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HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, CASCADES :

REPORT FOR 1882.

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## HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CASCADES.

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*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.

IN conformity with Clause 12 of the Act for the Regulation of the care and treatment of the Insane, and for the appointment, maintenance, and regulation of Hospitals for the Insane (22 Victoria, No. 23), we have the honor to submit our Report for the year 1882.

2. The number of patients remaining on 31st December, 1882, was 63.

3. Their average age was  $61\frac{1}{3}$ , the eldest being 86, and the youngest 37 years of age.

4. Five deaths occurred during the year.

5. The net expenditure of the Establishment was £2201 18s. 5d., of which £1877 6s. 8d. was contributed by the Imperial Government, leaving £324 11s. 9d. to be defrayed by the Colonial Government.

6. The buildings have been kept in moderately good repair, and scrupulously clean; but they are still regarded as unsuitable for the purposes for which they are applied.

7. The health of the patients generally was good, though no improvement in their mental condition has taken place.

8. The large piece of land which was enclosed some six years since as a place of recreation has not recently been much used by the patients. Such of them as are willing and able prefer working in the garden, where large quantities of vegetables are produced for the use of the Establishment; those incapacitated for labour exercise their option of remaining in the yards or wards rather than go to the recreation ground.

9. The conduct of the Officers and Attendants in the care of the patients has been satisfactory; and, from careful observation on our monthly inspections, we feel satisfied that though their duties are such as require much coolness and composure, and frequently have to be performed under difficult circumstances, they are accomplished with discretion and a desire to ameliorate the condition of the patients.

10. The Medical charge of the Contagious Diseases Hospital is still under the Surgeon Superintendent of this Institution, who also had the care of many of the female invalids from the New Town Charitable Establishment for the greater portion of the year.

11. The usual Returns, marked A. B. & C., of Deaths, Expenditure, Reimbursements, &c., are appended.

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

HENRY BUTLER, *President.*  
W. TARLETON,  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
CHARLES DOWDELL, } *Commissioners.*  
THOS. C. SMART,

11th May, 1883.

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## A.

*RETURN of Deaths during the Year 1882.*

<i>No. of Register.</i>	<i>Date of Death.</i>	<i>Cause of Death.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
39	9th July	Brain Disease	58
90	2nd October	Dropsy and Brain Disease	60
96	7th October	Brain Disease	67
66	7th November	Fracture of Hip Joint	67
76	9th November	Heart Disease	57

МѢМО.—Inquests were held in the last two cases, the one being an injury accidentally received, the other the result of excitement whilst dancing.

## B.

*RETURN showing the Number in the Asylum on 31st December, 1881; the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the year 1882; and the Funds upon which they are borne; together with their Religion.*

<i>Number on 31st December, 1881.</i>	<i>Admitted.</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>RELIGION.</i>		<i>FUNDS.</i>		<i>Remaining December 31, 1882.</i>
				<i>Protestants.</i>	<i>Roman Catholics.</i>	<i>Colonial.</i>	<i>Imperial.</i>	
68	Nil.	Nil.	5	37	31	8	60	63

## C.

*RETURN showing the Cost of the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, for the Year 1882.*

<i>Expenditure.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>Reimbursements.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Salaries .....	919	12	9	Station produce raised and supplied at contract prices, as under:—			
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	426	4	11	Potatoes to Institution, 5 tons, at £5.	25	0	0
Provisions and Medical Comforts .....	800	3	8	Carrots, ditto, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, at £3.....	1	10	0
Medicines .....	5	0	0	Parsnips, ditto, 1 ton, at £3.....	3	0	0
Fuel and Light .....	133	6	3	Cabbages, ditto, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, at £2.....	0	10	0
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	11	13	0	Milk, ditto, 5766 pints, at 2d .....	48	1	0
Attendants' Uniforms.....	14	18	6	Vegetables to Contagious Diseases Hospital.....	2	15	0
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners...	2	14	0	Milk, ditto, 1588 pints.....	13	4	8
Interments .....	2	19	6	Vegetables to Invalids .....	2	15	0
Repairs to Buildings .....	17	8	2	Milk, ditto, 1905 pints.....	15	17	6
				<i>Cash Receipts.</i>			
				By sale of Pigs .....	12	2	9
				Ditto Calves.....	3	2	0
				Ditto Cow .....	3	17	0
				Ditto Milk to Officials.....	0	7	5
				By Balance, showing net cost .....	2201	18	5
	<u>£2334</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£2334</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>

Average daily numbers—Imperial 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ , Colonial 8. Total 66 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Cost per head on gross amount .....	34	15	9
Ditto net amount .....	32	17	3
A amount chargeable to Imperial Expenditure .....	1877	6	8
Ditto Colonial ditto.....	324	11	9

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