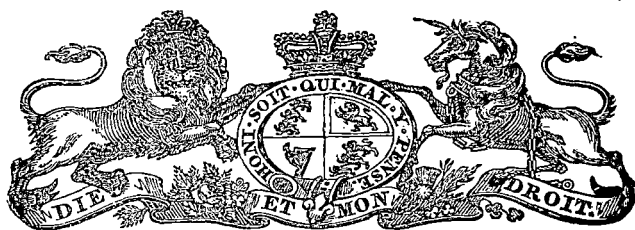


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In presenting this First Annual Report, the Governors have to congratulate the subscribers and public of Beaconsfield on the establishment of a Hospital in their midst. Opened informally on the 10th of March by the admission of a case of diphtheria, the Institution has received and treated 19 cases—11 from Beaconsfield, 2 from Winkleigh, 2 from George Town, 2 from Lefroy, 1 from Ilfracombe, and 1 from Sidmouth—which, considering our propinquity to Launceston, and the nature of our accommodation in the temporary premises, and the fact that the unhealthy season was practically over before the opening, is a very satisfactory result. The Hospital is fully furnished and equipped, and is capable of accommodating six patients.

#### *The Nurse.*

Your Board have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lockhart as Nurse, she having come from the Launceston Hospital, where she occupied a place as "sister," bearing certificates of considerable merit from the Surgeon-Superintendent and the Matron, the Chairman of the Visiting Committee congratulating your Board on having secured her services. During the months she has been here she has fulfilled her duties to the satisfaction alike of the Medical Officers, the Governors, and the patients.

#### *Government Grants.*

The Governors have approached Government with a view to receiving aid, and have been successful in having a grant-in-aid of £150 passed on the £ for £ basis. Contributors are therefore urged to continue their subscriptions, so as to enable the Board to claim their full grant. In addition to this, a grant of three acres of land on the Cabbage Tree Hill has been promised as Hospital site, and will be conveyed to us immediately. As soon as this site is granted, the Board purpose at once taking steps in regard to the erection of the permanent premises.

#### *Financial.*

A special feature of the Hospital is contained in Rule III.-2\*, many having taken advantage of it. Already one or two have been saved Hospital fees by becoming subscribers. The depression that has existed for the past six or eight months has naturally caused many to cease contributing. But they are strongly urged to approach the Finance Committee (*see* Rule III.-5) with a view to resuming their forfeited privileges, as sickness may come, and the Hospital fees in hard times are not easily met. For the same reason, others are strongly urged to become subscribers, as it is to those subscriptions that we must look to support the Institution.

A Balance-sheet is appended, and lists of contributors, with the exception of subscribers of threepence and sixpence a week. The Balance-sheet shows a considerable expenditure above our income, but, as a set-off, we have a fully-furnished Hospital and fees unpaid amounting to £19 11s. By the registration of the Hospital under "*Charitable Institutions Act, 1888*," the Board have power to sue for fees.

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\* III.-2. Subscriptions shall be at the rate of thirteen (13) shillings and twenty-six (26) shillings per annum. (a) Subscribers of three (3) pence per week or thirteen (13) shillings a year in advance shall be admitted free to the Hospital. (b) Subscribers of six (6) pence per week or twenty-six (26) shillings a year in advance shall be entitled to the admission of any two (2) members of their family to the Hospital except male members over sixteen (16). Sons living at home and contributing at the same rate shall receive the same benefits.

*Thanks.*

The Board would place on record their thanks to the Hon. Adye Douglas, M.L.C., for having so generously granted the use of the present building rent free during the past year. Your Board, in appreciation of Mr. Douglas' kindness, insured the building at the same time that they insured their own property contained therein.

In name of the Board of Managers,

ADYE DOUGLAS, JUN., *Chairman.*  
HUGH S. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

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*BALANCE-SHEET, 1890.*

DR.	CASH.	CONTRA.	CR.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Donations as per lists.....	144 19 6	By Salaries, wages, &c.....	76 9 6
„ Subscriptions under Rule III.-2....	68 3 3	„ Provisioning, including fire and light.....	40 7 0
„ Fees .....	28 3 6	„ Furnishing.....	123 18 4
„ Central Board of Health.....	1 10 0	„ Medicines, drugs, &c. ....	3 11 4
	<u>£242 16 3</u>	„ Alterations and repairs (temp. prem.) .....	43 10 2
Balance.....	73 2 10	„ Stationery, printing, &c.....	19 7 11
		„ Freight and cartage .....	3 17 0
		„ Legal and governmental expenses..	2 14 6
		„ Interest on overdraft.....	2 3 4
	<u>£315 19 1</u>		<u>£315 19 1</u>

A. DOUGLAS, JUN., *Chairman.*  
HUGH S. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*  
H. INGLEDEW, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

JNO. W. WYETT, }  
THOMAS G. WILLIAMS, } *Auditors.*