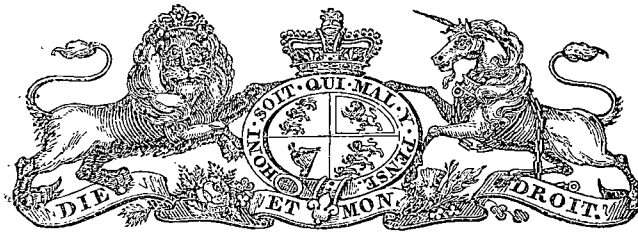


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REPORT FOR 1897.

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1897.

21st January, 1898.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Third Annual Report of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

Admissions and Discharges.

| | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--|--------|----------|--------|
| Number inmates remaining 1st January | 131 | 45 | 176 |
| Admitted during the year | 148 | 43 | 191 |
| Discharged during the year | 107 | 30 | 137 |
| Died during year | 30 | 15 | 45 |
| Remaining at end of year (31st December) | 142 | 43 | 185 |

The daily average was, males 145, females 52; total 197, of whom 195 were charged to the Colonial Government and two to the Imperial Government.

During the year there were 45 deaths, of whom 30 were males and 15 females.

The average age of inmates was 73·40 for males, 71·25 females.

Birthplaces of Inmates.

| | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|
| Australian Colonies and Tasmania | 16 | 14 | 30 |
| England and Wales | 148 | 34 | 182 |
| Ireland | 104 | 34 | 138 |
| Scotland | 20 | 4 | 24 |
| TOTALS..... | 288 | 86 | 374 |

Education.

| | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Unable to read | 94 | 36 | 130 |
| Able to read only | 20 | 10 | 30 |
| Able to read and write..... | 174 | 40 | 214 |
| TOTAL..... | ... | ... | 374 |

The total expenditure was £2076 5s. 2d., of which £2000 was contributed by the Government, the balance was received as fees and from various sources.

The annual cost per head to the Government was £10 3s. 0½d., the gross cost amounting to £10 10s. 9½d.; the daily cost per head was 6¼d.

The buildings have been kept in good order and repair.

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

STATEMENT of Expenditure for 1897 of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Meat | 360 | 4 | 8 |
| Bread | 314 | 5 | 4 |
| Provisions | 384 | 15 | 5 |
| Salaries and Wages | 396 | 8 | 6 |
| Milk and Medical Comforts | 109 | 8 | 5 |
| Fuel | 89 | 10 | 6 |
| Gas and Water | 46 | 17 | 10 |
| Ironmongery | 35 | 3 | 3 |
| Repairs | 50 | 12 | 1 |
| Funerals | 54 | 14 | 6 |
| Drugs and Disinfectants | 18 | 11 | 10 |
| Drapery, Clothing, and Boots | 174 | 19 | 0 |
| Sundries | 40 | 13 | 10 |
| | <u>£2076</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>2</u> |

THOMAS CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*

Correct.

JOHN STEPHENSON, *Chairman of Board of Management.*

To the Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.