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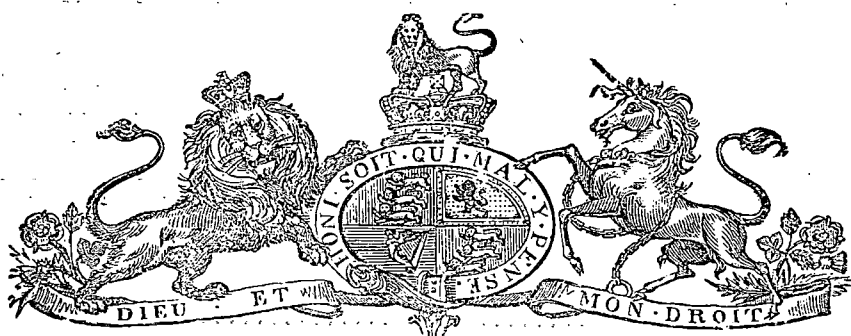
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1871.

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HOBART TOWN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1871.

THE Board of Management of the Hobart Town General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1871.

The daily number of Patients in Hospital during 1871 was very nearly the same as in the previous year, but the number of admissions and discharges was greater.

As a large number of cases (*ex. gr.* cases of Chronic Ulcer), which in former years were retained in Hospital, are now forwarded to the Invalid Stations, the atmosphere of the Hospital Wards is much purer; the Patients being thus placed under more favourable conditions for the cure of the diseases from which they are suffering.

The mortality during 1871 was greater by 1 than in 1870, there being 109 in the latter and 110 in the former year; but of these 110, 53—or very nearly one-half—died during the first week after admission, and no less than 41 died on the day of admission, and three following days. 58 of the deaths were Patients over 50 years of age.

The number of paying Patients treated was nearly the same in the two years, but the amount received in 1871 was much larger.

The number of Patients treated at the Dispensary was considerably greater than in 1870; and the quantity of medicines issued, in large excess, nearly ten thousand prescriptions having been made up during the twelve months.

The cost of In-Patients was fourpence per diem each less than in the previous year.

The Board take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Honorary Medical Officers for the zeal and efficiency with which they have attended to the Hospital during the year. Thanks are also due to the Honorary Surgeon Dentist for his valuable services.

A. KENNERLEY, *Chairman*.
THOS. GIBLIN.
H. L. ROBERTS.
R. ANDREW MATHER.
GEO. SALIER.
J. M'C. BROWNE.

STATISTICAL REPORT of the Surgeon-Superintendent.

During the past year there were admitted into the Hospital 838 Patients, of whom 587 were males and 251 females.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 79; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1871, was 917. Of these 733 were discharged, 110 died, and 74 remain under treatment.

Nine persons died on the day of admission, 18 on the day after, 5 on the second day, 9 on the third, 5 on the fourth, 4 on the fifth, and 3 on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows :—

Under 20 years	11
From 20 to 30 years	7
From 30 to 40 years	10
From 40 to 50 years	20
From 50 to 60 years	23
From 60 to 70 years	22
From 70 to 80 years	16
From 80 to 90 years	1
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	110
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Of the Patients admitted 94 were self-supporting, 40 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 783 were Colonial Paupers.

The number of Out-Patients treated during the year was 4970, the number of prescriptions was 9695.

GEORGE TURNLEY, Surgeon-Superintendent.

RETURN showing the Diseases treated in the General Hospital during the Year 1871.

CLASS OF DISEASES.		NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED.			Died.
		In Hospital.	Out-Patients.	Total.	
Diseases of the	{ Stomach - - - -	35	691	726	7
	{ Lungs - - - -	141	793	934	25
	{ Eyes - - - -	38	97	135	—
	{ Brain and Nervous System	63	69	132	11
	{ Skin - - - -	10	320	330	—
	{ Liver - - - -	11	15	26	4
Abscesses and Ulcers - - - -		97	241	338	6
Rheumatic Affections - - - -		66	868	934	—
Wounds and Injuries - - - -		132	418	550	9
Venereal Affections - - - -		36	132	168	—
Fevers - - - -		3	15	18	—
Dropsies - - - -		16	28	44	4
Other Diseases - - - -		269	1283	1552	44
TOTAL - - - -		917	4970	5887	110

GEORGE TURNLEY, Surgeon-Superintendent.

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1871 was £3202 4s. 0d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1422	6	7
Provisions	1069	14	5
Medical comforts	160	17	7
Medicines and Surgical Instruments (estimated)	200	0	0
Fuel and Light	265	8	4
Clothing, Bedding, &c.	98	15	5
House Allowance	50	0	0
Repairs to Buildings, &c.	56	2	2
Stationery	5	1	5
Washing, Funerals, &c.	111	1	5
	£3439	7	4
Cr.			
Cash received from Self-supporting Patients.....	237	3	4
	£3202	4	0
Number of Diets to Patients.....	30,557		
Ditto to Attendants	6569		
	37,126		

Daily average number of Patients in Hospital was $83\frac{3}{4}$.

Average cost per diem, a fraction more than 2s. 1d.

J. M'C. BROWNE, *Chairman Finance Committee.*