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INVALID DEPOT, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1872.

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ANNUAL REPORT for 1872.

ON the 1st January, 1872, one hundred and fifteen inmates remained in the Institution; admitted during the year, one hundred and fifty-seven; discharged, one hundred and twenty-two; died, twenty-seven; remaining on the 31st December, one hundred and twenty-three. Twenty-eight who were unable to work claimed their discharge, and had, as a matter of course, to be re-admitted within a very short period; and many of those who claimed their discharge as being able to work had to be re-admitted. Two allowed out on pass did not return. Eight were expelled for misconduct, one of whom was dealt with at the Police Office. Four were transferred to the General Hospital, and one to the Hospital for Insane.

The daily average number has been one hundred and twenty-eight, and the average age sixty-nine years. Two hundred and eighty-eight cases of sickness were treated by the Chief Medical Officer during the year.

In the annual Report for 1871 the attention of the Government was directed to the necessity of providing bath accommodation for this Institution, and nothing has yet been done to remedy this want. For sanitary purposes it is absolutely necessary that baths should be provided. Owing to the age and diseased condition of many when admitted, they cannot, without baths, be brought into a clean or healthy state; and in the condition they now are they infect others.

The Board beg to bring under the notice of the Government the unhealthy condition of the quarters occupied by the Resident Overseer: they have been brought under the notice of the Superintendent of Public Works without any good effect. The whole of the buildings require white-washing; and it is very necessary that this should be done before the expiration of the summer.

Many improvements to the grounds of this Establishment have been effected during the year.

The Board thankfully acknowledge the receipt of periodicals and newspapers from Messrs. Walch Brothers & Birchall, Hudson & Hopwood, and Messrs. Aikenhead & Button.

WILLIAM HART, *Chairman of Board of Visitors.*

28th January, 1873.