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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1896.

SIR,

IN accordance with the Rules of the Hobart General Hospital, we have the honor to lay before you the following Report, containing such tabulated and other information as will, we trust, fully exhibit the working of the Institution during 1896.

Sixteen Board and one hundred and seven Committee meetings were held during the year, at all of which the attendance of members was, without exception, good.

The Board of Management desires to express its sincere regret at the loss sustained by the death of the late Hon. T. C. Smart, a member of the Board from its inception, and for a period of nineteen years Chairman of the Board of Management.

The Hospital is indebted to many citizens for acts of kindness towards the patients and staff by the frequent donations of fruit, flowers, books, periodicals, and the daily papers.

During the year the Operating Room, the cost of which was defrayed out of the money bequeathed to the Board by the late Mr. Joseph Solomon, has been completed, and admirably answers the requirements of the Hospital, thus supplying a long felt and pressing want.

The vestment of the sole control and management of the Institution in the Board for a fixed amount is still a matter for congratulation and satisfactory to all concerned, for, although during the year there was a very considerable increase in the number of patients treated in the Hospital and in the Out-patients department, the gross cost is £728 below the average expenditure of the past 16 years; and the Board of Management is pleased to be in the position to hand back to the Government the sum of £104 14s. 6d., being the unexpended balance of the grant in aid.

The Board of Management has much pleasure in recording its high appreciation of the manner in which the Honorary Medical Staff have discharged their onerous duties during the year, and, as will be seen by the detailed list, a large number of surgical operations have been successfully performed.

During the year the buildings and grounds have been well attended to, and the new fence erected along the Campbell-street frontage by the kindness of the Government greatly improves that portion of the Hospital Grounds.

During 1895, 1188 In-door patients were treated; this year 1293, of which 111 proved fatal, 35 deaths occurring within 72 hours after admission. The average stay of patients in the Hospital was 22 days, as against 25 in 1895. Of the 1293 cases treated in the Hospital, a large percentage, as usual, came from the country districts; and out of the total number treated, 1029 were found to be pauper cases.

In the Out-patients department there is a marked increase in the number of new Out-patients, casualties, and attendances, as, for instance, in 1895, the total attendances numbered 5054; this year, 5796.

In 1895 the net average cost per patient was £4 6s. 11½d; this year, £3 18s. 9½d. The actual cash collections during 1895 amounted to £544 5s. 9d.; this year the collections amounted to £611 16s. 7d. The net expenditure for this year, as compared with that of 1895, shows a decrease of £72 13s. 8d., a most satisfactory condition of affairs, when it is borne in mind the large increase in the number of cases treated at the Hospital. The fees remaining on the books for collection at 31 December amounted to £32 13s. 9d. It has not been necessary to recommend any fees for remission during the year.

In the *personnel* of the Board of Management and resident staff several alterations have been made,—viz., Dr. E. L. Crowther, elected Honorary Medical Officer, *vice* Dr. Giblin, deceased; Mr. Alexander Riddoch, elected a member of the Board, *vice* the Hon. T. C. Smart, deceased; Dr. E. J. S. Spark, appointed House Surgeon, *vice* Dr. Maxwell, resigned; Dr. E. Thorburn Macgowan, Assistant House Surgeon, *vice* Dr. Sprott, resigned; and Miss Nancy Johnstone Turnbull, appointed Lady Superintendent and Matron, *vice* Miss Munro, resigned.

Consequent on the death of Dr. Smart, Mr. D. MacMillan was unanimously elected Chairman, and Mr. W. F. Brownell, Vice-Chairman, of the Board of Management.

Although on several occasions during the year the resources of the Hospital were severely taxed, owing to the larger number of acute cases under treatment, the Board is pleased to report that the inner working of the Institution was all that could be desired, and that not the slightest hitch of any description occurred.

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The Honorable WILLIAM MOORE, *Chief Secretary*.

1. The following is a comparative statement of certain statistics of 1895 and 1896 :—

	1895.	1896.	
Number of diets issued to In-patients	29,956	29,008	
Average stay in Hospital of each Patient	25½ days	22½ days	
Average daily number of In-patients	82	79	
Number of diets issued to Staff (Males).....	2920	2928	
Ditto (Nurses and Female Servants)	11,499	11,655	
2.			
1. No. of Wards or Rooms for Patients.....		24	
2. Aggregate capacity in cubic feet of ditto.....		132,812	
3. No. of beds	Males.	Females.	Total.
4. No. of In-patients at beginning of year.....	44	23	67
5. No. admitted during year.....	723	503	1226
6. No. discharged—			
(a.) Cured or relieved	642	459	1101
(b.) Incurable			
(c.) At their own request or on other grounds ...			
7. No. died.....	76	35	111
8. Remaining at end of year	49	32	81
9. Average No. during year.....	53	26	79
10. Total Number Diets of In- { Colonial Government }	—	—	29,008
patients chargeable to { Imperial Government }			
11. Cases treated during the year :—			
(a.) In-patients	767	526	1293
(b.) Out-patients	—	—	1833
12. Ages of In-patients :—			
(a.) Under 10 years	70	54	124
10 to 15 ditto	59	42	101
15 to 25 ditto	174	146	320
25 to 35 ditto	134	105	239
35 to 45 ditto.....	110	52	162
45 to 55 ditto.....	42	42	84
55 to 65 ditto.....	60	46	106
65 and upwards	118	39	157
TOTAL.....	767	526	1293

(b.) Average age of each In-patient:—

		Years.	
Adults, both sexes.....		43	
Children, ditto		6	
13. Birthplaces of In-patients:—			
Australian Colonies and Tasmania	535	441	976
England and Wales	142	30	172
Ireland	47	32	79
Scotland	20	14	34
Other British Possessions.....	4	1	5
Foreign Countries.....	19	7	26
Birthplace unknown.....	—	1	1
TOTAL.....	767	526	1293

14. Receipts and Expenditure:—

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	
(a.) Government Aid.....	5094	3	0	
(b.) Private Contributions.....	1287	19	1	
(c.) Other Sources				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6382	2	1	
Expenditure.				
(a.) Salaries and Allowances.....	} See detailed Statement.			
(b.) Provisions and Medical Comforts.....				
(c.) Erection and Repairs of Buildings				
(d.) Out-Door Relief.....				
(e.) Miscellaneous				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	6382	2	1	
NET EXPENDITURE.....	5094	3	0	

(e.) Cost of each patient for year:—	£	s.	d.	Average Cost per Patient.	£	s.	d.
On Gross Expenditure	80	6	1		4	18	8½
On Net Expenditure	64	1	11½		3	18	9½

3. The following synopsis, embracing the total cost of every branch of the Hospital service, will fully elucidate the entire working of the Institution:—

A.

Situations.	Yearly Salary.	Remarks.
	£ s. d.	
House Surgeon	291 9 4	Also quarters (unfurnished), fuel, and light.
Assistant House Surgeon and Dispenser...	215 13 8	Ditto.
Secretary, House Steward, &c.....	240 0 0	Ditto.
Clerical Assistant	130 0 0	
Mortuary Attendant	87 0 0	} Also rations, fuel, light, and uniform.
Dispensary Attendant	78 0 0	
Wardsman	60 0 0	
Messenger and General Cleaner	59 0 8	
Cook	62 0 0	
Assistant Cook and Barber	55 0 0	} Also a personal ration, furnished quarters, and uniform.
Day and Night Porters, £50 each	100 0 0	
Lady Superintendent	126 5 0	
Nurses (21).....	571 13 2	
Servants and Cleaners (7).....	180 0 0	
Cook (Nurses' Home)	39 4 1	
	£2295 5 11	

B.

	1895.	TOTAL.	1896.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	2291 8 1		2295 5 11	
Provisions	1879 9 4		1844 19 4	
Medical Comforts (Alcoholic Foods).....	131 5 2		164 19 10	
Fuel and Light.....	463 1 9		509 7 7	
Medicines and Surgical Appliances	288 17 11		347 5 7	
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery ...	351 11 0		365 13 10	
Advertising and Printing	10 2 6		34 9 6	
Funeral Expenses.....	13 17 0		35 8 0	
Washing	299 13 4		299 6 2	
Repairs to Buildings	114 1 5		172 17 8	
Removal of Ashes, &c.	8 0 0		8 15 0	
Petty Expenses.....	44 2 6		37 19 0	
Furniture	44 11 11		69 0 2	
Uniforms for Nurses and Attendants.....	66 10 2		74 0 0	
Commission on Collection of Fees	40 8 10		45 9 6	
Keeping Grounds in order, &c.	51 0 0		77 5 0	
Gross Expenditure	6098 0 11		6382 2 1	
<i>Credit.</i>				
For Medicines, &c. supplied to H.M. Gaol, £45, estimated cost of treating 1833 Out- patients at 2s. 6d., and credit taken for treatment of in-patients sent in from Dépôt, H.M. Gaol, and other Government Institu- tions, and medical attendance H.M. Gaol (£470)	386 17 6		676 2 6	
Sums received from self-supporting Patients and other sources	544 5 9		611 16 7	
Net Expenditure	...	5166 17 8	...	5094 3 0

TOTAL Cost of all Articles of Diet, including Stimulants and Extras, supplied to the General Hospital, Hobart, during the Year 1896. (The Diets of the Male Attendants and Nursing Staff are included in this Return.)

Article.	Amount, 1895.	Amount, 1896.	Article.	Amount, 1895.	Amount, 1896.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d. £ s. d.	£ s. d. £ s. d.
Bread	126 4 7	151 6 8	Fowls	4 8 0	15 6 0
Milk	475 14 9	433 10 6	Jelly	3 0 0	1 15 9
Meat	543 18 5	534 4 6	Lemons	0 4 0	0 3 0
Potatoes	35 18 2	34 8 6	Tea	63 19 0	63 7 9
Butter	181 9 6½	175 12 11	Sugar	78 7 3½	76 1 3
Rice	12 16 8	12 5 0	Flour	12 4 0	14 11 9
Oatmeal	5 13 2	5 14 4	Sundries	21 1 11	28 19 2
Fish	68 19 4	64 13 4		1879 9 4	1844 19 4
Vegetables	36 15 10	38 10 8	Champagne	5 15 0	5 15 0
Barley	2 2 2	1 11 6	Wine	7 9 6	8 10 0
Cocoa	0 19 3	0 18 1	Ice	41 8 1	54 5 10
Coffee	2 2 6	1 17 6	Brandy	38 3 9	62 11 6
Eggs	116 8 0	101 17 6	Ale, bottled } ...	17 17 2	14 17 9
Jam	32 5 7	35 12 6	Stout, ditto } ...	...	2 13 9
Maizena	6 16 6	6 15 0	Whisky	20 11 8	16 6 0
Pepper	0 19 2	0 17 6	Aerated waters..	131 5 2	164 19 10
Sago	13 1 4	11 7 6		£2010 14 6	£2009 19 2
Salt	2 2 0	1 15 0			
Currants, &c. ...	3 17 8	3 17 6			
Arrowroot	4 1 8	3 11 0			
Fruit	23 19 0	24 7 8			

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers during the past Year, with the figures for 1894 and 1895 given for comparison.

	ADMITTED.			DISCHARGED.			DIED.		
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.
January.....	112	99	123	83	90	88	6	11	10
February.....	106	126	114	83	87	105	13	9	13
March.....	102	110	110	94	88	103	9	9	11
April.....	102	103	94	90	105	90	11	12	8
May.....	92	89	87	96	71	78	5	7	11
June.....	97	84	102	84	93	98	7	7	12
July.....	84	105	97	85	90	84	7	11	9
August.....	76	89	103	79	91	92	9	5	7
September.....	105	94	97	93	95	104	6	4	7
October.....	85	58	99	78	69	83	7	9	8
November.....	75	84	86	71	79	89	3	4	6
December.....	88	87	114	96	70	87	10	5	9
TOTAL.....	1124	1128	1226	1032	1028	1101	93	93	111

Number remaining in Hospital on 1st January, 1896.....	67	Number discharged in 1896.....	110
Admitted during the year.....	1226	Number remaining on 1st January, 1897.....	8
		Number died in 1896.....	11
Total number treated.....	1293		129

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1896.

		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOIC DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>			VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.	ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.</i>		
	Scarlet Fever.....	2	—		Otitis, Otorrhœa	2	—
	Influenza.....	11	—		Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose.....	5	—
	Diphtheria.....	43	4		Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye....	26	—
	Simple Continued Fever.....	18	—		Total Special Sense.....	33	—
	Typhoid, Enteric Fever.....	86	20		ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of the Circulatory System.</i>		
	Total Miasmatic	160	24		Endocarditis, Valvular Disease.....	49	13
	ORDER 2.— <i>Diarrhœal Diseases.</i>				Angina Pectoris.....	2	—
	Diarrhœa.....	4	—		Syncope	2	2
	Dysentery	1	—		Aneurism.....	1	1
II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.	Total Diarrhœal.....	5	—		Senile Gangrene	1	1
	ORDER 5.— <i>Venereal Diseases.</i>				Varicose Veins.....	2	—
	Syphilis.....	12	—		Others.....	6	—
	Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra....	33	—		Total Circulatory.....	63	17
	Total Venereal	45	—		ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of the Respiratory System.</i>		
	ORDER 6.— <i>Septic Diseases.</i>				Laryngitis.....	2	1
	Erysipelas.....	6	—		Asthma, Emphysema.....	16	1
	Pyæmia, Septicæmia	5	1		Bronchitis	22	2
	Puerperal Fever.....	1	—		Pneumonia	57	8
	Total Septic.....	12	1		Congestion of Lungs.....	4	1
III.—DIETIC DISEASES.	Hydatids	13	2		Pleurisy.....	15	—
	Others from animal parasites	3	—		Total Respiratory	116	13
	Total Parasitic	16	2		ORDER 5.— <i>Diseases of the Digestive System.</i>		
	Starvation, want of Breast Milk.....	5	—		Sore Throat, Quinsy.....	33	—
	Intemperance { a. Chronic Alcoholism ..	30	—		Dyspepsia	14	—
	b. Delirium Tremens.....	4	—		Hæmatemesis.....	1	—
	Total Dietic.....	39	—		Diseases of Stomach.....	15	—
	Rheumatism	34	1		Enteritis	7	1
	Cancer, Malignant Disease	43	5		Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine	2	1
	Tabes Mesenterica	1	1		Hernia.....	8	1
IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.	Phthisis.....	36	6		Fistula	2	—
	Other forms of Tuberculosis, scrofula, &c.....	13	3		Peritonitis	4	1
	Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia.....	16	—		Gallstones	1	—
	Diabetes Mellitus.....	2	—		Cirrhosis of Liver.....	1	1
	Total Constitutional	145	16		Other Diseases of Liver.....	1	—
	Cleft Palate, Harelip	4	—		Others.....	12	—
	Other Congenital defects.....	1	—		Total Digestive.....	101	5
	Old Age.....	1	1		ORDER 6.— <i>Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.</i>		
	Total Developmental.....	6	1		Diseases of Lymphatic System	7	—
	ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>				Bronchocele.....	3	—
V.—DEVELOPMENTAL MENTAL DISEASES.	Apoplexy.....	4	4		Addison's Disease	1	1
	Softening of Brain.....	3	1		Total Lymphatic.....	11	1
	Hemiplegia, Brain Paralysis.....	6	—		ORDER 7.— <i>Diseases of the Urinary System.</i>		
	Paralysis (undefined).....	2	—		Bright's Disease (Nephria).....	3	2
	Insanity (General Paralysis of Insane)	21	—		Uræmia.....	4	2
	Chorea.....	1	—		Calculus.....	3	—
	Epilepsy.....	4	—		Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate	23	3
	Tetanus.....	2	2		Others.....	2	—
	Paraplegia, Diseases of Spinal Chord.....	1	—		Total Urinary	35	7
	Others.....	47	—		ORDER 8.— <i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>		
VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.	Total Nervous.....	91	7		Ovarian Disease.....	2	—
	ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.</i>				Diseases of Uterus and Vagina.....	37	1
	Otitis, Otorrhœa	2	—		Disorders of Menstruation.....	2	—
	Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose.....	5	—		Perineal Abscess	2	—
	Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye....	26	—		Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c.....	7	—
	Total Special Sense.....	33	—		Total Generation.....	50	1
	ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of the Circulatory System.</i>						
	Endocarditis, Valvular Disease.....	49	13				
	Angina Pectoris.....	2	—				
	Syncope	2	2				
	Aneurism.....	1	1				

		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.	ORDER 9.— <i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>			VII.—VIOLENCE.	ORDER 1.— <i>continued.</i>		
	Abortion, Miscarriage	2	—		Bite of a Snake or Insect.....	4	—
	Total Parturition	2	—		Drowning.....	3	—
	ORDER 10.— <i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>				Otherwise.....	6	2
	Caries Necrosis	19	—		Total Accident.....	189	13
	Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis.....	7	—		ORDER 3.— <i>Suicide.</i>		
	Others.....	8	—		Gunshot Wounds.....	1	1
	Total Locomotion.....	34	—		Cut, stab.....	2	1
	ORDER 11.— <i>Diseases of the Integumentary System.</i>				Hanging.....	1	—
	Carbuncle	1	—		Total Suicide.....	4	2
VII.—VIOLENCE.	Phlegmon, Cellulitis.....	5	—	VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Debility, Atrophy, Inanition	32	1
	Ulcer, Bedsore	33	—		Mortification.....	2	—
	Eczema.....	4	—		Abscess.....	28	—
	Others.....	20	—		Not specified, or ill-defined.....	11	—
	Total Integumentary.....	63	—		Total Ill-defined.....	73	1
	ORDER 1.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>				TOTAL.....	1293	111
	Fractures, Contusions.....	114	2				
	Gunshot Wounds.....	5	—				
	Cuts, &c	31	—				
	Burn, Scald.....	21	8				
	Poison.....	5	1				

RETURN showing Number of Deaths within 72 hours after admission to Hospital.

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	ADMITTED.	TIME IN HOSPITAL.
					Hours.
1	M.	17	Wound of Throat	20 January	6
2	F.	68	Intestinal Obstruction	31 January	60
3	F.	32	Injury to Spine	4 February	68
4	M.	18	Diphtheria	12 February	8
5	M.	81	Cirrhosis of Liver	12 February	45
6	M.	62	Cancer of Liver	11 February	70
7	M.	56	Pneumonia	18 March	60
8	M.	45	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	5 April	12
9	F.	4	Burns and Shock	14 April	6
10	F.	10	Pneumonia	15 April	12
11	M.	36	Internal Injuries	10 May	8
12	M.	80	Morbus Cordis	12 May	20
13	M.	6	Diphtheria	25 May	20
14	F.	28	Septicæmia	2 June	30
15	F.	4	Burns	11 June	2
16	F.	59	Bronchitis	12 June	48
17	M.	65	Anæmia	19 June	60
18	M.	71	Morbus Cordis	7 July	24
19	M.	12	Diphtheria	16 July	6
20	M.	18	Ruptured Spleen	18 July	2
21	M.	12	Appendicitis	28 July	14
22	F.	49	Morbus Cordis	15 August	40
23	M.	70	Morbus Cordis	18 August	18
24	F.	39	Abscess of Brain	26 August	30
25	F.	62	Morbus Cordis	2 September	70
26	F.	21½	Œdema Laryngitis	11 September	12
27	F.	9	Burns	25 September	6
28	F.	1	Burns	5 October	5
29	M.	35	Gunshot Wound in Chest	7 October	1
30	M.	2½	Fracture Base of Skull	17 October	19
31	M.	64	Morbus Cordis	13 November	1
32	F.	56	Morbus Cordis	17 November	36
33	M.	32	Fatty degeneration of Heart	30 November	26
34	M.	36	Burns	6 December	8
35	M.	45	Typhoid	25 December	18

IN-PATIENTS.

Particulars of Deaths during the Year 1896.

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	F.	25	Phthisis.	58	F.	23	Typhoid Fever.
2	F.	57	Bright's Disease.	59	F.	59	Bronchitic Asthma.
3	F.	76	Pneumonia.	60	F.	60	Volvulus of Intestine.
4	M.	60	Typhoid Fever.	61	F.	31	Addison's Disease.
5	M.	14	Diphtheria.	62	M.	65	Bright's Disease.
6	M.	38	Typhoid Fever.	63	M.	63	Phthisis.
7	M.	18	Cut Throat.	64	M.	36	Typhoid Fever.
8	F.	44	Typhoid Fever.	65	F.	77	Congestion of Lungs.
9	M.	70	Cancer of Abdomen.	66	M.	56	Urinary Calculi.
10	M.	13	Pneumonia.	67	M.	3	Tabes Mesentericus.
11	M.	8	Acute Rheumatism.	68	M.	71	Morbus Cordis.
12	M.	60	Pneumonia.	69	M.	79	Morbus Cordis.
13	F.	68	Intestinal Obstruction.	70	M.	12	Diphtheria.
14	M.	74	Heart Disease.	71	F.	32	Typhoid Fever.
15	F.	32	Injury to Spinal Cord.	72	M.	9	Tetanus.
16	M.	39	Typhoid Fever.	73	M.	18	Ruptured Liver.
17	M.	18	Diphtheria.	74	M.	12	Perityphlitis.
18	M.	19	Typhoid Fever.	75	M.	55	Malignant Stricture of Œso- phagus.
19	M.	81	Cirrhosis of Liver.	76	M.	77	Morbus Cordis.
20	M.	68	Cancer of Liver.	77	M.	26	Irritant Poisoning.
21	F.	14	Hydatid of Liver.	78	M.	45	Cerebral Effusion.
22	M.	21	Typhoid Fever.	79	F.	49	Morbus Cordis.
23	M.	32	Typhoid Fever.	80	M.	76	Morbus Cordis.
24	M.	17	Typhoid Fever.	81	F.	30	Abscess Cerebri.
25	M.	80	Senility.	82	M.	2	Œdema Laryngitis Arthemia.
26	M.	22	Typhoid Fever.	83	F.	62	Morbus Cordis.
27	F.	60	Bronchitis.	84	M.	19	Tetanus.
28	F.	35	Phthisis.	85	M.	77	Debility.
29	M.	56	Pneumonia.	86	M.	67	Cancer of Pylorus.
30	F.	3	Cardiac Syncope.	87	F.	6	Burns.
31	M.	38	Acute Tuberculosis.	88	F.	20	Phthisis.
32	F.	24	Typhoid Fever.	89	F.	20	Jaundice—Uræmia.
33	M.	70	Heart Disease.	90	F.	1	Burns.
34	M.	74	Cancer of Stomach.	91	M.	35	Gunshot-wound in Chest.
35	M.	56	Typhoid Fever.	92	M.	22	Phthisis.
36	M.	44	Aneurism of Aorta.	93	M.	26	Pneumonia.
37	M.	46	Cerebral Apoplexy.	94	M.	1	Fracture of Base of Skull.
38	F.	23	Typhoid Fever.	95	F.	38	Uræmia.
39	M.	34	Typhoid Fever.	96	F.	40	Fibro Myoma of Uterus— Peritonitis.
40	F.	4	Burns.	97	M.	77	Senile Gangrene.
41	F.	40	Pneumonia.	98	M.	4	Pneumonia.
42	M.	67	Cerebral Apoplexy.	99	M.	64	Morbus Cordis.
43	F.	48	Pneumonia.	100	F.	66	Morbus Cordis.
44	M.	36	Ruptured Spleen.	101	F.	54	Morbus Cordis.
45	M.	28	Typhoid Fever.	102	M.	80	Cystitis Uræmia.
46	F.	35	Typhoid Fever.	103	M.	32	Fatty Degeneration of Heart.
47	M.	80	Bronchitis.	104	M.	3	Burns.
48	M.	50	Lumbar Abscess.	105	M.	37	Cerebral Effusion.
49	M.	56	Pneumonia.	106	M.	35	Typhoid Fever—Perforation
50	M.	6	Diphtheria.	107	F.	1	Gastro-Enteritis.
51	M.	26	Acute Tuberculosis.	108	M.	77	Hæmorrhage into Bladder.
52	M.	65	Morbus Cordis.	109	M.	45	Typhoid Fever—Exhaustion.
53	M.	67	Morbus Cordis.	110	M.	38	Suppurating Hydatid of Liver
54	M.	68	Phthisis.	111	M.	8	Burns—Pneumonia.
55	F.	28	Puerperal Septicæmia.				
56	M.	83	Burns.				
57	F.	4	Burns.				

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers for the Year 1896, with the figures for 1894 and 1895 for comparison.

	NEW OUT-PATIENTS.			CASUALTIES.			TOTAL ATTENDANCES.		
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.
January	99	102	116	35	46	41	487	419	427
February	100	83	114	20	28	26	495	389	482
March	80	87	85	33	28	27	361	375	464
April	123	77	102	36	41	33	570	371	440
May	108	91	139	34	33	21	561	411	474
June	115	87	151	31	28	25	560	425	605
July	100	115	150	31	28	24	508	492	590
August	117	119	107	25	32	53	430	442	555
September	122	121	129	25	23	49	419	453	536
October	107	115	107	37	27	37	481	442	387
November	84	113	103	26	31	42	412	424	393
December	94	98	95	38	34	57	415	411	443
TOTAL	1249	1208	1398	371	379	435	5699	5054	5796

DISPENSARY PATIENTS.

	1894.	1895.	1896.
Number of orders for medicine received from the Government			
Medical Officer attending the poor in their own homes	1384	634	661
Number of prescriptions made up for the above	3354	1046	964

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1896.

I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYNOTIC DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>		
	Influenza	10	
	Whooping Cough	5	
	Mumps	1	
II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.	Simple continued Fever	5	
	Others	5	
	Total Miasmatic	26	
	ORDER 2.— <i>Diarrhæal Diseases.</i>		
III.—DIETIC DISEASES.	Diarrhœa	68	
	Total Diarrhœa	68	
	ORDER 5.— <i>Venereal Diseases.</i>		
	Syphilis	20	
IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.	Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra	28	
	Total Venereal	48	
	Thrush		1
	Others from vegetable parasites	2	
V.—LOCAL DISEASES.	Others from animal parasites	45	
	Total Parasitic	48	
	Starvation, want of Breast Milk		1
	Total Dietic	1	
VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.	Rheumatism	31	
	Cancer, Malignant Disease	4	
	Phthisis	27	
	Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia	39	
VII.—VIOLENCE.	Diabetes Mellitus	1	
	Total Constitutional	102	
	ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>		
	Hemiplegia, Brain Paralysis	2	
VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Paralysis (undefined)	2	
	Chorea	3	
	Epilepsy	10	
	Others	24	
IX.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Total Nervous	41	
	ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.</i>		
	Otitis, Otorrhœa	16	
	Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose	14	
X.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye	26	
	Total Special Sense	56	
	ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of the Circulatory System.</i>		
	Endocarditis, Valvular Disease	31	
XI.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Varicose Veins	6	
	Others	4	
	Total Circulatory	41	
	ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of Respiratory System.</i>		
XII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Laryngitis	1	
	Asthma, Emphysema	18	
	Bronchitis	176	
	Pleurisy	5	
XIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Others	44	
	Total Respiratory	244	
XIV.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	ORDER 5.— <i>Diseases of the Digestive System.</i>		
	Stomatitis	9	
	Sore Throat, Quinsy	66	
	Dyspepsia	187	
XV.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Diseases of Stomach	31	
	Enteritis	12	
	Hernia	2	
	Other Diseases of Liver	18	
XVI.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Others	63	
	Total Digestive	388	
XVII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	ORDER 7.— <i>Diseases of the Urinary System.</i>		
	Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate	15	
	Others	12	
	Total Urinary	27	
XVIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	ORDER 8.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Generation.</i>		
	Ovarian Disease	3	
	Diseases of Uterus and Vagina	21	
	Disorders of Menstruation	5	
XIX.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c.	2	
	Total Generation	31	
XX.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	ORDER 9.— <i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>		
	Abortion, Miscarriage	1	
	Total Parturition	1	
	ORDER 10.— <i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>		
XXI.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Caries Necrosis	9	
	Total Locomotion	9	
XXII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	ORDER 11.— <i>Diseases of the Integumentary System.</i>		
	Phlegmon, Cellulitis	2	
	Ulcer, Bedsore	44	
	Eczema	36	
XXIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Others	32	
	Total Integumentary	114	
XXIV.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>		
	Fractures, Contusions	82	
	Gunshot Wounds	5	
	Cuts, &c.	308	
XXV.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Burn, Scald	25	
	Otherwise	21	
	Total Accident	441	
XXVI.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	Mortification		40
	Abscess	12	
	Not specified, or ill-defined	95	
	Total Ill-defined, &c.	147	
TOTAL		1833	

TABLE of Principal Operations for the Year 1896.

Operations.	No. of Cases.	Discharged.		Died.
		Cured.	Relieved.	
Amputation of Thigh.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto Leg	1	1	...	...
Ditto Arm	1	1	...	...
Ditto Metatarsal Bones.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto Fingers	4	4	...	...
Excision of Ribs for Empyæma	1	1	...	...
Ditto Metatarsal Bone for Tetanus Wound	1	...	...	1
Ditto Bone for Necrosis of Nasal Bone	1	1	...	...
Ditto ditto of Tibia.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto ditto of Jaw.....	1	1	...	...
Laparotomy for Hydatid of Liver.....	5	3	...	2
Aspiration of Hydatid of Liver	2	2	...	...
Suprapubic Lithotomy	1	...	...	1
Opening bladder above pubis and removing end of catheter	1	1	...	...
Opening bladder above pubis and removing 1½ pints of clotted blood	1	...	...	1
Radical cure of Piles.....	3	3	...	...
Radical cure of Hernia	3	3	...	...
Strangulated Hernia	5	5	...	...
Tracheotomy for Diphtheria.....	3	1	...	2
Oöphorectomy	1	1	...	...
Emmett's Operation	5	5	...	...
Curetting Uterus	14	14	...	...
Incision and drainage of Lumbar Abscess	7	6	...	1
Ditto ditto Abscess in Thigh.....	6	6	...	...
Ditto ditto Abscess in Knee-joint.....	2	2	...	...
Ditto ditto Abscess about Arm.....	1	1	...	...
Wiring fragments in ununited fracture of Femur (patient still in hospital)	1	...	1	...
Excision of Carcinoma of Breast.....	2	2	...	...
Ditto and cautery Carcinoma of Rectum.....	1	...	1	...
Ditto of Testicle for Sarcoma	2	1	1	...
Ditto of Mucoid Cysts in Neck	2	2	...	...
Ditto of Epithelioma of Lip	6	5	1	...
Ditto of Epithelioma of Ear.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto of Epithelioma of Hand	1	1	...	...
Ditto Rodent Ulcer of Face	1	1	...	...
Ditto Rodent Ulcer of Foot.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto and cautery Rodent Ulcer of Face	1	...	1	...
Enucleation of Eyeball	5	5	...	...
Removal of Epulis from Upper Jaw	1	1	...	...
Ditto suppurating Glands in Neck	2	1	1	...
Ditto caseating mass in Axilla	1	...	1	...
Ditto Hydatid from Zygomatic Fossa.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto foreign body from pharynx	1	1	...	...
Ditto Caruncle from Urethra	1	1	...	...
Ditto Fibromyoma of Uterus	3	1	1	1
Ditto shot from Pectoral Region	1	1	...	...
Ditto Nasal Polypi.....	2	2	...	...
Circumcision	5	5	...	...
Operation for Harelip	1	1	...	...
Repair of lacerated wound of Scrotum	1	1	...	...
Ditto ruptured Perinæum	1	1	...	...
Skin Grafting.....	2	...	2	...
Division of Internal Rectus for Strabismus.....	2	2	...	...
Fitzgerald's Operation for Talipes	2	2	...	...
Operation for Fistula in Ano	2	2	...	...
Opening and draining Pleural Cavity—Empyæma	3	3	...	...
Reduction of old-standing dislocation of Radius	1	1	...	...
Ditto ditto Dislocation of Shoulder	1	1	...	...
Operation for Entropion	1	1	...	...
Suturing Tendons and adjusting Bones in complicated Fracture of Tibia	1	1	...	...
Trendelenberg's Operation for Varicose Veins	2	2	...	...

Operations.	No. of Cases.	Discharged.		Died.
		Cured.	Relieved.	
Drilling Bone.....	4	4	...	...
Reducing Fracture into Elbow-joint.....	1	1	...	...
Aspiration of Hydrothorax	2	1	1	...
Ditto Cystic Goitre	1	...	1	...
TOTAL	143	122	12	9

Dressings under Anesthetics	37
Examinations under Anesthetics.....	2
Passive movement under Anesthetics	4
Total general Anesthetics for all causes.....	168

The following Return shows the gross Expenditure on the General Hospital for the 17 years over which it extends; but it should be remarked that the amount includes £5000 or upwards for repairs and alterations to buildings during the same period :—

YEAR.	PATIENTS ADMITTED.	PATIENTS DISCHARGED.	PATIENTS DIED.	PATIENTS REMAINING 31ST DECEMBER.	GROSS COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.
					£ s. d.
1880.....	1054	945	104	80	6323 6 4
1881.....	941	873	98	50	6077 7 5
1882.....	991	887	107	59	5733 6 10
1883.....	1065	957	101	71	6760 4 6
1884.....	946	848	101	68	7162 4 1
1885.....	891	784	92	83	6999 8 2
1886.....	1010	902	109	78	7053 9 9
1887.....	1209	1051	155	81	8451 16 8
1888.....	1077	936	131	91	7820 4 2
1889.....	922	822	118	91	8072 6 7
1890.....	1093	988	103	75	8105 3 3
1891.....	1379	1249	148	57	8199 17 3
1892.....	1143	1011	123	66	7945 3 4
1893.....	1166	1072	99	61	6593 19 5
1894.....	1124	1032	93	60	6373 13 11
1895.....	1128	1028	93	67	6098 0 11
1896.....	1226	1100	111	81	6382 2 1

NOTE.—The receipts from self-supporting patients and other sources are not deducted in any of these years.

D. MACMILLAN, *Chairman Board of Management.*
General Hospital, Hobart, 12th February, 1897.