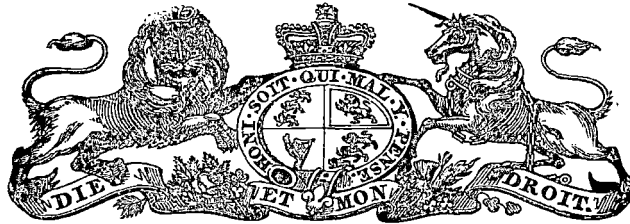


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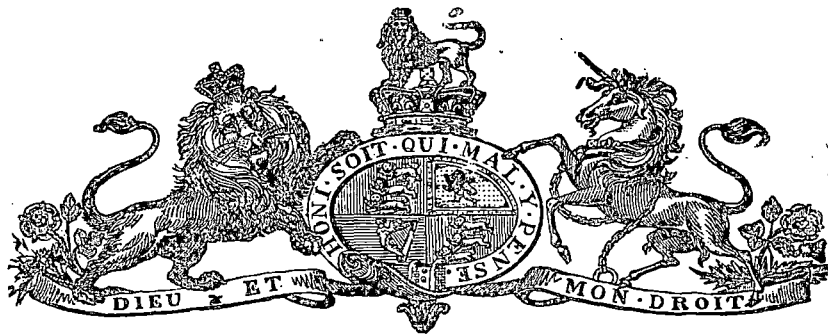
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION :

REPORT FOR 1888.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



ANNUAL REPORT of the New Town CHARITABLE INSTITUTION for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

New Town Charitable Institution, 6th February, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to present for your information the Tenth Annual Report of this Institution, which will be found of a simply formal character, there being little else worthy of notice than is explained by the accompanying forms.

The cost of maintenance is 9½*d.* per diem, being a little in excess of 1887. This arises from a less average number of inmates and an increased number of sick, requiring a greater amount of comforts, &c. I cannot, however, but feel satisfied that all possible economy has been observed, allowing for a fair distribution of absolute necessaries.

There have been considerable repairs and additions much needed, and which will eventually prove beneficial and convenient.

Contracts have been accepted for the laying of pipes, fire-plugs, &c., and the work when completed will afford an abundant supply of water for the use of the whole Institution, and, at the same time, render any serious damage by fire next to an impossibility.

The telephonic connection of this Institution with Hobart has proved to be a great advantage; its great use has, in several instances, been put to the test, and found to be of inestimable value.

There have been a few entertainments kindly given by sympathising friends to the inmates, who are at all times delighted to find there are some efforts made to relieve the monotony of their lives.

At the early part of the year the inmates of the male division were, as usual, feasted by Mrs. Colonel Shelton and her lady co-workers. A second treat has also been supplied by the ladies of the Flower Mission.

The proprietors of the *Mercury*, *Tasmanian News*, *Church News*, *Catholic Standard*, *People's Friend*, and the *Salvation Army War Cry* have kindly continued the gratuitous supply of their journals, which are eagerly sought for.

Donations of newspapers, pamphlets, illustrated journals, &c. have been kindly made by Messrs. Propsting and Cockhead, T. L. Hood, Ash & Son, B. T. Solly, and several others. Donations of this nature are very acceptable, and afford a great deal of satisfaction to the recipients. Mr. Scholz, of Elizabeth-street, supplied a quantity of spiced beef, &c. to the sick.

Religious instruction has held a foremost position throughout the year. The chaplains have been remarkably attentive to their duties, and have been ably assisted by ministers of other Christian denominations.

I am happy to report favourably of the general good conduct of the inmates. Of course, at times, a few insubordinates will give a little temporary trouble, but, as a whole, in reference to conduct, I believe the invalids at New Town will compare favourably with any similar institution in Australia.

The officers generally have afforded me every satisfaction, and I am pleased to report the same.

The accompanying Returns will, I hope, give all necessary information, and meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

EXPENDITURE for the Year 1888.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	...			1168	17	2	Maintenance	113	10	6			
Contingencies—							Sale of Metal, &c.....	32	12	8			
Provisions	4977	12	10				Pig food to New Town						
Medical Comforts ...	159	12	9				Farm	8	0	0			
Medicines and Medi-							Tobacco to New Town Farm	1	2	6			
cal Attendance ...	287	16	6				Tobacco to Cemetery Trust	1	2	6			
Clothing, bedding,							Labour of Invalids at						
stores, and station-							Cemetery, New Town ...	24	8	0			
ery	1346	17	0				Labour of Invalids at New						
Fuel and light	471	19	5				Town Farm	29	18	0			
Miscellaneous, in-											210	14	2
cluding funeral							Net Cost .....	...			8841	13	7
expenses.....	238	12	7										
Repairs and altera-													
tions to buildings	400	19	6										
				7883	10	7							
TOTAL.....	...			£9052	7	9	TOTAL .....	...			£9052	7	9

Produce of Garden—Vegetables, 36,841 lbs., valued at £90 3s. 4d.

J. WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

COMPARATIVE Return of Ages of Inmates for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Number of deaths.....	98	23	76	20	94	35	109	24	127	36	104	48	107	39	132	36	84	34
Average age of those who died	71½	69	72½	66½	74	72	73	70	73	73	73½	72¾	73½	71½	72	73¾	72½	73½
Oldest	97	86	85	90	91	91	94	92	94	88	96	91	95	92	91	95	94	99
Youngest	37	34	45	16	28	19	54	53	53	53	34	27	32	25	23	55	30	33
Average age of those remaining 31st Dec. Ditto Males and Females combined, 31st December.....	68¾	66	68	60	69	60	69	60½	68	61½	68	61	67¾	61½	69½	62½	70½	63
	67½		64		64½		65		64¾		64½		64½		68½		68½	
Oldest.....	89	93	91	88	91	90	92	89	90	92	95	83	96	84	97	95	98	99
Youngest	12	16	29	15	18	8	20	9	20	20	20	15	22	16	21	12	23	12

J. WITHRINGTON, Superintendent.

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COMPARATIVE Strength Return for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.	
	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.	Male Div.	Female Div.
No. of Inmates, 1st January.....	408	151	408	157	420	175	422	168	413	177	364	186	423	184	467	176	412	168
Admitted during the year	491	116	481	150	543	187	575	201	470	170	557	170	627	178	581	171	479	157
TOTALS	899	267	889	307	963	362	997	369	883	347	921	356	1050	362	1048	347	891	325
Discharged during year.....	393	87	393	112	447	159	475	168	391	124	394	124	475	147	504	143	402	132
Died during the year.....	98	23	76	20	94	35	109	24	127	36	104	48	107	39	132	36	84	34
TOTALS	491	110	469	132	541	194	584	192	518	160	498	172	583	186	636	179	486	166
Remaining 31st December.....	408	157	420	175	422	168	413	177	365	187	423	184	467	176	412	168	405	159

J. WITHRINGTON, Superintendent.

COMPARATIVE Statement of the Average Daily Number of Inmates and Expenditure for the Years 1880 to 1888 inclusive.

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.	
	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.
Charitable Institutions	569	£ s. d. 6749 0 4	611	£ s. d. 6965 18 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	577	£ s. d. 7440 3 1	642	£ s. d. 8501 13 11	626	£ s. d. 8444 15 4	609	£ s. d. 8474 19 3	670 $\frac{1}{2}$	£ s. d. 8901 5 8	661 $\frac{1}{4}$	£ s. d. 8587 0 5	624	£ s. d. 8841 13 7
Brickfields....	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	1577 8 2	119 $\frac{1}{2}$	1394 4 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	89	1053 15 7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL....	703 $\frac{1}{2}$	8326 8 6	730 $\frac{1}{2}$	8360 2 11	666	8493 18 8	642	8501 13 11	626	8444 15 4	609	8474 19 3	670 $\frac{1}{2}$	8901 5 8	661 $\frac{1}{4}$	8587 0 5	624	8841 13 7
Per diem	—	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	—	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	—	8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	—	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	—	9d.	—	9d.	—	8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	—	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	—	9 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
Per annum ...	—	11 16 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	11 8 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	12 15 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	13 4 10	—	13 9 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	13 18 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	13 5 6	—	12 19 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	14 3 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

J. WITHRINGTON, Superintendent.

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EXTRACTS FROM VISITORS' BOOK.

HAVING this day, in company with several friends, visited this Institution, it is a great pleasure for me to bear witness never having seen an institution of this kind kept cleaner; the excellent order and neatness of the whole place and grounds; also the civility shown to me and friends by the Officers of this worthy Institution.

(Signed) A. HOZENFELD, *Ex Chairman H. Board,*
Deniliquin, N. S. Wales.

J. C. PAVIA, *Melbourne.*

H. B. SCOTT, *Melbourne.*

R. P. MACFARLANE, *Melbourne.*

12th January, 1888.

I VISITED this Institution on this day, and I am exceedingly pleased, having seen the whole ground and all the departments being so well kept, and I thank Mr. Withrington for his kindness in showing me round.

(Signed) CHER UGA SAO, *Lieut., J. C. N.*

23rd January, 1888.

I WAS very pleased to see the way the Institution is kept, and it is a credit to the Colony, and thank the Superintendent and Matron very much for the kind manner in which they showed us through.

(Signed) E. COWLES.
CHAS. COWLES, *Sydney, N. S. W.*

15th March, 1888.

I HAVE very much pleasure in expressing my opinion of the highly satisfactory state of the various departments I this day visited.

(Signed) J. DUNLOP, *M.D., &c., Staff Surgeon, R.N., H.M.S. Egeria.*

28th March, 1888.

I HAVE this day been shown through both the male and female portion of this Establishment by the Officers in charge, and have received the greatest respect and information, and personally seen the ration and bedding, and am agreeably surprised in the way the Institution is conducted.

(Signed) WM. CUTHBERT, *J.P., Franklin.*

27th October, 1888.

I HAVE looked through both the female and male wards, and find the whole establishment very well and cheaply managed.

(Signed) JULIUS CARS, *J.P., Sydney.*

28th November, 1888.

THIS Institution seems to me admirably managed and in excellent condition. The only improvement I can suggest is that some arrangement should be made for the escape of the inmates from the upper wards of the male division in case of fire. I certainly think they are at present in great danger.

(Signed) A. SALOMAN, *Chairman Otago Ben. Inst.*

P.S.—I suggest iron or stone staircases.

28th November, 1888.