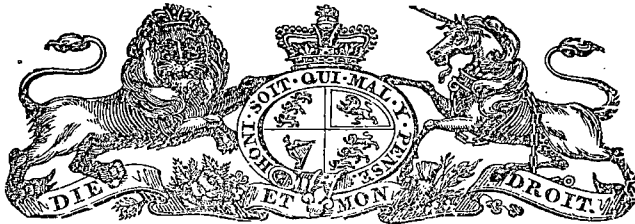


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REPORT FOR 1897.

New Town, 26th May, 1898.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the Year 1897.

Strength.

The number of inmates on the books during the year was—Males, 495; Females, 310: Total, 805, or 75 less than in 1896.

The number of inmates in the Institution, including 12 children, on 31st December last was 470, a decrease of 44 compared with 1896.

The highest number of inmates at any one time was 524. Compared with 1896 this shows a decrease of 23.

The lowest number was 470, or a decrease of 38 compared with 1896.

The average daily number during the year was 499·15, a decrease of 38·96 compared with 1896.

Admissions.

The number admitted during the year was 291, or 66 less than in 1896.

Discharges.

The number discharged was 232, as against 276 in 1896.

Mortality.

The deaths during the year numbered 103, or 12·80 per cent., as against 90, or 10·23 per cent. for 1896. The average age, exclusive of children, of those who died was 75·67 years, the maximum age being 96, and the minimum, 37 years. 40 averaged over 80 years of age, and the average of the 12 oldest was 89·41 years. Fuller particulars under this head will be found in Return C. in the Appendices.

Ages.

The approximate Ages of inmates, exclusive of children, remaining in the Institution at the end of the year were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
90 years and upwards	5	1	6	1·31
Between 80 and 90 years	81	19	100	21·83
Ditto 70 and 80 "	146	55	201	43·89
Ditto 60 and 70 "	34	46	80	17·47
Ditto 50 and 60 "	8	13	21	4·58
Under 50 years.....	18	32	50	10·92
TOTAL.....	292	166	458	100·00
Average age.....	73·60	63·79	70·05	
Average age in previous year.....	73·67	62·50	69·78	

Civil Condition.

The Civil Condition of those on the books during the year was as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1896.
Free by servitude.....	301	120	421	52·30	54·77
Free to Colony.....	147	89	236	29·32	27·16
Born in Colony.....	47	101	148	18·38	18·07
TOTAL.....	495	310	805	100·00	...
Previous year.....	542	338	880	100·00	

Birth-places.

The Birth-places of those on the books during the year were as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1896.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....	50	108	158	19·63	18·52
England and Wales.....	272	65	337	41·86	41·82
Ireland.....	122	105	227	28·20	29·09
Scotland.....	34	28	62	7·70	6·93
Other British Possessions.....	7	1	8	1·00	1·25
Foreign Countries.....	10	3	13	1·61	2·39
TOTAL.....	495	310	805	100·00	

Education.

The Education of those on the books during the year was as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1896.
Read and write.....	268	97	365	45·34	45·00
Read only.....	53	41	94	11·68	12·61
Neither read nor write.....	168	172	340	42·24	41·71
Superior Education.....	6	—	6	0·74	0·68
TOTAL.....	495	310	805	100·00	

Religion.

The religion of those remaining in the Institution on 31st December was as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1896.
Church of England.....	178	87	265	56·38	59·14
Church of Rome.....	92	81	173	36·81	35·02
Church of Scotland.....	22	10	32	6·81	5·84
TOTAL.....	292	178	470	100·00	

Expenditure.

The gross expenditure for the year was £5400 0s. 11d., as against £5472 16s. 8d. in 1896.

The receipts were £479 12s. 6d., being a decrease of £135 8s. 11d. as compared with 1896, due principally to the receipts from the farm being credited to the Boys' Training School for 1897. The net expenditure was £4920 8s. 5d., being £62 13s. 2d. more than in 1896.

The cost per head on gross expenditure was £10 16s. 4d., or 9s. 10d. more than in 1896. The cost per head on net expenditure was £9 17s. 2d., an increase of 13s. 11d. as compared with 1896.

The increased cost was caused by the large amount expended on roofing the male division of the Institution, and by the increased price of provisions.

The charge against the Imperial Government for maintenance of Imperial paupers during the year was £302 16s. 3d.; this, if deducted from the expenditure, would reduce the cost per head to £9 5s. 1d. per annum.

Repairs and Improvements.

A sum of £205 2s. was expended in roofing the male division. The sum of £81 19s. 11d. was expended under the head of repairs to buildings; of this amount £9 15s. was paid for repairs to chimneys, £7 for departmental charges by Public Works Department, and the balance, £65 4s. 11d., was for materials.

Several of the wards were renovated, officers' quarters papered and painted, and a new stage built in Concert Hall by inmate labour.

Garden.

Gardening operations were carried on as usual, and vegetables to the value of £101 15s. were raised and used in the Institution.

Farm.

On the 1st January, 1897, the farm, together with the live stock thereon, was transferred to the Boys' Training School.

Religious Services.

The Chaplains have as usual attended most assiduously to the spiritual wants of the inmates, and services have been held by the Sisters of Charity, Lay Readers, Flower Mission, Christian Endeavour Society, Ladies' Reading Committee, Salvation Army, and others.

Entertainments, Treats, &c.

During the year entertainments were given by the Orpheus Club, Bellerive Brass Band, the seamen of Her Majesty's Ship *Karakatta*, and others, and were much appreciated by the inmates.

On Christmas Day and Queen's Birthday the usual treat of plum pudding and roast beef was given by the Government, and a hogshead of ale was very generously sent by the Cascade Brewery Company on the former day.

On Jubilee Day the inmates were, through the generosity of Mr. John Mitchell, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. William Moore, Messrs. Boag & Son., and the Honourable J. Watchorn, M.L.C., regaled with plum pudding, roast beef, ale, sausages, buns, and tobacco.

On Good Friday Mr. Newman Arnold very kindly sent the inmates a supply of hot cross buns.

The Hon. F. W. Piesse, M.L.C., and Mr. J. Bowman, generously donated funds for the purchase of Christmas Extras.

On the evening of Queen's Birthday those inmates who had formerly served either in the Army or Navy were, through the thoughtfulness of the officers of the Defence Force, entertained with grog, tobacco, and light refreshments.

On Jubilee Day a number of the above took part in the demonstration, a place having been reserved for them in the procession.

Lying-in Home.

Full particulars under this head will be found in the annexed Return marked E.

Library.

Following up their usual practice, the proprietors of the *Mercury*, *Tasmanian News*, *Church News*, and the *Monitor* have supplied free copies of their publications during the year. Many kind friends have sent books and papers for the Library.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.



A.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of the New Town Charitable Institution for the Year 1897; the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	1379	14	1	Fees for maintenance of inmates.....	358	14	3
Provisions.....	2555	18	2	Sale of road metal.....	1	1	4
Medical comforts.....	23	15	11	Ditto old stores.....	3	11	4
Clothing, bedding, stores, & stationery	548	6	9	Money found on deceased inmates....	4	3	0
Fuel and light.....	349	16	0	Mangling performed.....	1	6	10
Medicines.....	48	14	0	Loan of tar tank.....	1	0	0
Miscellaneous, including funeral ex-				Vegetables supplied to Gaol, Hobart..	0	12	8
penses.....	206	14	1	Labour of men at cemetery.....	108	16	0
Repairs and alterations to buildings...	81	19	11	Tobacco supplied to men at cemetery	0	7	1
Special repairs to roofing.....	205	2	0	Balance, being Net Cost of Establish-			
				ment.....	4920	8	5
TOTAL.....	£5400	0	11	TOTAL.....	£5400	0	11

Average daily Number.

Males (Colonial).....	300.99
" (Imperial).....	11.78
Females.....	186.38
Net cost per head, £9 17s. 2d.	

B.

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost of the New Town Charitable Institution, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1897.

Head of Service.	Per Estimate.			Actual Cost.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	1393	0	0	1379	14	1	...	...	...	13	5	11
Provisions.....	2600	0	0	2555	18	2	...	...	...	44	1	10
Medical Comforts.....	25	0	0	23	15	11	...	...	...	1	4	1
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery	550	0	0	548	6	9	...	...	...	1	13	3
Medicines.....	50	0	0	48	14	0	...	...	...	1	6	0
Miscellaneous, including Funeral Ex-												
penses.....	160	0	0	206	14	1	46	14	1	...	...	...
Fuel and Light.....	350	0	0	349	16	0	...	...	...	0	4	0
Repairs to Buildings.....	75	0	0	81	19	11	6	19	11	...	...	...
Special—Roofing.....	...	...	...	205	2	0	205	2	0	...	...	...
TOTAL.....	5203	0	0	5400	0	11	258	16	0*	61	15	1

* Provided for upon Supplementary Estimates.

C.

RETURN of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution during the Year 1897.

	Children.	Between the Ages of—																TOTAL.
		20 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		60 to 70.		70 to 80.		80 to 90.		90 to 100.		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Brain Disease	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bronchitis	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancer.....	1	1	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	7
Congestion of Lungs	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dropsy	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gangrene	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hemorrhage	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Morbus Cordis..	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Paralysis.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Phthisis	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5
Syncope	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Senile Debility..	1	...	...	...	3	5	21	9	27	9	4	...	...	79
TOTALS...	1	...	...	3	1	2	2	1	2	3	8	26	14	27	9	4	...	103

D.

DECENNIAL Return showing the Number of Persons admitted, discharged, and remaining in the New Town Charitable Institution on the 31st December in each year, Net Cost of the Institution, and the Net Cost per Head.

Years.	Admitted during the Year.	Discharged during the Year.	Died during the Year.	Remaining on 31st December.		Average daily Number.	Net Cost of Institution.			Net Cost per Head.		
				Number.	Average Age.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1888.....	636	534	118	564	68·25	624	8841	13	7	14	3	4
1889.....	552	484	112	520	68·00	589	8176	12	1	13	17	8
1890.....	603	456	127	540	67·75	592	8263	3	11	13	19	2
1891.....	530	413	153	504	70·08	545	7427	14	1	13	12	7
1892.....	510	387	109	518	69·61	537	7685	16	8	14	6	3
1893.....	538	419	122	515	70·02	542	6158	18	10	11	7	5
1894.....	448	313	112	538	70·58	549	5336	15	3	9	14	5
1895.....	371	300	86	523	70·58	545	5216	6	6	9	11	1
1896.....	357	276	90	514	69·78	530	4857	15	3	9	3	3
1897.....	291	232	103	470	70·05	499	4920	8	5	9	17	2

RETURN of Inmates in the Lying-in Ward during the Year 1897.

Number of Lying-in Inmates on 31st December, 1896—				<i>Brought forward</i>	12	
Already confined.....	1			Left before confinement at own desire.....	1	
Awaiting confinement.....	2		3			
				TOTAL.....		13
Admitted during the year—				Number remaining, 31st December, 1897—		
Single	12			Already confined.....	2	
Married.....	2		14	Awaiting confinement.....	2	
						4
TOTAL.....			17			
Number left during the year—				Number of Confinements—		
To Service with Infant.....	1			Single	13	
„ Relations.....	6			Married.....	1	14
„ Anchorage Home.....	4			Number of infants who died during the year		1
„ Salvation Army	1			Causes of death: Child aged 1 year and 9 months, Congestion of the Lungs.		
<i>Forward</i>			12			