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By His Honor's command,

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Provincial Secretary, pro tem.

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HIS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication of the following Reports and Returns for general information.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,
Provincial Secretary, pro tem.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL SUR-
GEONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 31, 1865.

THE HOSPITAL.

THE private house hitherto used as a Hospital, has, up to the present time, been made to meet the wants of the small number of patients from the town and agricultural population, requiring its aid.

Within the last year the natural increase of population, and the influx of gold-diggers to the Wakamarina and West Coast have

greatly augmented the applicants for admission, and it no longer provides sufficient accommodation; several very severe cases of fever and other diseases having been lately under treatment, it has become apparent that the rooms of the old house do not contain a sufficient cubic space for the maintenance of pure air for more than one patient in each while none of them contain 1,500 cubic feet, the smallest space allowed for rooms containing one bed, where due regard is had to sanitary precautions.

Some months since, a circular memorandum, drawn up by order of the Duke of Newcastle, was forwarded to this and other Provinces by the Colonial Secretary, defining the standard to which Colonial Hospitals and Asylums ought to attain, and a memorandum in reply was forwarded to his Honor the late Superintendent, in which the deficiencies and requirements of the Nelson Hospital were set forth in detail. To meet our immediate requirements we advise that one large ward should be built at the

south side of the Hospital, providing bed space for 20 male patients, the present building being retained for females and the administrative department of the Hospital. We may mention that experience has shown that a ward containing this number of beds can be most economically worked, as regards fire, servants, night nurses, and other details. We have placed in the hands of the Provincial Engineer the last edition of Miss Nightingale's work on the construction of Hospitals, and the annexed plan and specifications prepared by him, are in accordance with the principles there laid down.

PATIENTS TREATED DURING 12 MONTHS.

	Males.	Females.	Total
Remaining March 31, 1864,	12	1	13
Admitted during 12 Months	101	11	112
Discharged, cured „	...	...	65
„ relieved „	...	...	33
Died „	...	...	10
Remaining March 31, 1865	...	...	17
Total treated during 12 Months			125
Natives included in the above, 5.			

CLASS.	ORDER.	DISEASE.	No.	
1. Zymotic	1. Miasmatici	Febris Continua	10	
		Do. Recurrens	1	
		Do. Intermittens	2	
		Scarlatina	3	
		Erysipelas	1	
		Diphtheria	1	
		Dysentery	3	
	2. Enthetici	Syphilis	1	
		Gonorrhoea	2	
		Orchitis	2	
		Scorbutus	2	
		Ebriositas	1	
		4. Parasitici	Scabies	1
2. Cachectici	1. Diathetici	Rheumatismus	10	
		Scirrhomata	4	
		Scrofula	1	
	2. Phthasici	Phthisis Pulmonalis	9	
		Paralysis	3	
		1. Cephalici	Delirium Tremens	1
			Epilepsia	1
		2. Cardiaci	Carditis	2
			Aneurisma	1
		3. Monorganici	3. Pneumonici	Bronchitis .....	3
Pleuritis	4			
Empyema	1			
4. Enterici	Pneumonia		2	
	Emphysema		2	
	Obstipatio		1	
	Dyspepsia		1	
	Colica		1	
	5. Nephritici		Ischuria	3
			Orchitis	2
6. Gemitici	Synovitis	1		
	7. Myostici	Caries	3	
8. Chrotici		Abscessus	4	
	9. Dysopia	Cataract	2	
		Ophthalmia	2	
4. Metamorphici	1. Paidici	Talipes	1	
	4. Trophici	Asthenia	5	
5. Thanatici	Accidents	Ambustio	1	
		Luxatura	3	
		Fractura	8	
		Contusio	9	
		Vulnus Incisum	3	
		Concussio	1	
Total			125	

Several operations, for the removal of cancers and tumours were performed during the year, and excision of the hip for scrofulous disease of that joint was practised on an adult Maori, who since undergoing this formidable operation has improved in health and is progressing favorably. No epidemic disease has originated or spread in the Hospital during the year. Judging by the number of persons suffering from severe medical disease as well as surgical injury seeking admission we may infer that the public have every confidence in the care and attention which the patients receive in the Hospital.

DEPÔT.

There have been many cases of sickness confined chiefly to the children and aged inhabitants; owing apparently to the want of ventilation and cleanliness in the houses, the impure water and a foul *latrine* (since removed). Diphtheria, ulcerated sore throats, and fever of a low type being the prevailing character of the diseases.

GAOL.

The inhabitants generally are in a good state of health, the assistance of the Hospital staff being required chiefly for the treatment of diseases of a chronic character, such as rheumatism, secondary syphilis, and disorders arising from intemperate habits. We would, however, call the attention of the Government to the necessity for establishing an Infirmary for the convenience of the Surgeons when examining patients or performing minor operations, as also for the purpose of separating any such person whose symptoms may lead to a suspicion of contagious disease. It happened lately that a newly arrived prisoner showed symptoms of a grave character, which compelled the use of an empty ward till the nature of the case was fully developed; which ward was required for the use of prisoners the day following. In this Infirmary, a supply of drugs for the making of medicine should be kept; the present plan of receiving the medicine from the Hospital being attended with much inconvenience and delay.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The alterations in the Taranaki Buildings are now complete, and most satisfactory accommodation is provided for lunatics of both sexes. There are also enclosed gardens attached to the buildings, which we hope will shortly be cultivated by the inmates.

Table of Patients treated during the year, &c.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining March 31, 1864	2	6	8
Admitted during year	5	5	10
Removed by Friends	2	0	2
Discharged cured	2	7	9
Died	0	0	0
Remaining March 31, 1865,	3	4	7

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The recent spread of scarlatina through the Town makes it advisable to draw the attention of the public to its sanitary state. Though the disease is as yet of a mild type, the circumstance that in many parts of the Town nuisances are caused by uncovered drains and overflowing *latrines*, and that in the absence of waterworks, the sources from which water is obtained, are impure, may tend to aggravate the disease.

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F. L. VICKERMAN, M.R.C.S.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NELSON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 1st DECEMBER, 1864.

In laying before the Public the Accounts of the Nelson Trust Funds for the Year 1864, no lengthened Report is necessary.

The principal transactions have arisen in connection with the Steam Fund.

By reference to the Report for the Year 1863, it will be seen that the Steamer "Nelson," built in England to order of the Trustees, was notified as having sailed from London for Nelson, on the 9th November of that year. She arrived here on the 6th May after a voyage, (under canvas,) of six months during which she experienced much bad weather, and sustained considerable damage to her upper works and deck fittings. The cost of the repairs of these damages is a considerable item of disbursement, but recoverable from the underwriters against whom it has been charged.

The expense of fitting the paddles, and otherwise preparing her for service has also proved a considerable item. Her total cost, as shown by the account, "Steamer Nelson," after proceeds of sale of surplus stores, stands £8,327 8s. 5d.

Shortly after her arrival, arrangements were entered into for leasing her to the Nelson and Marlborough Coast Steam Navigation Company, upon the following terms:—

The sailing arrangements of the vessel to be so made that she shall not be absent from

Nelson for a longer period than fourteen days at any one time, and to visit some Port in the Province of Marlborough at least twice in the month. These arrangements to be strictly adhered to, excepting in the case of unavoidable detention through stress of weather, or in case of any special circumstances arising which might render a temporary departure from them desirable, in which case the consent of the Trustees must be obtained.

The vessel to be kept in thorough repair, hull and machinery, at the expense of the Company.

The vessel to be inspected twice a year, or whenever the Trustees shall require it, by two surveyors, one to be appointed by the Trustees and one by the Company; and in case of need, a third to be called in as referee.

Should the vessel, machinery, or boilers be injured by neglect, the damage to be assessed by two duly appointed surveyors, and such

damage and all expenses connected therewith, to be paid by the Company.

The vessel to be let, subject to all engagements the Trustees have entered into on her behalf.

The lease to be for six years, determinable by the Company at any time on giving three months' notice.

The rent to be £1,500 per annum, payable quarterly, and in advance.

These terms having been accepted, and a Charter duly executed, the steamer was handed over to the Company on the 15th July last.

Under the "Religious Reserve Fund," there has been only one disbursement—the grant of a sum of Fifty Pounds to the Presbyterian Church at Riwaka.

By order of the Trustees,

H. C. DANIELL,

Secretary.

ABSTRACT of the ACCOUNTS of the NELSON TRUST FUNDS, for the Year ended December 1st, 1864.

STEAM FUND.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Amount of Fund under Administration at the commencement of Year	...	...	...	9,231	16	1		
	Amount of Temporary Advances from other Funds as per Accounts of last Year, as follows:—								
	Religious Fund	£634	7	6					
	Reserve Fund	...	3	19	638	6	11		
	Amount of Receipts during current Year, as follows:—				9,870	3	0		
	Interest on Loans	...	122	0	0				
	Provincial Government for repayment on account	...	500	0	0				
	Frederick Stock, on account	...	272	4	0				
	Repayments of Loans on Mortgage	...	450	0	0				
	Steamer "Nelson" for sundry repayments	...	156	15	10				
	Do. do. for payments, account of Charter received from Nelson and Marlborough Coast Steam Navigation Company	...	750	0	0				
	Underwriters in London for proceeds of Draft, &c.,...	...	1,025	3	6				
	Religious Reserve Fund, for advance	...	237	10	0				
	Reserve Fund do.	...	58	0	6				
	Balance from last year	...	...	...	3,571	13	10		
					1,370	3	0		
					£	14,811	19	10	
By	Appropriation of Fund at commencement of Year as shown in previous accounts, as follows:—								
	Loan to Provincial Government	£1,850	0	0					
	Do. to Frederick Stock on account of "Undine"...	...	700	0	0				
	Loans on Mortgage	...	900	0	0				
	Steamer "Nelson" advances on account of purchase	...	5,050	0	0				
	Cash in Bank	...	...	...	8,500	0	0		
					1,370	3	0		
					9,870	3	0		
	Payments during current year, as follows:—								
	Steamer "Nelson" on account of purchase	2,333	7	1					
	Do. do. expense of fitting	...	847	13	2				
	Steamer for sea	...	...	...	253	4	0		
	Do. do. expenses incurred from time of Steamer's departure from England till arrival	...	...	...	220	0	0		
	Interest Account for proportion of Exchange on Draft paid in London chargeable against interest received on monies retained here	...	...	...	1,025	3	6		
	Underwriters in London for cost of repairs of damages sustained by Steamer on her voyage from England	...	...	...	4,679	7	9		
	Balance to next year	...	...	...	262	9	1		
					£	14,811	19	10	

RELIGIOUS RESERVE FUND.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Amount of Fund under administration at commencement of year	...	1,134	7	6	By Appropriation of Fund at commencement of Year, as shown in previous accounts, as follows,—				
					Loans on Mortgage	...	£500	0	0
					Temporary advance to Steam Fund	...	634	7	6
									1,134 7 6
									£ 1,134 7 6
Amount of Receipts during current year, as follows,—	...	287	10	0	Payments during current year, as follows,—				
Repayments of Loans and Interests thereon	...				Grant to Presbyterians at Riwaka	...	50	0	0
					Steam Fund, advanced thereto	...	237	10	0
									287 10 0
									£ 1,421 17 6
		£	1,421	17	6				

RESERVE FUND.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To amount of Fund under administration at commencement of year	...	4,203	19	5	By Appropriation of Fund at commencement of year, as shown in previous accounts, and as follows,—				
					Loan to Provincial Government	...	£400	0	0
					Loan to Nelson College	...	2,000	0	0
					Loan to Nelson Institute	...	800	0	0
					Temporary advance to Steam Fund	...	3	19	5
					Loans on Mortgage	...	1,000	0	0
									4,203 19 5
									£ 4,203 19 5
Amount of Receipts during current year, as follows,—	...	100	0	0	Payments during current year, as follows,—				
Interest on Loans	...				Salary to Secretary	...	25	0	0
					Advertising, &c.	...	16	19	6
					Steam Fund, advanced thereto	...	58	0	6
									100 0 0
									£ 4,303 19 5
		£	4,303	19	5				

TOTAL FUNDS under ADMINISTRATION of the TRUSTEES on the 1st December, 1864,
as shown in the foregoing Accounts.

	Loans bearing Interest.	Loans, &c., not bearing Interest.	Cash Balance.	TOTALS.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Steam Fund ...	450 0 0	8,421 7 0	262 9 1	9,133 16 1
Religious Fund ...	250 0 0	871 17 6	.	1,121 17 6
Reserve Fund ...	1,000 0 0	3,261 19 11	.	4,261 19 11
£	1,700 0 0	12,555 4 5	262 9 1	14,517 13 6

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts referred to in the preceding Abstract and the Vouchers connected therewith, and find the same to be correct.

(Signed)

ROBERT POLLOCK, }
J. PERCY, } Auditors.

Nelson, December 20th, 1864.