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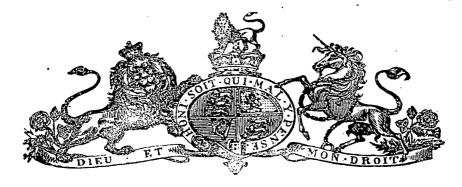
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, CASCADES:

REPORT FOR 1882.

Laid upon the Table by the Premier, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 24, 1883.



HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CASCADES.

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 $61\frac{51}{63}$, 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,
THOS. C. SMART,
Commissioners.

11th May, 1883.

Α.

RETURN of Deaths during the Year 1882.

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

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

В.

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.

Number on 31st December, 1881.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	RELIGION.		funds.		Remaining December 31	
				Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Colonial.	Imperial.	1882.	
. 68	Nil.	·Nil.	5	37	31	8	60	63	

C.

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

Expenditure.			d.	Reimbursements.		s.	d.
Salaries	919			Station produce raised and supplied at			
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	426		11	contract prices, as under :-		_	_
Provisions and Medical Comforts	800		8	Potatoes to Institution, 5 tons, at £5.	25	0	
Medicines	5	_	0	Carrots, ditto, \frac{1}{2} ton, at £3		10	
Fuel and Light	133			Parsnips, ditto, 1 ton, at £3		0	
Miscellaneous Expenses		13		Cabbages, ditto, \(\frac{1}{2}\) ton, at £2		10	
Attendants' Uniforms		18	6	Milk, ditto, 5766 pints, at 2d		1	0
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners		14	-	Vegetables to Contagious Diseases			
Interments		19		Hospital	2	15	
Repairs to Buildings	17	8	2	Milk, ditto, 1588 pints	13	4	_
				Vegetables to Invalids		15	
•				Milk, ditto, 1905 pints	15	17	6
•				Cash Receipts.			
•				By sale of Pigs	12	2	
				Ditto Calves	3	2	. 0
				Ditto Cow		17	: 0
				Ditto Milk to Officials			. 5
				By Balance, showing net cost	2201	18	5
- £	2334	0	9		 £2334	0	 9
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Average daily numbers—Imperial 583, Colonial 8. Total 663.

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

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