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**NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION  
FOR FEMALES:**

**REPORT FOR 1879.**

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New Town Charitable Institution, 9th April, 1880.

SIR,

In submitting the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females for the year 1879, permit me to remark that my supervision covers only the last six months, viz., from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1879.

I am pleased to have it in my power to speak most favourably of this Division of the Institution over which I have the honor to preside. The building is highly suitable for its purpose,—the wards being lofty, extensive, and the ventilation perfect. The Inmates are generally cheerful, and willingly perform the duties required of them, and as a rule are well-conducted. The numbers admitted and discharged vary very little from those of last year; but the deaths are six less,—being twenty-four this year against thirty last year. The annual net cost per head for the year 1878 was £15 11s. 4½d., but for 1879 it was £14 3s. 3½d., by which a saving of £1 8s. 1d. has been effected on the cost of each Inmate.

The Inmates have been kept regularly employed making, mending, and washing their own clothing, bedding, &c., and in the general sanitary requirements of the Institution.

The Inmates have been constantly visited by the Clergy of the Church of England and Roman Catholic Denominations, and also by a large number of philanthropic ladies, who take the warmest interest in the moral and social welfare of the old people.

It gives me much pleasure to report that the Matron exhibits great adaptability for her position. She has considerable tact in her management, is kind and firm in her demeanor, and at all times implicitly carries out my instructions.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

J. WITHRINGTON, Superintendent.

### EXPENDITURE for the Year 1879.

Average Number of Inmates, 150.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries and allowances.....	344	5	0	Maintenance of Invalids .....	49	2	10
Contingencies—				Net cost .....	2124	11	5
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	58	4	1				
Provisions and medical comforts.....	1486	12	0				
Medicines and medical attendance .....	38	10	0				
Fuel and light.....	144	19	8				
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses	43	16	1				
Repairs and additions to buildings .....	57	7	5				
	£2173	14	3		£2173	14	3

### COST of each Inmate for the Year.

	£	s.	d.
On gross expenditure .....	14	9	9½
On net expenditure .....	14	3	3½
Net cost per diem .....	0	0	9½

### STRENGTH Return.

No. of Inmates, 1st January, 1879 .....	141
Admitted during the year.....	117
Discharged .....	83
Died .....	24
Remaining, 31st December, 1879 .....	151

### DEATH Return.

No. of Deaths during 1879 .....	24
Average ages of deceased Inmates—	
Oldest.....	90
Youngest.....	33
	72
Average age of those remaining, 31st Dec., 1879—	
Oldest .....	91
Youngest.....	17
	61