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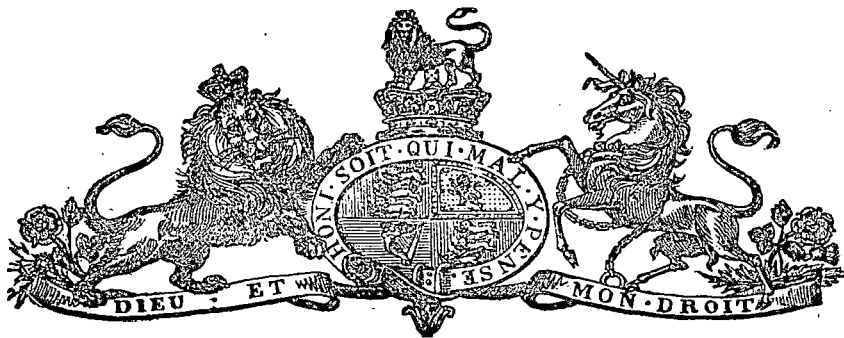
1884.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CASCADES:

REPORT FOR 1883.

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



HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CASCADES, HOBART.

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE CUMINE STRAHAN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE have the honor to furnish the Sixth Annual Report upon this Institution, as required by the 22nd Victoria, No. 23, Clause 12, being that for 1883.

2. The number of patients on the 1st January was 63, and on the 31st December, 1883, the number was 58.

3. Their average age was 64½, the eldest being 83 and the youngest 38 years of age.

4. Five deaths occurred during the year.

5. The net expenditure of the Establishment was £2476 15s. 6d., of which £1697 5s. 7d. was contributed by the Imperial Government, leaving £779 9s. 11d. to be defrayed by the Colonial Government, which latter item is in excess of the amount chargeable to the Colony in previous years, and is accounted for by a larger outlay than usual in the repairs to buildings, by the reduction in the number of inmates, and by the amount of stores supplied, a portion of which is available for the future. The increased cost per head, therefore, as shown in Return C., appended hereto, is also thus accounted for.

6. The general health of the patients was good, whilst their mental condition, with one exception, has afforded no evidence of improvement.

7. The recreation ground has been availed of by many of the patients who are either incapacitated or unwilling for work in the vegetable garden, whilst others prefer remaining in the yards or wards rather than go to either place.

8. The general treatment of the patients by their officers and attendants has been satisfactory.

9. The Surgeon-Superintendent of the Institution is still in medical charge of the Contagious Diseases Hospital.

10. The buildings have been kept in good order, and are in a praiseworthy condition of cleanliness, though they are ill adapted for the Insane, the surroundings being cheerless and such as to create a depressing influence.

11. The resignation during the year of the Hon. Thomas Christie Smart as a Commissioner of the Institution caused a vacancy at the Board, which was filled by the appointment of George Washington Turnley, Esquire, M.R.C.S., Medical Officer for Gaols, &c.

12. During the year a Royal Commission was appointed to enquire into the condition of the Asylums for the Insane, and the Report hereof, dated the 16th June, is now in the hands of the Government and Parliament.

13. The usual Returns, marked A. B. and C., of Deaths, Expenditure, and Reimbursements, are appended.

We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient humble Servants,

HENRY BUTLER, *President.*

W. TARLETON,

F. W. MITCHELL,

GEORGE TURNLEY,

} *Commissioners.*

Hobart, 16th June, 1884.

A.

RETURN of Deaths during the Year 1883.

No. of Register.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.
9	28th February	Dropsy and Brain Disease	61
56	27th May	Brain Disease	70
59	11th August	Ditto	60
68	29th November	Ditto	65
26	15th December	Ditto	65

B.

RETURN showing the Number in the Asylum on the 1st January; the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the year 1883; and the Funds upon which they are borne; together with their Religion.

Number, 1st Jan., 1883.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Religion.		Funds.		Remaining 31 December, 1883.
				Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Colonial.	Imperial.	
63	Nil.	Nil.	5	34	29	8	55	58

C.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, for the Year 1883.

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	Reimbursements.	£	s.	d.
Salaries	954	8	3	Station produce raised and supplied at contract prices, as under :			
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	454	9	2	Vegetables, 2½ tons, at £4 10s.	12	7	6
Provisions and Medical Comforts	824	5	0	Milk, 5815 pints, at 2d.	48	9	2
Medicines	6	0	0	Vegetables, Contagious Diseases Hospital (525 lbs.)	1	2	6
Fuel and Light	141	12	1	Milk, ditto, 1472 pints, at 2d.	12	5	4
Miscellaneous Expenses	9	14	0				
Attendants' Uniforms	15	0	0	Cash Receipts.			
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners ..	6	0	0	By sale of Pigs	14	9	1
Interments	5	10	6	Ditto Milk to Officials	0	11	3
Repairs to Buildings	153	4	7	Ditto Cow Hides	0	13	3
				Ditto condemned Rags	3	10	0
				By Balance, showing Net Cost	2476	15	6
	£2570	3	7		£2570	3	7

Average daily numbers—Imperial 53½, Colonial, 8. Total, 61½.

	£	s.	d.
Cost per head on gross amount	41	10	0
Ditto Net ditto	39	15	0
Amount chargeable to Imperial	1697	5	7
Ditto Colonial	779	9	11

J. COVERDALE, M.D., Surgeon-Superintendent.