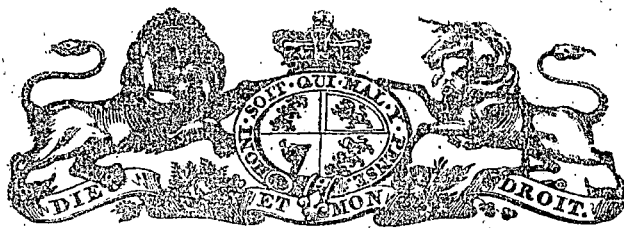


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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL,  
CASCADES :

REPORT FOR 1883.

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



*Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, 10th April, 1884.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the Annual Report of this Institution for 1883.

There were no patients in hospital on 1st January, and during the year 34 only were admitted.

Of these 13 were for the first time, 6 for the second, 8 for the third, 4 for the fourth, and 3 for the fifth; extending over a period of  $4\frac{1}{4}$  years.

20 were Protestants, and 14 Roman Catholics.

Their average age was 24, the eldest being 50 years, the youngest 14, and the nature of their diseases is given in Table A.

The daily average number was  $3\frac{1}{5}$ , and the cost per head about £70 5s.,—a result wholly attributable to the few admissions, there being but little difference in the amounts of the total expenditure of previous years.

In review of the foregoing data, it will be at once seen that the operations of the Act of Parliament have not been of an extended nature, they being confined to the town and its neighbourhood.

Still it may at first sight, perhaps, appear remarkable that from the many "street walkers" so few can be found in a disordered condition. This problem, however, may, to a large extent, be solved by the fact that many, when they find themselves diseased, leave the Metropolis to evade the provisions of the Act, and thus scatter contagion broadcast throughout the Country Districts.

In conclusion, I would ask attention to the following paragraph taken from an excellent work on Contagious Disorders:—"Without encroaching unduly on the liberty of the subject, preventive measures may be enforced upon certain classes of persons who, either by the peculiar conditions of their service, or by voluntarily pursuing an occupation dangerous to society, are specially liable to be distributors of contagion. In the former of these classes we include soldiers and sailors of the Royal Navy and Mercantile Marine; in the latter we include vagrants, and most particularly prostitutes."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D.

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

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## A.

*TABLE showing the Number, Character, and Disposal of the Cases of Venereal Disease treated at the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, during the Year 1883.*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Remaining 31st December.</i>
5	Primary syphilis .....	5	
16	Secondary ditto .....	16	
12	Gonorrhœa .....	11	1
1	Leucorrhœa .....	1	

J. COVERDALE, *M.D.*

## B.

*TABLE showing the Expenditure of the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, for the Year 1883.*

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Salaries .....	116	0	0
Provisions and Medical Comforts .....	55	7	1
Stores, Bedding, and Clothing .....	32	1	11
Fuel and Light .....	21	2	11
Medicines .....	2	10	0
Miscellaneous expenses .....	8	1	0
	<u>£235</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>

J. COVERDALE, *M.D.*