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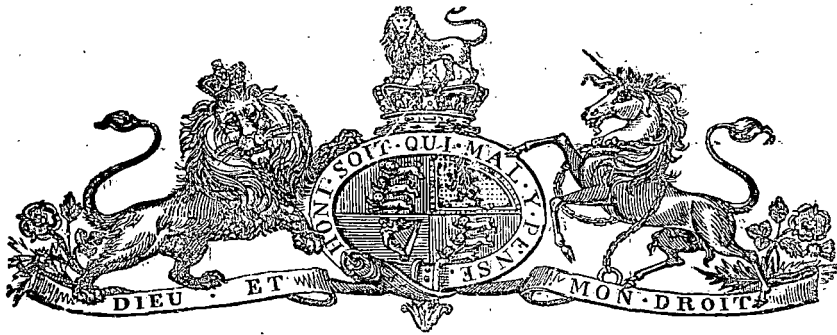
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**HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, CASCADES :**

**REPORT FOR 1877.**

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## HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CASCADES.

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To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

1. This Institution was duly proclaimed and gazetted on 17th April, 1877, and placed under charge of Commissioners, the Honorable Henry Butler, and Honorable Charles Meredith, Esquires, William Tarleton, Thomas Christie Smart, and Charles Dowdell, Esquires, and Major-General H. N. Hodgson, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Council 22nd Vict. No. 23.

2. The buildings, although capable of ensuring the safe keeping of the patients, cannot be said to possess those advantages that specially erected ones would afford. However, the comfort of the inmates has been fairly attained by the several alterations made.

3. The patients are divided into two classes, the more refractory (22 in number) being located in a separate part of the building, whilst the remainder (57) occupy the main wards.

4. They were all professionally examined and reported upon by Doctors Huston and Dinham, with regard to their individual cases, in accordance with the requirements of the Act of Council.

5. The Commissioners had reason to require of the Government essential improvements in both divisions of the establishment, and which have been complied with.

6. At the recommendation also of the Commissioners a large piece of land has been enclosed as a recreation ground; and during the present year a shed has been erected therein, affording shelter against weather, and making it now available for the comfort of the patients.

7. The health generally of the patients was good. During the winter months, however, several cases of catarrh occurred, which yielded to treatment.

8. The accommodation for the residence of the Officers and their families require the attention of the Government at their earliest convenience; the correspondence on the subject by the Board not having led to any satisfactory results.

9. The Commissioners have much pleasure in recording their appreciation of the zealous co-operation of the Officers in discharge of duties necessarily onerous and difficult, requiring much patience and self-control, under exceptionally difficult circumstances.

10. The annexed Returns supply all detail matters in connection with the establishment.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient and humble Servants,

12th June, 1878.

HENRY BUTLER, *President.*

CHARLES MEREDITH.

W. TARLETON.

THOS. C. SMART.

CHARLES DOWDELL.

H. N. HODGSON.

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*RETURN showing the Number of Lunatics received into the Hospital for the Insane, Cascades, on the 19th April, 1877, with the Discharges and Deaths during the period ended 31st December, 1877, and their Religion, and the Funds upon which they were borne.*

Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	RELIGION.		FUNDS.		TOTAL.
			Protestant.	Roman Catholic.	Colonial.	Imperial.	
79	Nil.	3	44	35	7	72	79

R. ATKINS, *Superintendent.*

*RETURN of Deaths at the Cascades Hospital for the Insane, from 19th April to 31st December, 1877.*

No. of Register.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.	Average Age.
31	2nd July, 1877	Brain Disease	47	} 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.
60	2nd July, 1877	Ditto	50	
25	6th June, 1877	Ditto	73	

R. ATKINS, *Superintendent.*

*RETURN showing the Cost of the Hospital for the Insane, Cascades, from 19th April to the 31st day of December, 1877.*

Average daily number—Colonial 7, Imperial 69. Total, 76.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>SALARIES.</b>		
Officers and Attendants.....	..	527 6 11
<b>CONTINGENCIES.</b>		
Provisions and Medical Comforts.....	784 1 9	
Bedding, Clothing, Stores, and Stationery.....	393 6 10	
Fuel and Light.....	155 7 9	
Medicines and Medical Attendance.....	70 3 4	
Repairs and Alterations to Buildings.....	618 16 8	
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	24 17 5	
		2046 13 9
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	..	2574 0 8
Amount chargeable to the Imperial Government at the rate of £32 per head	2208 0 0	
Ditto Colonial Government.....	366 0 8	
		2574 0 8

Total cost per head £33 17s. 4½d.

R. ATKINS, *Superintendent.*