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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL, CASCADES :

REPORT FOR **1887.**

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



Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, 5th March, 1888.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the Annual Report of this Institution for 1887.

1. The admissions numbered 36, of which 24 were for the first time, 6 for the second, 4 for the third, and 2 for the fifth, extending over the past five years. There were no patients in hospital either at the commencement or end of the year.

2. The ages of those admitted ranged from 16 to 50, the mean being about 22 years; and in regard to religion, 18 were Protestants and 18 were Roman Catholics.

3. The daily average was $3\frac{2}{3}$, and the cost per head £69 7s. 10½d.

4. The character of the diseases treated is shown in Table A., and the expenditure, amounting to £254 8s. 10d., is detailed in Table B.

In considering the number of admissions, it would be misleading to suppose that they even approximately indicate the amount of disease said to exist in the metropolis.

Looking back to the two first years of the operation of the Act, when the average admissions was 111, there is no little difficulty in believing that the greatly reduced numbers of late really mean a corresponding diminution of disorder.

It must be admitted, however, that there are difficulties in the working of the Act, which speaks only of "the common prostitute,"—a definition, as I have been informed, that limits interference to "the select few."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D., *Medical Officer.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

A.

RETURN of the Number, Character, and Disposal of the Cases of Venereal Disease at the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, during the Year 1887.

<i>No. of Cases.</i>	<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Remaining.</i>
18	Gonorrhœa	18	<i>Nil.</i>
9	Primary Syphilis.....	9	<i>Nil.</i>
8	Secondary ditto	8	<i>Nil.</i>
1	Tertiary ditto	1	<i>Nil.</i>

J. COVERDALE, *M.D.*, *Medical Officer.*

B.

RETURN of the Expenditure of the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, for the Year 1887.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Salaries.....	111	0	0
Provisions	62	5	9
Medical Comforts	0	6	6
Stores	14	11	2
Fuel and Light	28	2	5
Miscellaneous	4	10	0
Repairs.....	8	12	6
Laying on Gas	25	0	6
	<u>£254</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

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