16 1 7
					Furniture and earthenware	69 15 5
					Washing and laundry	51 14 5
					Salaries and wages	645 2 4
					Funerals	9 8 0
					Sanitation	47 10 0
					New buildings and additions	743 17 1
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	75 5 5
					Insurance	8 19 5
					Other expenses	78 13 9
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£2,793</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,674 11 10</b>

Visited 13th and 14th September and 10th December.—Twenty-five inmates, sixteen being those infirm from old age, and nine hospital cases proper. The new ward is occupied, and the Ross double-current ventilator has proved a success. Miss Gosling, the Matron, carries out her duties well.

## RIVERTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	19
Admitted during the year	...	172
<b>Total under treatment</b>	...	<b>191</b>
Discharged	...	169
Died	...	8
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904</b>	...	<b>14</b>

*Sex.*—131 males, 60 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Waiau, Orepuki, Colac, Riverton, Otautau, Thornbury, Nightcaps, Tapanui, Fairfax, Round Hill, Kelso.

*Nationality.*—English, Scotch, Irish, Chinese, Maori.

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

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,646; individual average days' stay, 24·32. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 3¾d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 150; attendances, 202.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.				
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	
From Government	...	912	7	4	Rations	379 19 10
Local bodies	...	875	17	9	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	15 7 3
Subscriptions and donations	...	15	10	8	Surgery and dispensary	149 16 1
Patients' payments	...	266	13	6	Fuel and light	115 16 3
Other sources	...	16	0	6	Bedding and clothing	41 18 11
Balance from last year	...	138	0	11	Furniture and earthenware	19 1 11
					Washing and laundry	14 2 6
					Salaries and wages	728 2 6
					Water-supply	18 9 6
					Repairs	36 18 1
					Additions to buildings	413 1 0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	8 11 11
					Interest	0 13 2
					Insurance	12 16 3
					Other expenses	191 19 0
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£2,224</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,146 14 2</b>

Visited 6th May.—This Hospital is well managed medically and surgically and also economically. The cement in the bath-room is falling, possibly owing to bad workmanship. There is also defective workmanship shown in the operating-room.



## ROSS HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year...	...	...	...	26
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	32
Discharged	...	...	...	19
Died	...	...	...	4
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	9

*Sex.*—28 males, 4 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Ross, 23; South Westland, 9.

*Country.*—England, 12; Scotland, 6; Ireland, 6; New Zealand, 6; Denmark, 2.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 12; Roman Catholic, 8; Presbyterian, 12.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 4,477; individual average days' stay, 139.90. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 1d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Attendances, 5.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	300	16	6	Rations, wine, spirits, ale, &c.	...	231	13	10
Local bodies	...	241	12	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	56	6	1
Subscriptions and donations	...	147	19	0	Fuel and light	...	21	17	6
Patients' payments	...	135	10	0	Bedding and clothing	...	8	3	4
					Furniture and earthenware	...	21	15	0
					Washing and laundry	...	5	9	0
					Salaries and wages	...	348	8	0
					Water-supply	...	6	10	0
					Funerals	...	9	0	0
					Repairs	...	73	18	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	17	14	9
					Insurance	...	7	0	6
					Commission	...	1	17	0
					Other expenses	...	16	5	0
Total	...	£825	18	3	Total	...	£825	18	3

Visited 18th September and 12th December.—Dr. Mandl has been appointed Medical Officer. The Hospital contains the usual number of old-men inmates.

## SOUTH WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	6
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	72
				—
Total under treatment	...	...	...	78
Discharged	...	...	...	69
Died	...	...	...	4
				—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	...	5

*Sex.*—60 males, 18 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—South Wairarapa from Gladstone to Martinborough.

*Country.*—England, 17; Scotland, 2; Ireland, 6; New Zealand, 43; Sweden, 1; Australia, 5; Germany, 1; America, 1; Orkney Islands, 1; France, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 44; Roman Catholic, 17; Presbyterian, 14; Baptist, 1; Lutheran, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,540; individual average days' stay, 32.56. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 6s. 11½d.

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		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	809	0	10	Rations	...	300	11	1
Local bodies	...	366	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	2	1	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	213	3	9	Surgery and dispensary	...	73	4	4
Patients' payments	...	114	18	0	Fuel and light and electric light installation	...	260	7	4
Other sources	...	7	0	6	Bedding and clothing	...	24	16	10
					Washing and laundry	...	13	0	0
					Salaries and wages	...	414	6	0
					Furniture and earthenware	...	53	12	8
					Repairs	...	85	9	0
					New buildings and additions	...	59	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	23	13	0
					Interest	...	9	16	3
					Insurance	...	19	14	0
					Commission	...	1	2	6
					X-rays apparatus	...	55	10	0
					Other expenses	...	26	6	1
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,510</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£1,422</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>

Visited 17th June.—Three male patients. All in excellent order. Mrs. Bassett has been replaced by a registered nurse, Miss Derry. A small oil-engine under charge of Mr. Bassett drives a dynamo providing electric lighting throughout the building, and for an x-ray room. It also supplies power for pumping water and cutting wood.

#### THAMES HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	49
Admitted during the year	...	343
<b>Total under treatment</b>	...	<b>392</b>
Discharged	...	339
Died	...	28
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904</b>	...	<b>25</b>

*Sex.*—284 males, 108 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Thames, 360; Waikato, 8; Waihi, 20; Auckland, 2; Hawke's Bay, 2.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 238; England, 62; Scotland, 13; Ireland, 25; Wales, 1; Newfoundland, 1; Cape Colony, 1; Malta, 1; Victoria, 10; New South Wales, 9; Tasmania, 3; Queensland, 1; Tahiti, 2; Tonga, 1; Samoa, 2; India, 1; China, 2; America (United States), 2; Denmark, 1; Sweden, 3; Austria, 9; Germany, 2; Italy, 1; France, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 199; Roman Catholic, 90; Methodist, 30; Presbyterian, 48; Primitive Methodist, 7; Baptist, 3; Congregational, 2; Church of Christ, 2; Lutheran, 2; Salvation Army, 2; Latter Day Saints, 2; Mormon, 1; Unitarian, 1; Buddhist, 2; Theosophist, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,314; individual average days' stay, 31.41. Daily average cost per head, 3s. 7½d.; less patients' payments, 2s. 5d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 342; attendances, 1,548.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	807	0	8	Rations	...	498	3	10
Local bodies	...	733	5	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	4	16	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	75	6	7	Surgery and dispensary	...	157	2	6
Rents	...	36	0	0	Fuel and light	...	161	1	5
Patients' payments	...	750	3	7	Bedding and clothing, furniture, and earthenware	...	100	2	2
Other sources	...	34	0	6	Salaries and wages	...	1,046	9	1
Balance from last year	...	839	11	7	Water-supply and rates	...	51	0	10
					Funerals	...	18	8	6
					Repairs	...	22	11	5
					Additions to buildings	...	79	3	3
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	30	11	4
					Interest	...	2	12	0
					Insurance	...	43	8	9
					Other expenses	...	102	17	3
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£3,275</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£2,318</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

Visited 31st January and 20th June.—The working of this Hospital under Dr. Aubyn and Miss M. Stewart is all that could be desired. The surgical and medical treatment is excellent, the food good, and the patients comfortable.

## TIMARU HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	35
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	433
Total under treatment				468
Discharged	...	...	...	399
Died	...	...	...	32
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				37

*Sex.*—317 males, 151 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Hospital district, 434; outside hospital district, 34.

*Country.*—England, 99; Scotland, 43; Ireland, 69; New Zealand, 227; Germany, 5; Australia, 14; Wales, 2; Spain, 1; South Africa, 1; India, 3; America, 2; China, 2.

*Religion.*—Roman Catholic, 126; Episcopalian, 163; Presbyterian, 106; Salvation Army, 6; Primitive Methodist, 12; Methodist, 41; Lutheran, 2; Congregationalist, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 4; unknown, 4; Freethinker, 1; Confucian, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 12,754; individual average days' stay, 27.25. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 9d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 2d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 320; attendances, 1,139.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	2,371	19	7	Rations	...	839	15	6
Local bodies	...	2,371	19	8	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	56	0	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	34	12	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	448	8	10
Rents	...	13	10	0	Fuel and light	...	346	2	3
Patients' payments	...	352	14	9	Bedding and clothing	...	283	5	8
Other sources	...	1	15	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	258	14	0
					Salaries and wages	...	1,131	6	3
					Water-supply	...	45	1	0
					Repairs	...	163	0	0
					New buildings	...	1,380	19	11
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	34	18	5
					Insurance	...	21	8	4
					Other expenses	...	137	10	4
Total	...	£5,146	11	0	Total	...	£5,146	11	0

Visited 5th December and 24th March.—There have been considerable changes here. Dr. Gabites having resigned, Dr. Unwin has been appointed Resident Medical Officer. Miss Kitto is the Matron. The nursing department is understaffed, necessitating too long hours of duty. The Hospital would gain in efficiency by shortening hours and adding two nurses to the staff.

## WAIHI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	...
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	150
Total under treatment				150
Discharged	...	...	...	122
Died	...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				18

*Sex.*—109 males, 41 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Waihi, Thames, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty.

*Country.*—England, 24; Scotland, 6; Ireland, 23; New Zealand, 74; Australia, 16; France, 1; Isle of Man, 1; Channel Islands, 1; Canada, 1; Germany, 1; United States of America, 2.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 56; Roman Catholic, 44; Presbyterian, 26; Wesleyan, 12; Lutheran, 2; Primitive Methodist, 6; Salvation Army, 3; Jewish, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,682; individual average days' stay, 24.54. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 6d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 13; attendances, 102.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	2,792	12	3	Rations	...	269	13	11
Local bodies	...	375	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	1	17	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	412	5	5	Surgery and dispensary	...	282	13	8
Patients' payments	...	175	17	0	Fuel and light...	...	296	6	6
Other sources	...	17	10	0	Bedding and clothing	...	257	2	6
Balance from last year	...	621	3	5	Furniture and earthenware	...	415	6	0
					Washing and laundry	...	35	17	8
					Salaries and wages	...	426	0	0
					Water-supply	...	285	3	4
					Funerals	...	2	5	0
					New buildings...	...	1,959	9	2
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	58	5	7
					Interest	...	11	4	5
					Insurance	...	24	12	6
					Ground improvement	...	83	7	10
					Other expenses	...	26	17	5
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£4,394</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£4,436</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

Visited 1st February and 21st June.—There are structural defects here that must add considerably to the difficulty of keeping this Hospital clean and at the same time well ventilated.

#### WAIKATO HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	27
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	360
				—
<b>Total under treatment</b>	...	...	...	<b>387</b>
Discharged	...	...	...	328
Died	...	...	...	30
				—
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904</b>	...	...	...	<b>29</b>

*Sex.*—273 males, 114 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Waikato County, 45; Waipa County, 79; Piako County, 44; Raglan County, 20; King-country and Kawhia County, 48; Rotorua, 19; Hamilton, 40; Cambridge, 13; Te Aroha, 24; Auckland, 7; other districts, 21.

*Country.*—England, 64; Scotland, 23; Ireland, 27; New Zealand, 214; Australia, 12; Wales, 1; Germany, 4; Sweden, 1; America, 7; India, 2; Austria, 1; Norway, 1; Denmark, 1; Greece, 1; Poland, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 203; Roman Catholic, 51; Presbyterian, 65; Wesleyan, 18; Lutheran, 4; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Jewish, 1; Quaker, 1; Greek Church, 1; Methodist, 1; Baptist, 1; Salvationist, 1; Mormon, 1; no religion, 8.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 10,634; individual average days' stay, 27.48. Daily average cost per head, 6s. 10½d.; less patients' payments, 5s. 0½d.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	1,826	12	7	Rations	...	903	19	9
Local bodies	...	1,497	3	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	22	12	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	96	11	4	Surgery and dispensary	...	487	8	4
Rents	...	118	9	0	Fuel and light	...	187	10	7
Patients' payments	...	962	0	0	Bedding and clothing	...	95	10	8
Balance from last year	...	53	10	7	Furniture and earthenware	...	92	8	6
					Washing and laundry	...	125	19	4
					Salaries and wages	...	1,181	12	4
					Water-supply	...	17	18	5
					Funerals	...	16	19	0
					Repairs	...	166	7	2
					New buildings	...	512	10	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	80	2	7
					Insurance	...	29	15	6
					Other expenses	...	238	19	4
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£4,554</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£4,159</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>

Visited 30th January and 17th June.—A new hospital is needed here. The present building has become inadequate for the number of patients and it is dilapidated. It was built of white-pine, and the boards are simply drilled with minute holes. The septic tank works satisfactorily.

## WAIMATE HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	15
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	142
Total under treatment				157
Discharged	...	...	...	136
Died	...	...	...	10
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				11

*Sex.*—103 males, 54 females.

*Locality from which Patients came.*—Waimate County.

*Country.*—England, 20; Scotland, 7; Ireland, 21; New Zealand, 98; Australia, 9; India, 1; Mauritius, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 3,009; individual average days' stay, 19.16. Daily average cost per head, 7s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; less patients' payments, 7s. 4d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 70; attendances, 206.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	609	6	9	Rations	...	184	16	9
Local bodies	...	603	5	4	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	14	3	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	1	9	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	85	0	7
Patients' payments	...	83	9	8	Fuel and light	...	93	19	7
Other sources	...	11	7	7	Bedding and clothing	...	36	2	11
					Furniture and earthenware	...	18	1	6
					Salaries and wages	...	517	13	3
					Funerals	...	2	15	0
					New buildings	...	36	0	0
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	19	7	5
					Interest	...	3	0	0
					Insurance	...	13	9	0
					Other expenses...	...	164	19	10
Total	..	£1,308	18	4	Total	...	£1,189	8	10

Visited 25th March.—Clean and cheerful.

## WAIPAWA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	37
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	347
Total under treatment				384
Discharged	...	...	...	339
Died	...	...	...	16
Remaining on 31st March, 1904				29

*Sex.*—274 males, 110 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Bush, 113; Te Aute, 18; Kaikora, 12; Coast, 15; Waipukurau, 38; Dannevirke, 58; Woodville, 10; Wellington, 2; Porangahau, 18; Hastings, 12; Makaretu, 26; Napier, 11; Waipawa, 33; Weber, 14; Feilding, 1; Wairoa, 1; Palmerston, 2.

*Country.*—England, 90; New Zealand, 156; Denmark, 14; Sweden, 13; Norway, 16; Scotland, 20; Ireland, 42; Australia, 16; Newfoundland, 2; Prussia, 1; Arabia, 1; Wales, 3; Saxony, 1; Channel Islands, 3; Tasmania, 2; America, 2; not known, 1; born at sea, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 182; Roman Catholic, 64; Lutheran, 37; Presbyterian, 48; Wesleyan, 18; not known, 1; nil, 10; Methodist, 7; Plymouth Brethren, 4; Salvationist, 9; Freethinker, 1; Baptist, 3.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 10,804; individual average days' stay, 28.13. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 6d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 10d.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	1,483	2 6	Rations ...	940	13 6
Local bodies ...	1,100	0 0	Wines, &c. ...	38	18 9
Subscriptions and donations ...	194	0 1	Surgery and dispensary ...	248	14 2
Patients' payments ...	349	12 0	Fuel and light ...	175	11 5
Other sources ...	27	5 6	Bedding and clothing ...	42	18 6
Balance from last year ...	76	17 9	Furniture, earthenware, and repairs	245	3 10
			Washing and laundry ...	31	4 0
			Salaries and wages ...	1,135	5 11
			Funerals ...	14	10 0
			Additions to buildings ...	480	5 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...		8 12 0
			Interest ...		1 3 3
			Other expenses ...		84 17 2
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3,230</b>	<b>17 10</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3,447</b>	<b>17 6</b>

Visited 4th July.—Baths and lavatory arrangements are unsatisfactory and should be replaced by modern appliances. Miss Godfray has resigned from the matronship and Miss Carston is her successor.

## WAIROA HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903 ...	1
Admitted during the year ...	25
<b>Total under treatment ...</b>	<b>26</b>
Discharged ...	25
Died ...	1
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904 ...</b>	<b>Nil.</b>

*Sex.*—19 males, 7 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Wairoa County, 21; Napier, 3; other districts, 1.

*Country.*—New Zealand, 13; England, 3; Scotland, 2; Ireland, 3; Aboriginal, 2; Australia, 1; unknown, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 16; Roman Catholic, 3; Presbyterian, 6.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 601; individual average days' stay, 23·11. Daily average cost per head, 14s. 6½d.; less patients' payments, 13s. 5d.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	706	12 0	Rations ...	82	18 2
Local bodies ...	206	12 0	Wines, spirits, &c. ...	1	2 0
Patients' payments ...	33	3 0	Surgery and dispensary ...	28	2 3
Other sources ...	0	17 2	Fuel and light ...	28	2 0
			Bedding and clothing ...	3	7 8
			Furniture, &c. ...	11	11 0
			Washing and laundry ...	1	10 0
			Salaries and wages ...	251	9 3
			Repairs ...	3	15 0
			New buildings... ..	500	0 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...		2 13 10
			Insurance ...		3 4 0
			Other expenses ...		19 1 0
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£947</b>	<b>4 2</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£936</b>	<b>16 2</b>

## WANGANUI HOSPITAL

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	42
Admitted during the year	...	...	517
			—
Total under treatment	...	...	559
Discharged	...	...	470
Died	...	...	41
			—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	48

*Sex.*—360 males, 199 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Wanganui Borough, 262; Wanganui County, 52; Waitotara County, 67; Rangitikei County, 135; Marton Borough, 23; Patea, 9; Palmerston North District, 5; Hawera District, 2; Taranaki District, 4.

*Country.*—England, 98; Scotland, 33; Ireland, 54; Wales, 2; New Zealand, 319; Australia, 22; Norway, 2; United States, America, 1; Canada, 3; Germany, 3; Austria, 1; Channel Islands, 1; South Africa, 1; China, 2; Tasmania, 4; Finland, 3; Italy, 2; Denmark, 7; Portugal, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 217; Roman Catholic, 155; Presbyterian, 97; Wesleyan, 24; Plymouth Brethren, 2; Baptist, 7; Salvation Army, 8; Lutheran, 4; Methodist, 6; Church of Christ, 3; Protestant, 20; Jewish, 1; Quaker, 1; Adventist, 1; unknown, 13.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 18,306; individual average days' stay, 32.74. Daily average cost per head, 4s. 5½d.; less patients' payments, 3s. 10½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 158; attendances, 1,289.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
From Government	2,205	6	7	Rations	1,160	10	7
Local bodies	1,178	18	2	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	86	11	7
Subscriptions and donations	147	0	4	Surgery and dispensary	422	14	9
Rents	1,038	1	5	Fuel and light	371	18	1
Patients' payments	520	1	3	Bedding and clothing	111	7	4
Loan (Nurses' Home)	1,500	0	0	Furniture and earthenware	96	18	9
Other sources	190	15	10	Salaries and wages	1,189	15	11
Balance from last year	1,426	10	5	Water-supply	100	0	0
				Funerals	13	17	0
				Repairs	87	10	8
				New buildings and additions	2,469	4	11
				Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	40	4	8
				Interest	251	4	0
				Insurance	1	17	0
				Other expenses	156	16	8
Total	£8,206	14	0	Total	£6,560	11	11

Visited 11th June.—A Nurses' Home has been built during the year and is nearing completion. The extra accommodation provided for the staff will allow one of the wards now vacant to be put into occupation. The cost of erection was £2,000 and the furnishing was raised by local effort.

## WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	197
Admitted during the year	...	...	1,914
			—
Total under treatment	...	...	2,111
Discharged	...	...	1,793
Died	...	...	143
			—
Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	175

*Sex.*—1,211 males, 900 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Wellington Hospital District: Wellington City, 1,517; Wellington Suburbs, 242; Petone, 80; Lower Hutt, 32; Upper Hutt, 27; Levin, 18; sundry small places in district, 9. Wairarapa Hospital District, 40; Taranaki Hospital District, 9; Palmerston North Hospital District, 27; Buller Hospital District, 13; Wanganui Hospital District, 9; Nelson Hospital District, 8; Hawke's Bay Hospital District, 4; Cook Hospital District, 2; Waipawa Hospital District, 3; Wairau Hospital District, 2; North Canterbury Hospital District, 3; Otago Hospital District, 1; Ashburton Hospital District, 1; Picton Hospital District, 1; Westland Hospital District, 1; Inangahua Hospital District, 1; ships in port, 61.

*Nationality of Patients.*—Colonials (New Zealand), 1,203; Colonials (Australia), 84; English, 420; Irish, 165; Scotch, 139; Swedes, 18; Danes, 13; Americans, 9; Welsh, 8; Norwegians, 8; Maoris, 5; Russians, 4; Jews, 4; Italians, 3; Dutch, 2; French, 7; Assyrians, 2; Greeks, 2; Africans, 1; Germans, 9; Chinese, 5.

*Religion of Patients.*—Church of England, 1,074; Roman Catholic, 376; Presbyterian, 302; Wesleyan, 166; Methodist, 37; Salvation Army, 29; Lutheran, 20; Congregationalist, 19; Baptist, 18; Brethren, 18; Hebrew, 10; Church of Christ, 4; Confucian, 3; Freethinkers, 3; Christadelphians, 2; Greek Church, 2; Theosophists, 1; Central Mission, 1; Spiritualists, 1; Seventh Day Adventists, 1; unknown, 24.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 61,724; individual average days' stay, 29.24. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 1½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 2½d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 2,791; attendances, 12,414.

		RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	5,703	14	2	Rations	...	4,348	18	1
Local bodies	...	5,300	0	0	Wines, spirits, ale, &c.	...	203	15	6
Subscriptions and donations	...	403	18	0	Surgery and dispensary	...	1,148	17	5
Bequest	...	4	0	0	Fuel and light	...	1,230	6	6
Rents	...	2,662	9	0	Bedding and clothing	...	465	12	10
Patients' payments	...	2,819	13	6	Furniture and earthenware	...	267	8	8
Other sources	...	7,328	8	11	Washing and laundry	...	597	11	10
Balance from last year	...	8,279	3	10	Salaries and wages	...	5,043	5	1
					Water-supply	...	82	17	6
					Funerals	...	40	16	6
					Repairs	...	1,101	17	5
					New buildings	...	8,466	12	0
					Preparing sites for new buildings	...	2,018	19	3
					Additions to buildings	...	430	0	6
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	85	14	7
					Interest	...	211	10	0
					Insurance	...	110	15	10
					Other expenses	...	1,085	3	3
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£32,501</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	...	<b>£26,940</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>

Visited several times during the year and inspection made from time to time of food and kitchen arrangements. Owing to the unavoidable overcrowding it has been a trying year for Dr. Ewart and the staff. The Nurses' Home is almost ready for occupation, and this will free the two wards hitherto used as nurses' dormitories, &c., for the use of patients. Whilst alterations are in progress it is to be hoped that the Trustees will take in hand some much-needed modern improvements in the bath-rooms and lavatories attached to the older wards.

#### WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903	...	...	...	22
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	141
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	Total under treatment	...	...	163
Discharged	...	...	...	120
Died	...	...	...	13
				-----
	Remaining on 31st March, 1904	...	...	30

*Sex.*—124 males, 39 females.

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

*Country.*—Great Britain, 74; New Zealand, 71; Australia, 12; Europe, 6.

*Religion.*—Protestant, 118; Roman Catholic, 43; Freethinker, 2.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 6,562; individual average days' stay, 40.25. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 7¼d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 3¼d.

*Outdoor Patients.*—Individual cases, 157; attendances, 618.



## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	720	16 8	Rations ...	578	3 4
Local bodies ...	590	4 1	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	84	9 2
Subscriptions and donations ...	59	17 3	Surgery and dispensary ...	174	14 3
Rents ...	23	0 0	Fuel and light... ..	133	7 3
Patients' payments ...	423	16 7	Bedding and clothing ...	25	5 11
Other sources ...	25	2 0	Furniture and earthenware ...	79	11 10
			Salaries and wages ...	618	17 6
			Funerals ...	8	0 0
			Repairs ...	70	19 1
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery, &c. ...	17	19 6
			Insurance ...	13	19 0
			Other expenses ...	37	9 9
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£1,842</b>	<b>16 7</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£1,842</b>	<b>16 7</b>

Visited 10th September and 17th December, 1903.—This hospital is well and economically managed by an efficient matron, Miss Hayward. Good work is being done by Dr. Mackenzie. Like all West Coast hospitals, Westport is hampered by the number of old men housed in its wards.

## WHANGAREI HOSPITAL.

Number of patients on 31st March, 1903 ...	7
Admitted during the year ...	83
<b>Total under treatment ...</b>	<b>90</b>
Discharged ...	75
Died ...	12
<b>Remaining on 31st March, 1904 ...</b>	<b>3</b>

*Sex.*—71 males, 19 females.

*Localities from which Patients came.*—Bay of Islands, 12; Whangarei, 76; Hobson, 2.

*Country.*—England, 16; Scotland, 10; Ireland, 4; New Zealand, 43; Australia, 5; America, 2; Austria, 3; France, 4; Sweden, 1; Norway, 1; unknown, 1.

*Religion.*—Church of England, 35; Roman Catholic, 17; Presbyterian, 23; Wesleyan, 11; Lutheran, 1; Salvationist, 1; Mormon, 1; no religion, 1.

Total collective days' stay in Hospital, 2,080; individual average days' stay, 23.11. Daily average cost per head, 5s. 8½d.; less patients' payments, 4s. 8d.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Government ...	350	18 11	Rations ...	169	3 3
Local bodies ...	293	6 10	Wines, spirits, ale, &c. ...	1	12 6
Subscriptions and donations ...	144	0 6	Surgery and dispensary ...	135	0 0
Patients' payments ...	105	9 8	Fuel and light ...	27	16 0
			Bedding and clothing ...	21	3 1
			Washing and laundry ...	1	14 8
			Salaries and wages ...	197	18 0
			Funerals ...	16	2 0
			Repairs ...	9	0 2
			Additions to buildings... ..	172	7 0
			Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery ...	0	19 3
			Insurance ...	11	0 0
			Rawene Cottage Hospital ...	130	0 0
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£893</b>	<b>15 11</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£893</b>	<b>15 11</b>

Visited 14th January.—I visited this Hospital accompanied by Mr. Mackenzie, the Chairman, who lives near and takes a great interest in the institution. Miss Stewart, the Matron, is now a registered nurse. The Hospital was in very good order. I pointed out to the Chairman a very serious structural defect. There are steps intervening between the main building and the kitchen, and up these steps nurses have to carry meals backwards and forwards to the wards. The Chairman promised that this defect should be rectified.

I have, &c.,

D. MACGREGOR, M.A., M.B.,

Inspector-General of Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

TABLE showing Admissions, Discharges, &c., of Patients at Hospitals for the Year ended the 31st March, 1904.

Hospital.	Number of Patients on March 31, 1903.	Number of Patients admitted during Year.	Total under Treatment.	Number discharged.	Died.	Number remaining on March 31, 1904.	Sex.		Total Collectives Days Stay in Hospital.	Individual Average Days Stay.	Average Cost per Daily Cost per Patient.	Percentage of Administration on Total Expenditure.	Number of Outdoor Patients.	
							M.	F.					Individual Cases.	Attendances.
Akaroa	1	25	26	23	2	1	18	8	616	23.69	0 10 9	45.81	..	..
Arrowtown	3	80	83	72	5	6	61	22	1,776	21.40	0 10 1	50.44	64	113
Ashburton	17	226	243	207	20	16	178	65	3,376	13.89	0 9 4	40.06	..	..
Auckland	149	1,692	1,781	1,434	176	171	1,192	589	57,264	32.00	0 4 7	31.00	448	3,436
Blenheim	8	204	212	173	19	20	144	68	6,357	29.98	0 6 11	29.03	..	..
Charleston	5	32	37	29	3	5	37	..	1,243	33.59	0 11 8	48.60	..	..
Christchurch	93	1,481	1,574	1,376	107	91	994	580	37,960	24.11	0 5 3	38.41	2,115	11,368
Coromandel	6	88	94	79	8	7	58	36	2,226	23.68	0 9 6	49.15	30	82
Cromwell	3	61	64	53	5	6	59	5	1,788	27.15	0 9 11	51.64	35	62
Dunedin	94	1,285	1,379	1,155	138	91	842	537	37,256	27.00	0 4 10	31.52	1,540	4,563
Dunstan	5	44	49	37	8	4	43	6	1,519	31.00	0 10 11	58.62	36	80
Gisborne	24	260	284	249	22	13	203	81	7,505	26.43	0 5 1	43.33	..	..
Greytown	52	254	306	209	37	60	243	63	20,280	66.27	0 3 1	35.33	115	407
Hawera	9	120	129	107	7	15	84	45	2,462	19.08	0 14 8	40.40	..	..
Hokitika	33	158	191	120	28	43	130	61	14,802	77.50	0 3 7	38.30	202	592
Invercargill	37	482	519	447	35	37	360	159	15,271	29.42	0 5 3	38.03	984	1,987
Kumara	17	88	105	77	10	18	87	18	6,242	59.45	0 3 7	35.59	119	242
Lawrence	2	101	103	83	13	7	75	28	2,355	22.86	0 9 1	43.08	68	..
Masterton	6	98	104	76	15	13	84	20	3,469	38.37	0 6 3	48.80	6	10
Mercury Bay	1	59	60	57	..	3	42	18	708	11.71	1 5 0	54.66	979	1,631
Napier	44	455	499	424	32	43	287	212	12,262	24.57	0 7 1	33.60	570	852
Naseby	7	192	129	115	12	2	86	43	3,924	30.41	0 5 8	52.42	34	139
Nelson	30	267	297	241	18	38	176	121	13,050	43.98	0 5 0	35.13	897	3,285
New Plymouth	20	412	432	372	29	31	276	156	10,054	23.27	0 7 1	25.39	..	..
Northern Wairoa	..	26	26	20	2	4	23	3	521	20.04	0 9 4	30.11	..	..
Oamaru	20	208	228	193	13	22	137	91	5,689	24.95	0 5 6	35.67	88	3,013
Otaki	4	76	80	70	6	8	57	23	2,005	25.06	0 8 2	58.83	..	..
Pahiatua	6	96	102	94	6	2	77	25	1,945	19.07	0 7 6	52.18	..	..
Palmerston North	18	302	320	266	26	28	232	88	8,269	25.84	0 5 5	40.30	..	..
Patea	2	59	61	56	3	2	51	10	993	16.28	0 11 2	41.93	..	..
Picton	12	87	99	85	8	6	68	31	4,331	43.75	0 4 0	31.60	..	..
Queenstown	9	73	82	70	5	7	64	18	2,496	30.44	0 6 10	52.00	98	412
Reefton	22	125	147	99	20	28	129	18	7,359	50.06	0 5 2	37.85	253	581
Riverton	19	172	191	169	8	14	131	60	4,646	24.32	0 7 5	42.52	150	202
Ross	6	26	32	19	4	9	28	4	4,477	139.90	0 3 3	44.31	..	5
South Wairarapa	6	72	78	69	4	5	60	18	2,540	32.56	0 7 10	30.80	..	..
Thames	49	343	392	339	28	25	284	108	12,914	31.41	0 3 7	41.65	342	1,548
Timaru	35	433	468	399	32	37	317	151	12,754	27.25	0 5 9	35.00	320	1,139
Waipi	..	150	150	122	10	18	109	41	3,682	24.54	0 6 5	29.00	13	102
Waikato	27	360	387	328	30	29	273	114	10,634	27.48	0 6 10	29.03	..	..
Waimate	15	142	157	136	10	11	103	54	3,009	19.16	0 7 10	45.16	70	206
Waipawa	37	347	384	339	16	29	274	110	10,804	28.13	0 5 6	33.17	..	..
Wairoa	1	25	26	25	1	..	19	7	601	23.11	0 14 6	58.12	..	..
Wanganui	42	517	559	470	41	48	360	199	18,306	32.74	0 4 5	27.67	158	1,269
Wellington	197	1,914	2,111	1,793	143	175	1,211	900	61,724	29.24	0 5 1	32.42	2,791	12,414
Westport	22	141	163	120	13	30	124	39	6,562	40.25	0 5 7	34.52	157	618
Whangarei	7	83	90	75	12	3	71	19	2,080	23.11	0 5 8	33.68	..	..
Totals	1,222	13,811	15,033	12,571	1,181	1,381	9,961	5,072	451,451	30.08	0 5 7	30.00	12,577	50,991

TABLE showing Receipts on Account of Hospitals during the Year ended 31st March, 1904.

Hospitals.	From Government.	From Hospital Boards and Local Authorities.	Voluntary Contributions.	Bequests.	Rents, &c.	Payments by Patients.	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	154 18 0	154 18 0				23 0 0		271 8 2	332 16 0
Arrowtown	426 1 2	291 0 0	132 15 0			144 7 0		1,265 11 4	2,550 8 6
Ashburton	1,181 14 0	1,179 0 0	2 5 0			157 15 0	29 14 6	13,987 12 7	3,355 19 5
Auckland	4,867 11 6	4,867 11 7	86 15 11	87 14 11	346 18 0	3,026 0 2	105 0 6	830 6 8	757 4 9
Blenheim	1,085 9 1	1,096 11 11			15 16 0	306 1 4	11 14 5	54 7 0	12,910 16 10
Christchurch	4,949 6 4	183 10 10	119 5 6		10 0 0	86 19 0		2,007 15 9	1,142 12 8
Coromandel	420 17 11	300 0 0	85 12 5		5 0 0	891 16 11	19 3 1	147 18 5	1,273 5 9
Cromwell	439 18 0	197 14 3	125 2 0			170 17 3	17 6 8	307 11 4	9,235 15 10
Dunedin	3,605 0 11	3,000 0 0	246 17 6	300 0 0		1,734 18 0	338 19 5		1,194 3 9
Dunstan	545 8 9	319 6 1	161 18 1			91 12 3	0 4 0	201 7 1	2,456 8 0
Gisborne	1,419 7 6	600 0 0	286 2 0	10 0 0	37 14 0	407 18 6	20 6 6		3,353 16 8
Hawera	1,100 11 8	862 10 0	282 0 1	1,625 3 11	35 5 0	701 8 1	123 11 0		3,874 4 10
Hokitika	986 1 7	639 5 7	62 13 8			266 9 6	144 15 6		2,372 7 0
Invercargill	1,692 17 10	550 0 0	367 12 0		29 16 6	438 19 4	121 16 2	226 11 6	4,564 16 3
Kumara	422 7 6	1,695 17 0	170 2 6	5 0 0		627 14 9	11 10 0	5 19 7	1,017 3 5
Lawrence	520 5 0	248 15 1	148 15 9			174 15 6		233 6 3	1,153 15 0
Masterton	748 8 1	266 0 0			11 0 0	134 3 9		1,637 11 9	3,399 1 4
Mercury Bay	436 11 8	609 5 0	220 1 9		17 16 0	120 6 8	52 8 1	241 11 0	8,971 0 4
Napier	1,856 13 4	1,120 0 0	441 18 5	4,553 9 3	80 5 6	87 5 5	1 8 6	348 1 1	1,523 8 8
Nelson	439 11 8	264 4 6	137 14 9			296 2 10	82 3 9	143 17 9	2,388 11 9
New Plymouth	886 1 8	850 0 0	46 14 0		178 12 6	531 15 6	6 4 6		4,368 5 9
Northern Wairoa	1,182 12 3	856 2 6	188 13 11		63 1 6	411 8 1	15 15 6	544 15 10	3,602 12 9
Oamaru	2,059 0 1	856 2 6	787 10 0		828 4 6	1,297 1 10	780 13 9		1,587 3 0
Otaki	131 14 11	130 10 0	103 3 9			52 19 1	27 17 9		944 3 10
Pahiatua	402 17 11	270 15 11	55 1 0			224 8 0	299 11 10		1,382 1 1
Palmerston North	541 13 1	473 0 0	71 6 0		8 0 0	100 5 6	115 3 6	98 5 4	2,512 2 3
Patea	900 0 0	786 7 0	86 6 8			182 5 0	7 11 8	319 0 3	788 0 7
Picton	343 13 9	252 10 0	50 9 3	62 8 7	1 19 0	413 3 10	7 4 6		1,450 4 2
Queenstown	647 1 7	400 16 1	72 8 1			76 10 0	0 10 0	129 19 9	1,020 5 3
Reefton	331 12 0	322 0 0	433 8 3	10 0 0		195 1 0	41 0 3		2,793 4 1
Riverton	1,567 2 11	425 0 0	875 17 9			357 12 11		188 0 11	825 18 3
Ross	912 7 4	875 17 9	15 10 8			266 13 6	16 0 6		1,510 3 1
South Wairarapa	300 16 6	241 12 9	147 19 0			135 10 0	7 0 6		3,275 7 11
Thames	809 0 10	366 0 0	213 3 9			114 18 0	34 0 6	839 11 7	5,146 11 0
Timaru	2,371 19 7	733 5 0	75 6 7		36 0 0	750 3 7	17 10 0	621 3 5	4,394 8 1
Waihi	2,792 12 3	2,371 19 8	34 12 0		13 10 0	352 14 9	1 15 0	53 10 7	1,308 18 4
Waikato	1,826 12 7	375 0 0	412 5 5		118 9 0	175 17 0	17 10 0		3,250 17 10
Waimate	609 6 9	1,497 3 0	96 11 4			962 0 0	11 7 7		947 4 2
Waipawa	1,483 2 6	603 5 4	1 9 0			349 12 0	27 5 6		8,206 14 0
Wairoa	706 12 0	206 12 0	194 0 1			33 3 0	0 17 2		32,501 7 5
Wanganui	2,205 6 7	1,178 18 2	147 0 4		1,088 1 5	520 1 3	1,690 15 10		1,842 16 7
Wellington	5,703 14 2	5,300 0 0	403 18 0	4 0 0	2,662 9 0	2,819 13 6	7,328 8 11	8,279 3 10	1,893 15 11
Westport	720 16 8	590 4 1	59 17 3		23 0 0	423 16 7	25 2 0		174,938 14 2
Whangarei	350 18 11	293 6 10	144 0 6			105 9 8			
Totals	59,099 1 4	43,960 6 8	7,601 15 11	6,657 16 8	5,565 17 11	21,184 15 7	11,583 7 5	19,385 12 8	174,938 14 2

TABLE showing the Expenditure on Hospitals during the Year ended the 31st March, 1904.

Table with columns: 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., Printing, Advertising, Postage, and Stationery, For Interest, For Insurance, For Commission, Other Expenses, Total. Each column contains financial data in pounds and shillings.

To Is ... 29,933 ro 10 1,355 2 o 11,639 18 99,847 10 13,385 4 9 4,778 0 8 1,874 4 6 43,983 6 7 1,224 0 1 442 1 0 5,178 1 3 27,507 18 10 1,521 2 10 6 11 8 10 1,161 8 11 130 13 0 9,214 15 7 153,768 6

TABLE showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the under-mentioned Charitable-aid Districts during the Year ended the 31st March, 1904.

District.	Receipts.										Expenditure.					
	Balance from Last Year.	From Government.	From Rates.	Voluntary Contributions.	Requests.	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.	Average Weekly Cost of Children boarded out.
£ 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.
North of Auckland...	599 8 7	427 10 0	360 8 5	1,118 18 7	490 19 4	20 0 0	197 10 0	15 10 0	1,620 7 0	581 13 11	904 2 0	1,485 15 11	147 16 4	..	152 7 6	6 0
Auckland ..	531 16 4	7,775 12 8	8,010 5 5	1,118 18 7	..	88 18 9	2,612 0 4	1,781 6 1	22,409 17 6	4,930 10 2	4,930 10 2	14,110 12 7	852 13 10	11	258 8 6	3 10
Thames and Coromandel	35 18 3	1,210 6 4	1,016 12 10	258 6 4	..	8 10 0	168 11 3	48 14 3	2,746 19 3	1,243 8 1	1,198 16 10	2,437 4 11	253 8 6	21	..	..
Waikato ..	..	402 17 0	402 17 0	..	..	..	..	177 6 4	983 0 4	381 12 11	601 7 5	983 0 4	246 16 0	9	207 16 0	7 2
Bay of Plenty	325 4 8	148 15 3	91 10 3	..	..	18 7 10	19 16 0	..	603 14 0	..	402 8 6	402 8 6	39 0 0	2	39 0 0	7 6
Cook ..	231 10 1	906 0 0	636 0 0	..	..	..	6 8 6	..	1,877 18 7	1,877 18 7	289 15 11	1,657 15 4	44 4 0	3	44 4 0	5 8
Hawke's Bay	584 11 9	1,046 11 6	1,928 11 10	..	..	30 0 0	465 4 7	40 0 0	3,494 19 8	1,882 1 3	1,352 19 2	3,235 0 5	121 1 2	8	111 1 0	5 10
Taranaki ..	..	1,119 7 11	1,119 7 10	..	..	..	..	..	2,238 15 9	1,432 11 5	1,806 4 4	2,238 15 9	171 0 0	12	171 0 0	5 5½
Hawera ..	..	158 19 4	158 19 5	..	..	..	..	..	317 18 9	..	317 18 9	317 18 9	1 5 0	1	1 5 0	..
Wanganui and Patea	418 18 3	874 14 4	874 14 4	..	..	..	..	..	2,490 5 0	1,240 14 1	883 8 1	2,124 2 2	197 15 8	9	116 16 8	6 5
Palmerston North	40 19 3	571 6 0	571 6 0	..	..	..	78 16 5	45 10 0	1,307 17 8	124 2 8	939 16 6	1,063 19 2	157 9 8	2	38 7 0	6 6
Wellington	7,561 1 9	4,637 13 4	3,722 1 4	844 19 10	288 11 9	6 10 0	1,331 3 5	1,231 13 2	19,573 14 7	5,417 17 3	6,136 10 8	11,554 7 11	2,043 0 11	30	516 2 0	6 6
Wairau ..	..	290 0 7	290 0 6	..	..	..	..	126 0 8	706 1 9	372 5 10	333 15 11	706 1 9	74 2 0	5	15 12 0	7 3
Pietermaritzburg	..	99 9 10	99 9 10	..	..	..	..	..	198 19 8	46 16 0	132 3 8	198 19 8	46 16 0	..	..	..
Nelson ..	1,855 16 3	834 2 6	850 0 0	99 19 6	5 0 0	..	1,336 14 10	12 10 11	4,994 4 0	1,992 7 8	1,031 6 1	3,023 13 9	892 4 2	8	25 0 0	5 2
Buller ..	1 13 2	658 12 8	335 12 7	..	..	..	..	..	995 18 5	163 17 9	503 7 11	667 5 8	163 17 9	..	..	..
Inangahua	377 19 10	395 0 0	275 0 0	100 0 0	..	..	..	..	1,169 19 10	63 7 5	741 16 2	805 3 7	63 7 5	..	..	..
Grey ..	214 17 5	480 17 3	431 5 6	7 0 0	100 0 0	..	..	..	1,238 3 11	625 15 5	779 3 7	1,404 19 0	591 5 11	..	..	..
Westland ..	2 14 6	870 11 0	362 4 3	465 13 9	..	54 14 0	..	..	1,784 17 6	181 4 0	1,540 12 5	1,721 16 5	245 18 11	10	160 18 0	6 2½
North Canterbury	..	6,288 18 7	6,406 10 7	78 12 0	1,796 10 0	63 15 11	1,074 1 1	54 4 11	15,712 13 1	6,687 19 4	7,517 9 6	14,205 8 10	1,728 5 1	76	898 7 6	6 0
and Ashburton	..	970 14 9	885 0 6	36 16 6	..	..	..	..	3,521 3 10	955 19 6	2,113 13 9	3,069 13 3	521 16 7	37	502 19 4	5 2
South Canterbury*	1,420 10 11	772 17 9	655 0 1	97 5 9	..	15 0 0	348 19 10	8 15 8	2,330 4 4	760 10 0	952 9 9	1,712 19 9	232 16 7	..	..	..
North Otago	432 5 3	5,463 12 1	5,449 9 1	247 3 6	..	742 1 6	2,450 15 6	237 1 7	16,484 9 7	8,332 10 10	6,239 5 5	14,591 16 3	3,440 19 4	..	..	..
Otago United	1,904 6 4	3,541 6 8	3,579 12 3	42 12 0	..	17 16 9	959 18 10	179 2 7	8,320 9 1	3,578 11 4	1,934 7 9	5,512 19 3	90 16 4	1	26 0 0	10 0
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	16,539 12 7	39,895 17 4	37,931 19 10	3,397 7 9	2,631 1 11	11,065 14 9	11,371 18 8	4,289 1 1	117,122 13 1	46,613 8 6	42,618 10 3	89,231 18 9	12,367 17 2	245	3,270 4 6	..

\* The Samaritan Home has again failed to furnish returns.

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &amp;c. at 31st March, 1904, and 31st March, 1903.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1904.	31st March, 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1904.	31st March, 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1904.	31st March, 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	9	9	...	...
Auckland	10	10	...	...	44	50	...	6	54	60	...	6
Coromandel and Thames	1	1	...	...	20	19	1	...	21	20	1	...
Waikato	1	...	1	...	8	...	8	...	9	...	9	...
Bay of Plenty	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Cook	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Hawke's Bay	7	8	...	1	1	1	...	...	8	9	...	1
Taranaki	12	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	3	...
Patea and Wanganui	7	6	1	...	8	4	4	...	15	10	5	...
Palmerston North	2	3	...	1	7	7	...	...	9	10	...	1
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	117	98	19	...	147	130	17	...
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	26	28	...	2	...	...	...					
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...
Wairau	1	1	...	...	4	4	...					
Picton	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	1	3	4	...	1
Nelson	8	6	2	...	17	24	...	7	25	30	...	5
Buller	...	...	...	...	10	8	2	...	10	8	2	...
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	...	8	8	...	...
Grey	...	25	...	25	34	33	1	...	34	58	...	24
Westland	10	19	...	9	5	5	...	...	15	24	...	9
Ashburton and North Canterbury	73	59	14	...	64	54	10	...	137	113	24	...
South Canterbury	37	38	...	1	3	5	...	2	40	43	...	3
North Otago	...	...	...	...	13	18	...	5	13	18	...	5
Otago United	...	...	...	...	218	163	55	...	218	164	54	...
Otago Benevolent Institution	...	1	...	1	...	...	...					
Southland	1	1	...	...	3	1	2	...	4	2	2	...
Totals	205	224	21	40	596	515	102	21	801	739	117	55

## 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.)

	Auckland Charitable Aid Board.	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.
Lack of employment—						
(1.) Able-bodied	2	16	10	...	2	28
(2.) Inefficient	3	7	31	18	...	37
Sickness	27	145	30	2	26	7
Accident	5	6	...	...	...	...
Insanity of bread-winner	2	17	1	...	...	...
Imprisonment of bread-winner	6	10	3	...	3	...
Desertion of bread-winner	14	39	26	...	4	1
No male support—						
(1.) Widows	41	111	21	8	45	2
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	8	26	8	...	...	...
Intemperance	...	7	1	...	1	...
Shiftlessness	1	5	1	...	...	...
Physical defects	5	20	2	2	1	2
Old age	22	67	6	8	18	6
Causes undetermined	...	24	21	...	5	...
Total number of cases	136	500	161	38	105	83

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

				Auckland Charitable Aid Board.	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.
Continuous outdoor relief	...	...	...	56	301	100	17	60	13
Intermittent outdoor relief	...	...	...	17	69	13	15	13	20
Temporary outdoor relief	...	...	...	10	113	59	6	32	72
Indoor relief ...	...	...	...	154	310	116	...	60	7
Transportation ...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	7	8
Boarded-out children	...	...	...	...	76	...	...	...	...

TABLE III.—NUMBER OF RATIONS ISSUED.

	Number of Rations issued Year ended 31st March, 1904.	Number of Rations issued Year ended 31st March, 1903.	Amount given in Cash, Year ended 31st March, 1904.	Amount given in Cash, Year ended 31st March, 1903.	Total Number relieved, Year ended 31st March, 1904.	Total Number relieved, Year ended 31st March, 1903.	Remarks.
Auckland Charitable Aid Board	127,926	...	£ 1,271 10 4	£ ...	424	...	
Christchurch Charitable Aid Board	...	211,016	2,384 10 10	2,420 2 6	1,415	1,425	Value of rations issued, £3,168 10s. 6d.
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	50,327	58,164	125 10 0	1,261 0 2	427	571	
Hokitika Benevolent Trustees	...	...	154 18 6	208 11 6	...	...	Relief given by orders on store-keepers.
Napier Charitable Aid Board	37,053	51,528	14 0 0	35 15 10	254	279	
North Wairarapa Benevolent Trustees	...	...	...	...	...	...	Relief given by orders on store-keepers.

*Description of Daily Ration.*

*Auckland.*—Bread, 1 lb. ; tea,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. ; sugar, 3 oz. ; rice, 2 oz. ; oatmeal, 2 oz.—ordinary ration ; to the sick and to those over sixty years of age,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. meat. Value, from  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d.

*Christchurch.*—Meat ; also bread and groceries out of Board's store to value of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. per daily ration.

*Wellington.*—Bread, 1 lb. ; potatoes, 1 lb. ; meat, 8 oz. ; sugar,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. ; tea,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. Value,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.

*Napier.*—Groceries to the value of 4d.

*Approximate Cost of Paper.*—Preparation, not given ; printing (1,700 copies), £28 11s.

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