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REPORT FOR 1882.

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GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE the the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report of the Board of Management with regard to the cost, government, and condition of the above-named Hospital for the year 1882.

The Board of Management consists of twelve members ; the members for the year being—

W. Barnes.
W. R. Barwood.
G. T. Collins.
B. P. Farrelly.
J. C. Ferguson.
A. Harrap.
J. F. Hobkirk.
W. Tyson, Jun.
F. Stanfield.
J. A. Hardy, } *Hon. Medical Officers.*
R. W. Murphy, }
A. Douglas, Mayor, *ex officio.*

Early in the year W. Tyson, Jun., and Messrs. Hardy and Murphy, retired from the Board, and A. W. Birchall was appointed to one of the vacant seats by the Governor in Council.

Twelve Board and eighteen Committee Meetings were held during the year, and careful attention was given to all the business of the Hospital. Regular periodical visits were made by the members when in Committee, and by individual members at other and frequent periods.

The Honorary Surgeons resigned their positions on the Staff of the Hospital early in the year, and the Board warmly thanked them for their past services.

It has been considered advisable to place the institution to a great extent under the management of a Surgeon-Superintendent, who will be directly responsible to the Board for the good conduct of business connected with the Hospital. This officer will receive the support of the Consulting Staff, Messrs. Caffyn, Maddox, Murphy, and Stewart ; and to these gentlemen, as well as to other Surgeons in the town, the Board avail themselves of this opportunity of publicly acknowledging their indebtedness for aiding the Superintendent in the performance of his duties.

Messrs. Caffyn, Maddox, and Murphy are now members of the Board of Management.

Throughout the year the new buildings have been proceeded with, and their completion will, the Board hope, be conducive to good management, and increase the comforts of patients in the future.

Owing to the advancing price of labour in the North, the Board have great difficulty in securing good servants, and it will be necessary to re-adjust the salaries in one or two directions so that efficient officers may be secured and retained on the Staff.

Patients have expressed every confidence in the management of the Institution. The members of the Board and the Officers have co-operated with one another to increase the comforts of the patients, and in every way advance the interests of the Hospital. The dietary of the Hospital has been particularly attended to. Owing to these circumstances a large increase in payments from self-supporting patients has been the result, a sum of £427 odd having been forwarded to the Treasury.

TABLE showing Number of Patients and Cost per Head, or of each occupied Bed, for the Years 1881 and 1882.

Year.	Average Number of Patients.	Average Cost of Patients.	
		Upon whole Expenditure.	Upon net Expenditure.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1881	49·36	81 14 11·1	63 10 2·9
1882	55	83 2 9½	72 14 8½

A sum equal to five shillings per head from the expenses of the Hospital proper, as the estimated cost of treating out-door patients has been deducted. If the practice of the Inspector of Hospitals in Victoria, of deducting from the general outlay one-third of the medical salaries and one-third the cost of medicines, be adopted in this account, the net cost per bed would be but £68 2s. 7½d.

In this connexion it is desirable to point out that the Hospital has always been overcrowded—scarcely 1500 cubic feet of air space being allotted to each individual. To combat the risks attached to overcrowding it has been necessary to increase the draughts in the different wards as judiciously as possible, and as a result it is found that, although 17 cases of erysipelas were treated, in no instance could its origin be traced to the premises, and not under any circumstances when introduced to the building did it spread by infection. The system of ventilation must also be credited with the good fortune which attended the treatment of fevers of a typhoid type: of the 18 examples of this malady in only one instance was a death recorded.

Attention is again drawn to the very small sum which the Hospital is credited with for the professional services rendered to the Invalid Depôts and the Penal Establishments by their Visiting Surgeon.

Statement showing the number of In-patients treated during the year:—

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Remaining January 1st, 1882	30	14	44
Admitted during the year	394	163	557
TOTAL TREATED	424	177	601
Discharged	345	147	492
Died	51	17	68
Remaining 1st January, 1883	28	13	41

Of the In-patients there died:—

On the day of admission	3
1st day after ditto	0
2nd ditto	1
3rd ditto	7
4th ditto	1
5th ditto	4
6th ditto	2
After 7th day	50
TOTAL	68

Ages of those who died in Hospital were as follows:—

Under 10	4
10 to 15	1
15 to 25	6
25 to 35	3
35 to 45	4
45 to 55	9
55 to 65	16
Over 65	25
TOTAL	68

Comparative statement of certain Statistics of 1881 and 1882:—

	1881.	1882.
Number of In-patients treated	542	601
Ditto died	66	68
Ditto of out-patients treated	108	286
Ditto of diets issued to patients	18,118	19,526
Ditto of diets issued to staff.....	7668	8385
Daily average of in-patients	49.36	55
Average stay in Hospital of each patient ..	40.45	38

The following information is given as a basis of comparison with other Hospitals:—

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

A.

1. What is the population of the town and districts benefited by the Hospital? This institution is the only one available to the inhabitants of all districts north of Campbell Town, with the exception of Fingal and Portland. Of towns and districts, 54,000.
2. The character of the Hospital? General.
3. How long established? Eighteen years.
4. If the present building was erected as a Hospital? Yes.
5. What was its original cost? £12,000.
6. If whole of annual income contributed by Government? Yes, less about £400 contributed by patients who pay fees.
7. Was the cost of the construction of building defrayed by Government? Yes.
8. Any income from invested funds? Yes, small.
9. Any amount received by Board from donations? Yes.
10. Is control of institution under a Board or single officer? Board.
11. Number of its members? Twelve, appointed by the Governor in Council. Board has power to fill its own vacancies subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.
12. Any power or control exercised by Government? Yes, in money matters.

B.

1. Number of beds? 62.
2. Cubic space in wards? 88,765.
3. Average number of in-patients daily through the year? Male and female, 55.
4. Number of patients who contributed to their own support during the year? 132.
5. Number of patients received during the year who would have been more suitable for a Benevolent Asylum? About one-twelfth.
6. Total number of in-patients received during the year? 601.

C.

1. Number of out-patients attended at Hospital? 286.
2. Number attended at their own houses? None.
3. Number of women attended in confinement at their own homes? None.

D.

1. Number of paid medical officers? One.
2. Annual amount of his salary? £350, with quarters.
3. Any paid non-resident medical officer? No.
4. Number of paid officers, exclusive of nurses and servants? Three,—the Secretary to the Board, the House Steward, and Matron.
5. Annual amount of their salaries? £50, £120, and £100.
6. Number of nursing staff? 9.
7. Amount of their salaries? £297.
8. Number of servants? 13.
9. Amount of their salaries? £283 8s.
10. Total cost of salaries? £1200 8s.
11. Cost of allowances? £30 per annum to the House Steward for quarters.
12. Any enquiry officer concerning out-patients? No.

E.

1. Annual cost of provisions? £1138 6s. 5d.
2. Annual cost of wine, beer, spirits, &c.? £108 1s. 3d.
3. Washing done on the premises? Yes.

4. Cost of fire and light? £502 16s. 7d.
5. Ditto of linen and bedding, furniture, and earthenware? £675 19s. 8d.
6. Ditto of drugs and surgical appliances? £624 7s. 10d.
7. Ditto of water supply? £46 18s. 3d.
8. Ditto of printing and stationery? £17 14s. 2d.
9. Ditto of funerals? £75 4s.
10. Ditto of repairs? £142 14s. 1d.
11. Ditto of each occupied bed? On net expenditure, £68 2s. 7½d.

F.

1. Contract price of bread? 11s. per 100 lbs.
2. Ditto of meat? 27s. per 100 lbs.

Expenditure for the year 1882 arranged under the customary heads:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	1200	8	0
House Allowance, House Steward.....	30	0	0
Fuel, Light, and Water.....	549	14	10
Provisions and Medical Comforts.....	1138	6	5
Alcoholic Foods.....	108	1	3
Clothing, Bedding, and Stores.....	635	19	8
Funeral Expenses.....	75	4	0
Stationery and Advertising.....	17	14	2
Medicines and Surgical Instruments.....	624	7	10
Incidental expenses.....	10	2	7
Repairs to Buildings.....	142	14	1
Furniture.....	40	0	0
Gross Expenditure.....	£4572	12	10
Attendance and Medicine, Invalid Dépôt.....	36	15	0
Ditto ditto, Penal Establishments.....	32	10	0
Estimated Cost of treating Out-patients, at 5s.	71	10	0
Paid to Treasury, Fees from Patients.....	427	2	1½
Ditto ditto, money from sale of offal.....	4	4	11
Net Expenditure.....	£4000	10	9½

Briefly reviewing the work of 1882 compared with 1881, very many more in and out-door patients have been treated. The daily average number of patients has been higher. The stay of patients in the Hospital has been shorter, and the death-rate has been lower than that of last year.

Attached are the Returns of all cases, in-door and out-door, treated at the Institution during the year, furnished by the Surgeon-Superintendent.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE COLLINS,
Chairman of Board of Management.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

In-door Cases treated.

I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Miasmatic Diseases.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Measles	4	
Diphtheria	10	2
Typhus and Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c.	18	1
Erysipelas.....	17	3
Carbuncle, Boil	4	
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c.....	1	
Dysentery.....	1	
Diarrhoea	2	
Ague	2	
Rheumatism.....	38	
Total Order 1.....	87	6

ORDER 2.—*Enthetic Diseases.*

Syphilis.....	30	
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of the Urethra ...	37	
Others	12	
Total Order 2.....	79	

ORDER 3.—*Dietic Diseases.*

Alcoholism } Delirium Tremens.....	7	
} Intemperence	7	
Total Order 3.....	14	

ORDER 4.—*Parasitic Diseases.*

Hydatid.....	2	1
Total Order 4.....	2	1

TOTAL CLASS I. 182 7

II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases.*

Gout	1	
Dropsy	2	
Cancer.....	17	3
Tumor	3	1
Mortification	3	3
Total Order 1.....	26	7

ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases.*

Scrofula.....	1	
Phthisis.....	19	3
Others	3	
Total Order 2.....	23	3

TOTAL CLASS II. 49 10

III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diseases of the Nervous System.*

Paralysis	11	1
Insanity.....	4	
Chorea	1	
Epilepsy	3	
Convulsions	1	
Brain Disease, &c.	16	7
Total Order 1.....	36	8

ORDER 2.—*Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.*

Aneurism	1	
Heart Disease, &c.	39	9
Total Order 2.....	40	9

ORDER 3.—*Diseases of the Respiratory System.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Laryngitis.....	4	2
Bronchitis.....	16	
Pleurisy	4	
Pneumonia	12	2
Asthma	7	
Total Order 3.....	43	4

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of the Digestive Organs.*

Enteritis	1	
Peritonitis.....	2	1
Hernia	4	
Stricture of Intestines.....	1	
Stomach Disease, &c.	9	2
Liver Disease, &c.	4	1
Total Order 4.....	21	4

ORDER 5.—*Diseases of the Urinary Organs.*

Nephritis.....	10	3
Stone, Gravel.....	2	
Cystitis	2	
Kidney Disease, &c.	3	1
Total Order 5.....	17	4

ORDER 6.—*Diseases of the Organs of Generation.*

Uterus Disease, &c.	15	
Total Order 6.....	15	

ORDER 7.—*Diseases of the Locomotive System.*

Ostitis, Periostitis, &c.....	11	1
Joint Disease, &c.	17	1
Total Order 7.....	28	2

ORDER 8.—*Diseases of the Integumentary System.*

Phlegmon, Whitlow, &c.	9	3
Ulcer.....	44	2
Skin Disease, &c.	9	
Total Order 8.....	62	5

TOTAL CLASS III. 262 36

IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 3.—*Developmental Diseases of Old People.*

Old Age	6	2
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ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition.*

Atrophy and Debility.....	21	6
Total Class IV.....	27	8

V.—VIOLENCE.

ORDER 1.—*Accident or Negligence.*

Fractures, contusions, &c.	40	3
Wounds } Gunshot	4	1
} Cuts, &c.	15	
Burns and Scalds.....	9	3
Poison	1	
Bite of a Snake or Insect.....	2	
Total Order 1.....	71	7

TOTAL CLASS V. 71 7

ALL CAUSES..... 601 68

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

Out-door Patients treated.

I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.		ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of the Respiratory System.</i>	
ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>			<i>Cases.</i>
Measles	3	Laryngitis.....	3
Scarlatina	1	Bronchitis.....	12
Typhus and Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c.....	6	Pleurisy	1
Carbuncle, Boil	1	Pneumonia.....	2
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c.....	4	Asthma	10
Dysentery.....	2	<i>Lung Disease, &c.</i>	1
Diarrhœa.....	5		<hr/>
Rheumatism.....	8	Total Order 3.....	29
<i>Other Zymotic Diseases</i>	3		<hr/>
Total Order 1.....	33	ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of the Digestive Organs.</i>	
	<hr/>	Enteritis	1
ORDER 2.— <i>Enthetic Diseases.</i>		Peritonitis.....	1
Syphilis.....	17	Hernia.....	2
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of the Urethra	11	<i>Stomach Disease, &c.</i>	26
	<hr/>	<i>Liver Disease, &c.</i>	3
Total Order 2.....	28		<hr/>
	<hr/>	Total Order 4.....	33
ORDER 3.— <i>Dietic Diseases.</i>		ORDER 5.— <i>Diseases of the Urinary Organs.</i>	
Alcoholism, Intemperance	1	<i>Kidney Disease, &c.</i>	6
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Total Order 3.....	1	Total Order 5.....	6
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ORDER 4.— <i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>		ORDER 6.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Generation.</i>	
Worms, &c.	6	<i>Uterus Disease, &c.</i>	16
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Total Order 4.....	6	Total Order 6.....	16
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TOTAL CLASS I.	68	ORDER 7.— <i>Diseases of the Locomotive System.</i>	
II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.		Otitis, Periostitis, &c.	4
ORDER 1.— <i>Diathetic Diseases.</i>		<i>Joint Disease, &c.</i>	5
Gout	2		<hr/>
Dropsy	1	Total Order 7.....	9
Cancer	6		<hr/>
Tumor	3	ORDER 8.— <i>Diseases of the Integumentary System.</i>	
<i>Others</i>	7	Ulcer.....	8
	<hr/>	<i>Skin Disease, &c.</i>	16
Total Order 1.....	19		<hr/>
	<hr/>	Total Order 8.....	24
ORDER 2.— <i>Tubercular Diseases.</i>			<hr/>
Phthisis.....	6	TOTAL CLASS III.	150
<i>Others</i>	4	IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.	
	<hr/>	ORDER 3.— <i>Developmental Diseases of Old People.</i>	
Total Order 2.....	10	Old Age.....	3
	<hr/>	ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of Nutrition.</i>	
TOTAL CLASS II.	29	Atrophy and Debility.....	15
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.			<hr/>
ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>		TOTAL CLASS IV.	18
Insanity.....	5		<hr/>
Chorea.....	1	V.—VIOLENCE.	
Epilepsy	2	ORDER 1.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>	
<i>Brain Disease, &c.</i>	4	Fractures, Contusions, &c.....	14
	<hr/>	Wounds, Cuts, &c.	5
Total Order 1.....	12	Burns and Scalds	1
	<hr/>	Poison	1
ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.</i>			<hr/>
<i>Heart Disease, &c.</i>	21	Total Order 1.....	21
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Total Order 2.....	21	TOTAL CLASS V.	21
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	<hr/>	ALL CAUSES.....	286