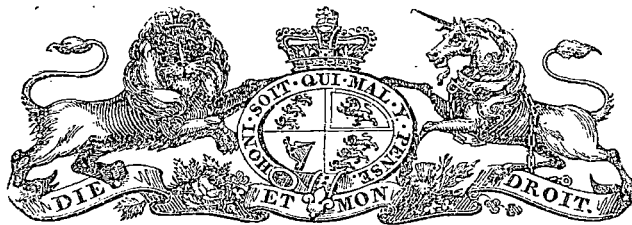


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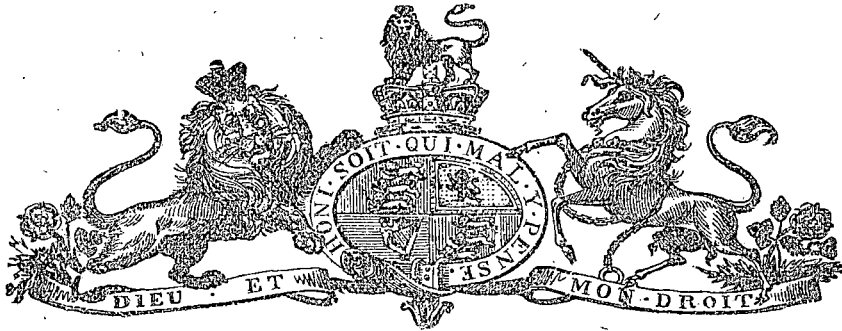
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REPORT FOR 1896.

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REPORT FOR 1896.

New Town, 25th March, 1897.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the Year 1896.

Strength.

The number of inmates on the books during the year was—Males, 542; Females, 338—total, 880, or 29 less than in 1895.

The number of inmates in the Institution on 31st December last was 514, a decrease of 9 compared with 1895; this number includes 15 children.

The highest number of inmates at any one time was 547; this shows a decrease of 30 compared with 1895. The lowest number was 508, or 4 more as compared with 1895.

The average daily number during the year was 530·11, a decrease of 15·77 on the previous year.

Admissions.

The number admitted during the year was 357, or 14 less than in 1895.

Discharges.

The number discharged was 276, as against 300 in 1895.

Mortality.

The deaths during the year numbered 90, or 10·23 per cent., as against 86, or 9·46 per cent. in 1895. The average age of those who died, exclusive of children, was 74·28 years, the maximum age being 97 and the minimum 43 years. The average age of the 13 oldest was 88·07, and 28 averaged over 80 years of age. Appended will be found return showing cause of death, &c.

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.
50 years and upwards	7	1	8	1·60
Between 80 and 90 years	78	17	95	19·04
Ditto 70 and 80 "	168	62	230	46·09
Ditto 60 and 70 "	41	47	88	17·64
Ditto 50 and 60 "	14	11	25	5·01
Under 50 years.....	17	36	53	10·62
TOTAL.....	325	174	499	100·00
Average age.....	73·67	62·50	69·78	
Average age in previous year.....	73·80	64·04	70·73	

Civil Condition.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1895.
Free by servitude.....	339	143	482	54·77	61·28
Free to Colony.....	156	83	239	27·16	26·18
Born in Colony.....	47	112	159	18·07	12·54
TOTAL.....	542	338	880	100·00	...
Previous year.....	599	310	909	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 1895.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....	47	116	163	18·52	13·42
England and Wales.....	298	70	368	41·82	46·32
Ireland.....	143	113	256	29·09	30·36
Scotland.....	28	33	61	6·93	7·15
Other British Possessions.....	9	2	11	1·25	0·99
Foreign Countries.....	17	4	21	2·39	1·76
TOTAL.....	542	338	880	100·00	

Education.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1895.
Read and write	288	108	396	45·00	44·34
Read only	62	49	111	12·61	13·64
Neither read nor write	186	181	367	41·71	41·36
Superior Education	6	—	6	0·68	0·66
TOTAL.....	542	338	880	100·00	

Religion.

The Religion of those on the books on the 31st December was as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1895.
Church of England.....	209	95	304	59·14	58·89
Church of Rome.....	95	85	180	35·02	35·18
Church of Scotland.....	21	9	30	5·84	5·93
TOTAL.....	325	189	514	100·00	

Expenditure.

The gross expenditure for the year was £5472 16s. 8d., as against £5952 3s. 4d. in 1895.

The receipts from all sources was £615 1s. 5d.; compared with 1895 this shows a decrease of £120 15s. 5d., due principally to the falling off in the amount received for the maintenance of inmates, which was £104 4s. 2d. less than the amount received in 1895. The net expenditure was £4857 15s. 3d., being a decrease of £358 11s. 3d. compared with 1895.

The cost per head on gross expenditure was £10 6s. 6d., or 11s. 7d. less than in 1895. The cost per head on net expenditure was £9 3s. 3d., as against £9 11s. 1d. in 1895.

During the year Customs duties were paid on tea, sugar, tobacco, and spirits to the extent of £230 0s. 9d.

The charge against the Imperial Government for maintenance of Imperial paupers during the year amounted to £330 6s. 7d. This with the amount paid for Customs duty would, if deducted from the expenditure, reduce the net cost per head to £8 2s. 1d., or 5½d. per day.

Repairs and Improvements.

The sum of £92 8s. 11d. was expended under this heading; of this sum £9 15s. 2d. was paid for half cost of erecting fence between the New Town Charitable Institution Grounds and Colebrook; and the balance, £82 13s. 9d., was for materials. Some of the wards, verandahs, officers' quarters, &c. were painted, papered, and renovated by inmate labour.

Garden.

45,564 lbs. of vegetables, valued at £71 4s. 9d., were raised and used in the Institution, and £8 18s. 5d. worth were supplied to the Hobart Gaol.

Farm.

It will be observed from the annexed Return, marked E., that the working of the Farm resulted in a profit of £212 3s. 3d. for the year. Derwent Park Estate was taken over from the beginning of the current year, and certain improvements effected thereto, and farming operations begun. Taking into consideration the dry spring the season's result is very satisfactory.

Religious Services.

The usual Religious Services have been held during the year, and the spiritual wants of the inmates attended to by the Chaplains, Lay Readers, Sisters of Charity, Flower Mission, Christian Endeavour Societies, Ladies' Reading Committee, Salvation Army, and others.

Entertainments, Treats, &c.

Entertainments were given during the year by the Hobart Choral Society, City Band, and others, which were much appreciated by the inmates.

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

Donations of tobacco, lollies, &c. were received from Archdeacon Whittington and Mrs. Colonel Shelton.

Twenty-five of the inmates who had formerly served under Her Majesty either in the Army or Navy were, through the thoughtful kindness of the Officers of the Defence Force, treated to a Social on the evening of the Queen's Birthday, when grog, tobacco, and light refreshments were provided.

Following up their usual practice, the Honorable F. W. Piesse, M.L.C., and Mr. J. Bowman, donated funds for the purchase of Christmas extras for inmates.

Lying-in Home.

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

Library.

The proprietors of the *Mercury*, *Church News*, and *Monitor* have supplied free copies of their publications during the year, and the *Tasmanian News* has been supplied gratis since 19th September, 1896. Many kind friends have sent books, periodicals, &c., for the Library.

I have the honor 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 and Farm in connection therewith, for the Year 1896; the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, wages, &c.....	1482	6	8	Fees for maintenance of inmates	294	8	0			
Provisions	2771	15	1	Sale of road metal.....	1	18	6			
Medical comforts	16	15	6	Ditto stores.....	0	16	10			
Clothing, bedding, stores, & stationery	499	13	0	Money found on deceased inmates.....	0	13	0			
Fuel and light.....	352	10	10	Mangling performed	1	17	8			
Medicines.....	46	15	7	Labour of men at cemetery	120	12	0			
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses	150	16	8	Tobacco supplied to men at cemetery.....	2	6	6			
Repairs and alterations to buildings...	92	8	11	Vegetables & hay supplied to Government Institutions	21	1	5			
Uniforms.....	...			Sale of milk, farm produce, &c.	109	6	2			
Farm expenses	59	14	5	Coal supplied to Post Office Department.....	2	0	8			
				Sugar supplied to New Norfolk Asylum.....	18	5	11			
				Provisions supplied to Boys' Training School.	38	18	3			
				Oakum picked.....	2	16	6			
								615	1	5
				Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment .....	...			4857	15	3
TOTAL.....	£5472	16	8	TOTAL.....	...			£5472	16	8

Average daily Number.

Males (Colonial).....	328.38
" (Imperial).....	13.58
Females	188.15
Net cost per head, £9 3s. 3d.	

B.

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost of the New Town Charitable Institution and Farm in connection therewith, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1896.

Head of Service.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries, Wages, &c.....	1490 5 0	1482 6 8	...	7 18 4
Provisions	3000 0 0	2771 15 1	...	228 4 11
Medical Comforts	25 0 0	16 15 6	...	8 4 6
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery	500 0 0	499 13 0	...	0 7 0
Medicines.....	50 0 0	46 15 7	...	3 4 5
Miscellaneous, including Funeral Expenses	180 0 0	150 16 8	...	29 3 4
Fuel and Light.....	400 0 0	352 10 10	...	47 9 2
Repairs to Buildings.....	100 0 0	92 8 11	...	7 11 1
Farm Expenses.....	60 0 0	59 14 5	...	0 5 7
TOTAL	5805 5 0	5472 16 8	...	332 8 4

	£ s. d.
Estimated cost.....	5805 5 0
Actual cost	5472 16 8
Under estimate.....	£332 8 4

C.

RETURN of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution during the Year 1896.

	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.	
Atrophy	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brain Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bronchitis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cancer.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	5
Dropsy .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Heart Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
Jaundice .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Marasmus	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Morbus Cordis..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
Senile Debility...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	4	19	5	21	6	2	1	69
TOTALS...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	4	14	4	23	6	23	7	2	1	90

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.							
1887.....	752	647	168	580	68·00	662	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1888.....	636	534	118	564	68·25	624	8578	0	5	12	19	9
1889.....	552	484	112	520	68·00	589	8841	13	7	14	3	4
1890.....	603	456	127	540	67·75	592	8176	12	1	13	17	8
1891.....	530	413	153	504	70·08	545	8263	3	11	13	19	2
1892.....	510	387	109	518	69·61	537	7427	14	1	13	12	7
1893.....	538	419	122	515	70·02	542	7685	16	8	14	6	3
1894.....	448	313	112	515	70·02	542	6158	18	10	11	7	5
1895.....	371	300	86	538	70·58	549	5336	15	3	9	14	5
1896.....	357	276	90	523	70·58	545	5216	6	6	9	11	1
				514	69·78	530	4857	15	3	9	3	3

E.

RETURN showing the Operations of the Farm in connection with the New Town Charitable Institution for the Year 1896.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, Wages, &c.....	139	19	0	Value of Milk supplied to Institution, 32,727 pints, at 3d. per quart	204	10	10
Purchase of Seed.....	6	19	0	Milk sold to officers.....	13	18	4
„ Stock.....	18	0	0	Sale of Stock	33	8	6
„ Bran.....	3	15	0	„ Grain.....	57	14	4
„ Bone dust.....	2	12	0	Services of Beasts	4	5	0
„ Farm Implements	13	9	2	Hay and Straw to Government Insti- tutions.....	12	3	0
Threshing Grain.....	6	13	4	Potatoes, Chaff, Straw, &c., supplied to New Town Charitable Institution	85	16	8
Grinding Peas.....	1	2	2				
Insurance.....	2	0	0				
Other Expenses, Shoeing Horses, Blacksmith's Work, Fencing, &c.....	5	3	9				
Balance Cr.....	212	3	3				
TOTAL	£411	16	8	TOTAL	£411	16	8

Stock on hand on 31st December, 1896.

Horses.....	6	Boar	1
Bull.....	1	Sows.....	6
Cows.....	16	Porkers	19
Calves.....	11	Suckers.....	5

F.

RETURN of Inmates in the Lying-in Ward during the Year 1896.

Number of Lying-in Inmates on 31st December, 1895—				<i>Brought forward.....</i>	1	16
Already confined.....	1			To Magdalen Home, child died	1	
Awaiting confinement.....	3			„ Service	1	2
		4		Left before confinement at own desire .....	...	1
Admitted during the year—				TOTAL .....	...	19
Single	18			Number remaining, 31st December, 1896—		
Married.....	—			Already confined.....	...	1
		18		Awaiting confinement.....	...	2
TOTAL .....	...	...	22			3
Number left during the year—				Number of Confinements—		
To Service with Infant.....	5			Single .....	...	18
„ Relations.....	5			Married.....	...	—
„ Home of Mercy.....	2					18
„ Anchorage Home.....	3			Number of infants who died during the year .....	...	2
„ Rescue Home, Launceston.	1			Causes of death : Child aged 20 days, Atrophy ; Child aged 14 days, Marasmus.		
<i>Forward.....</i>	...	16				