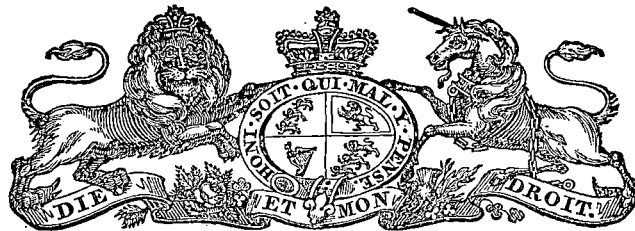


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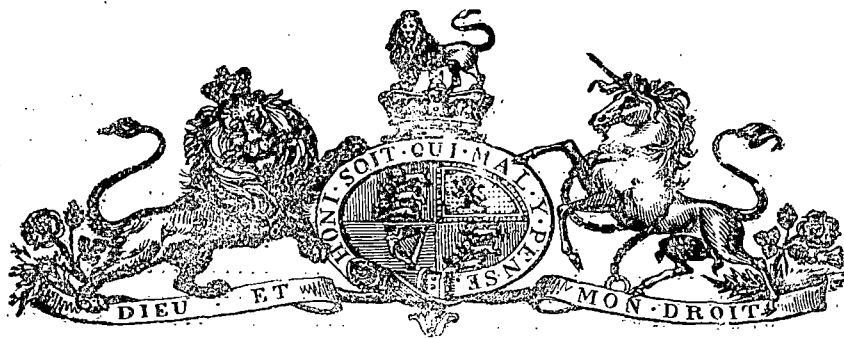
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1879.

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LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1879.

Board Room, General Hospital, Launceston, 20th April, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the House Surgeon's Report for the year 1879.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. COLLINS, *Chairman Launceston Hospital Board.*
The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Hobart Town.

15th April, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Report of the Launceston General Hospital for the year 1879.

The number of admissions were less than last year by 16.

There were admitted during the year 468 In-Patients, of whom 333 were males and 135 females.

The total expenditure for the year is in excess of last year, and the daily cost per head is greater by 1s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

The number of Out-Patients, 633, is less than last year.

The receipts from Paying Patients amounted to £239 4s. 10d., a decrease of £89 4s. 8d. on those of preceding year.

There remained at the end of the year 1878, 51 Patients, so that the total number of In-Patients treated during the year was 519: of those there were discharged 389 cured or relieved, 66 died, and 64 remained under treatment.

Average diets issued to Patients in Hospital for year were 53.25.

Of the 66 deaths, no less than 37 were over 50 years of age; many of them admitted in a hopeless state, and surviving but a few hours after admission. The average age was 51.86.

The admissions were 16 less than last year, and the deaths more by 10.

Of the Patients admitted, 72 were self-supporting and 396 were colonial paupers.

The statistical information is as usual appended.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES ALFRED STEWART, *L.C.R.S.E.,*
L.R.C.P.E., House Surgeon.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

EXPENDITURE on account of the Launceston General Hospital for 1879.

Salaries	£	s.	d.
Fuel, light, and water	1010	15	2
Provisions and medical comforts	486	13	2
Clothing, bedding, and stores	866	16	9
Funeral expenses	262	11	4
Stationery and advertising	64	16	0
Medicines and surgical instruments	22	11	4
Washing	486	19	3
Insurance of Surgeon Superintendent's residence	75	0	4
Repairs and alterations to buildings	5	12	6
Furniture for nurses' quarters	341	5	6
	27	6	8
	£3600 8 1		
Medical attendance and medicines to Gaol and House of Correction	£	s.	d.
Ditto to the Invalid Depôt	36	10	0
Paid into Treasury for paying Patients	31	5	0
	239	4	10
	306 19 10		
Nett expenditure	£3293 8 3		

No. of Diets issued to Patients, 19,438.
 No. of Diets issued to Attendants, 5336.
 Daily cost of each Patient, 3s. 8½d.
 Yearly cost of each Patient, £67 12s. 3d.

Yearly cost per Patient on whole expenditure	£	s.	d.
Yearly cost per Patient on nett expenditure	67	12	3·17
Yearly cost per Patient, less repairs, furniture for nurses' rooms, and receipts from paying Patients	61	16	11·54
	54	18	6·21

The Cases treated during the year were:—

	<i>In-door Patients.</i>	<i>Out-door Patients.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Diseases of respiratory system	66	136	202
brain and nervous system	24	38	62
blood, heart, and blood-vessels	26	51	77
eye	14	16	30
skin	14	35	49
teeth, bones, and joints	18	25	43
digestive system	24	73	97
urinary organs	12	24	36
Fevers	14	6	20
Alcoholism	3	5	8
Rheumatics and miasmatic	71	29	100
Venereal	42	45	87
Abscess and ulcers	37	22	59
Wounds and injuries	47	32	79
Uterine	11	19	30
Parasitic	3	29	32
Diathetic	14	6	20
All other diseases	28	42	70
	468	633	1101

The Diseases and Injuries which proved fatal were:—

Cancer	5	Cystitis	4
Phthisis	5	Kidneys	2
Paralysis	5	Ovarian	1
Heart disease	9	Thoracic abscess	1
Pleurisy	1	Old age	3
Inflammation of lungs	4	Fractures	4
Diphtheria	3	Burns	4
Typhoid fever	2	Shock	2
Erysipelas	2	Intussusception	1
Dysentery	1		
Diarrhœa	1		
Rheumatism	4		
Inflammation of liver	2		
		TOTAL	66

ADDENDUM.

THE following figures show the number of patients, and cost per head, as compared with the previous year :—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Average Number of Patients.</i>	<i>Average Cost of Patients based upon the net Expenditure.</i>
1878.....	54½	£ s. d. 45 12 1½
1879.....	53·25	61 16 11·54*

* If, however, from this the sums—as shown on page 4—for repairs, furniture for female nurses' quarters, &c. are deducted, the expenditure per head would be only £54 18s. 6·21d.

The estimates of expenditure under nearly all heads were exceeded, owing to extraordinary repairs having to be executed, extra medicines and surgical instruments, as well as furniture (a new item) for female nurses' quarters being obtained; while the washing had to be let out in consequence of the Gaol Authorities being unable to have it performed by prisoners. Gas had to be supplied for cooking purposes in lieu of wood and coal, the old range being unfit for use.

GEO. COLLINS, *Chairman Launceston General Hospital Board.*