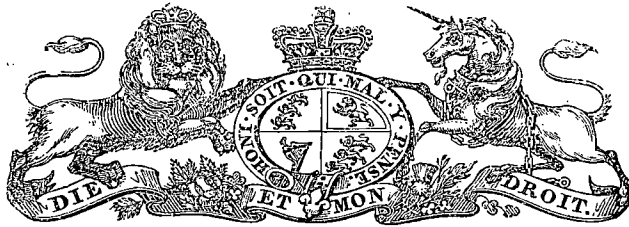


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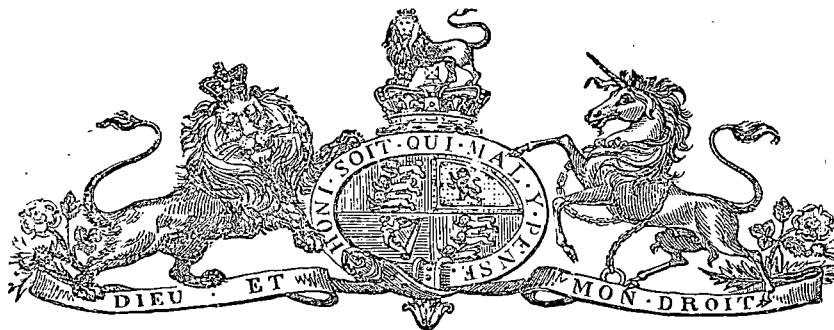
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LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT ASYLUM:  
REPORT FOR 1899.

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## LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1899.

25th January, 1900.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Fifth Annual Report of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

#### *Admissions and Discharges.*

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Number of Inmates remaining 1st January, 1899 .....	125	43	168
Admitted during the year.....	138	30	168
Discharged during the year.....	97	23	120
Died during the year .....	44	12	56
Remaining 31st December, 1899.....	123	40	163

The daily average of Inmates for the year was, males, 130; females, 43; total, 173; of whom 170 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 3 to the Imperial Government.

During the year there were 56 deaths, of whom 44 were males and 12 females.

#### *Birthplaces of Inmates.*

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania .....	31	15	46
England and Wales .....	132	26	158
Ireland .....	65	20	85
Scotland .....	26	7	33
Foreign Countries .....	7	—	7
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>329</b>

#### *Education.*

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Unable to read .....	76	31	107
Able to read only.....	9	11	20
Able to read and write .....	176	26	202
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>329</b>

#### *Expenditure.*

The total expenditure was £2041 19s. 5d., of which £2000 was contributed by the Government; the balance was received from fees and other sources.

The annual cost per head to the Government was £10 18s. 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>d., the gross cost amounting to £11 6s. 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d., the daily cost was about 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. per head.

The buildings have been made much more comfortable and improved in appearance, especially the interior.

The conduct and health of the Inmates have been satisfactory through the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*

To the Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

*STATEMENT of Expenditure of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the Year 1899.*

	£	s.	d.
Meat.....	438	8	5
Bread .....	173	0	11
Milk and medical comforts .....	89	14	4
Provisions .....	350	1	2
Salaries and allowances .....	445	13	3
Fuel .....	112	0	8
Gas and water .....	36	11	0
Ironmongery .....	35	10	10
Repairs.....	78	18	0
Funerals .....	74	16	0
Drapery and clothing.....	143	18	9
Miscellaneous .....	63	6	1
	<u>£2041</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>

THOMAS CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*

Correct.

JOHN STEPHENSON, *Chairman.*