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REPORT FOR 1870.

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Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, November, 1871.

To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

SINCE the date of our last Report the number of Patients in the Institution under our care has increased, and is now greater than at any former period of its history, showing that the limit of accumulation has not yet been reached. This unexpected increase in the number of inmates, however, has arisen less from an increased number of Patients admitted than from a diminution of the number of those discharged; and we still confidently hope that the time is not distant when a process of decrease will commence, and the proportion of the sane to the insane prevailing in other communities will be established in this Colony, where, as an inevitable consequence of the former circumstances of a large portion of its population, it has hitherto been abnormally high. But although the number of inmates has become augmented, the cost of maintaining the Hospital has been reduced.

The Commissioners have uniformly studied to enforce the strictest economy in the management of the Hospital, consistent with the comfort and well-being of the inmates. With a view to lessening the expenditure they have somewhat reluctantly decided to dispense with the services of the Assistant Medical Officer, but they can only regard this change as a temporary, or at the most a tentative reduction, which they could not have ventured to make without the fullest reliance on the zeal and experience of the Superintendent and Medical Officer, Mr. Huston, and the favouring accident of the residence in the immediate vicinity of the Institution of two medical gentlemen, both Members and one the President of the Board, always willing to afford their professional aid in the event of any emergency. By this and some other reductions an immediate saving in the annual expenditure of nearly £400 has been effected; while by the evacuation of the detached cottage formerly occupied by the Assistant Medical Officer accommodation for the Idiot Boys, which the Commissioners had long urged the Government to provide, has been obtained, admirably adapted to that purpose.

The Commissioners have in view other reductions, although not of great amount, to be carried out when the fitting opportunity occurs.

With the view to making themselves acquainted with the working of similar Institutions in other parts of the world, the Commissioners have studied numerous Reports and Returns from Hospitals for the treatment of the Insane in the adjoining Australian Colonies, in England, Scotland, and Ireland, as well as in some of the States of Europe and the United States of America; and from this enquiry they are justified in believing that the Hospital under their care, with regard to its curative, financial, and general management, will bear a favourable comparison with any of the Institutions referred to, and that it is not undeserving of the high reputation to which it has attained.

The Commissioners append a return of the average cost of maintenance in several of these Hospitals, from which it will be seen that the cost of maintaining the Establishment at New Norfolk is less than in any of the Australian Colonies.

And the Commissioners can confidently aver that this superior economy of management is in no degree derived from stinting the inmates in anything required for their cure or comfort, but that on the contrary no expenditure required for these purposes is ever spared.

During the period embraced in this Report, the number of deaths has been greater and the number of discharges less than usual. These deviations from the general ratio, however, frequently occur in all similar institutions.

The Commissioners gladly embraced the opportunity afforded by the evacuation of the cottage formerly occupied by the Assistant Medical Officer, to remove the Idiot Boys from within the walls of the Hospital to this more secluded and healthy retreat. Their presence on the general recreation grounds and unavoidable mixing with the other classes of patients, has long been felt to be a discredit to the management of the Institution, which it has only lately been in the power of the Commissioners to remove.

The removal of these unfortunate boys from the precincts of the main building has, to some extent, had the further beneficial effect of enlarging the accommodation required for other Patients, and relieving the crowded state of the Hospital.

The new cottage erected for the reception of the better class of Female Patients was occupied in the beginning of the past year, and is a vast improvement in the character and efficiency of the Institution.

Both it and the similar Establishment for the treatment of Male Patients are now self-supporting.

The erection of a new bathing-room for Female Patients, chiefly effected by the labour of the Male Patients, has supplied a want long felt, and frequently complained of and pressed on the attention of the Government.

During the past and present years very considerable repairs have been effected in various parts of the buildings, which we are now enabled to report in a satisfactory condition, but some alterations and additions are still required which it will be the duty of the Commissioners to bring under the attention of the Government at a future time.

The general management of the Institution by its zealous and experienced Superintendent, Mr. Huston, continues to merit the warmest approval of the Commissioners; and they are glad to be assured by that gentleman that the conduct of the Officers, male and female, under his direction, has been very commendable.

The various Returns, appended to this Report, will afford all necessary information respecting the present condition of the Hospital.

R. OFFICER, *President*.
 W. TARLETON.
 HENRY BUTLER.
 JNO. A. MOORE.
 W. S. SHARLAND.
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 ROBERT C. READ.

RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, and Re-admissions in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, showing the per-centage of Discharges and Deaths from 1st January to 31st December, 1870.

	ADMISSIONS, 1870.			DISCHARGES, 1870.									DEATHS, 1870.									RE-ADMISSIONS, 1870.			RATE PER CENT. 1870.				
	From 1st January to 31st December, 1870.			Of those admitted during the Year.			Of previous Admissions.			Total discharged.			Of those admitted during the Year.			Of previous Admissions.			Total Deaths.			Of those discharged during the Year.			Of Recoveries.		Of Deaths.		
	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.	
Remaining 31 Dec. 1869	140	118	258																										
Admitted during 1870 ..	23	15	38	2	3	5	4	4	8	6	7	13	4	—	4	12	5	17	16	5	21	—	1	1					
TOTAL	163	133	296																										
Remaining 31 Dec. 1870	141	121	262																										

G. F. HUSTON, Superintendent and Medical Officer.

RETURN showing the Staff of the Establishment of the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st November, 1871.

Total number of Patients	Males..... 143 Females.... 129 Total .. 272	Total strength of Staff	Males..... 28 Females.... 20 Total .. 48
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DISTRIBUTION.

Superintendent and Medical Officer. Clerk and Storekeeper. Matron.

	SEPARATE ESTABLISHMENTS.			GENERAL ESTABLISHMENT.			PROPORTION OF ATTENDANTS TO PATIENTS GENERAL ESTABLISHMENT.	CONTINGENTS.											GRAND TOTAL.	
	A. Cottage for Gentlemen.	B. Cottage for Ladies.	C. Cottage for Boys.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Front Gatekeeper.	Baker.	Night Watchman.	Barber.	Carpenter.	Cowman.	Carter.	Messenger.	Cook.	Plumber, Painter, Glazier, &c.	Laundry.		Female Gatekeeper.
Patients ..	10	6	6	127	123	250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	272
Attendants	3	2	2	12	13	25	1 to 10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	48	

A. Self-supporting.
B. Self-supporting.

C. The Attendants are a married couple.

D. Of these 12, 3 are only partially in attendance on the insane,—1 being gardener, 1 in charge of the wood-yard, and 1 in charge of the whole of the lamps of the Institution. 3 Officers are also included.

E. Of these 13, 2 are Sub-matrons. 1 is employed in superintending the needlework, the whole of which required by the Institution is done in the Establishment (*vide* Return), and 1 in attendance on 4 Idiot Girls.

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COMPARATIVE Return of Salaries in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, and the under-mentioned Institutions in England and adjacent Colonies, showing proportion of Staff to Patients. July 17, 1871.

NAMES OF ASYLUMS.	Number of Attendants in charge of Patients.	Total Number of Patients.	Proportion of Attendants to Patients.	Number of full Staff.	Total Number of Patients.	Proportion of full Staff to Patients.	Total Amount of Annual Salaries.
New Norfolk, Tasmania.....	20	264	1 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$	49	264	1 to 5 $\frac{10}{18}$	£ 2738 0 0
Gladsville, New South Wales..	41	493	1 to 12 $\frac{1}{4}$	66	493	1 to 6 $\frac{13}{26}$	5394 0 0
Parramatta, ditto.....	59	786	1 to 13 $\frac{13}{26}$	88	786	1 to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	5470 0 0
Adelaide, South Australia	22	312	1 to 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	38	312	1 to 8 $\frac{1}{8}$	3434 12 6
Sussex, England	37	510	1 to 13 $\frac{3}{7}$	80	510	1 to 6 $\frac{3}{8}$	3569 4 0
Lincoln, ditto	46	502	1 to 10 $\frac{2}{3}$	82	502	1 to 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	3109 7 0
Worcester	37	540	1 to 14 $\frac{3}{7}$	69	540	1 to 7 $\frac{10}{12}$	2642 0 0

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RETURN of Articles of Clothing, &c. made and repaired by the Patients in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, Tasmania, from 1st January, to 31st December, 1870.

ARTICLES.	MADE.		REPAIRED.	
	By Males.	By Females.	By Males.	By Females.
Aprons, women's	—	121	—	—
Boots, men's, pairs.....	—	—	165	—
Boots, women's, pairs	—	—	8	—
Boots, children's, pairs.....	1	—	—	—
Blinds, window	—	—	—	—
Blouzes, boys'.....	—	12	—	—
Cases, pillow and bolster.....	—	48	—	26
Caps, women's	—	60	—	—
Coats, blue and tweed	1	—	25	—
Dresses, print and coburg	—	68	—	—
Dresses, ticking	—	8	—	—
Dresses, winsey	—	71	—	12
Dresses, serge	—	—	—	—
Drawers, flannel and cotton, pairs	—	21	—	40
Frocks, linen, men's	—	32	451	—
Gowns, night	—	8	—	—
Jackets, blue cloth.....	—	—	241	—
Jackets, serge, women's.....	—	78	—	15
Jackets, cotton, women's	—	133	—	20
Jackets, canvas, men's	—	—	7	—
Matrasses	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous "small articles"	21	123	181	—
Palliasses	—	—	—	—
Petticoats, flannel and serge	—	77	—	50
Rugs, canvas, and counterpanes.....	—	—	—	3
Sheets	—	—	—	127
Shirts, men's.....	—	431	—	—
Shoes, men's, pairs.....	—	—	68	—
Shifts, women's	—	196	—	60
Slippers, pairs.....	—	—	9	—
Stockings, pairs	—	—	—	2500
Socks, pairs.....	—	—	—	—
Towels, hand and round	—	63	—	—
Trousers, fustian, pairs	42	—	824	—
Trousers, tweed, pairs	20	12	322	—
Trousers, linen, pairs.....	2	—	179	—
Table cloths.....	—	14	—	—
Vests, flannel	—	67	—	62
Vests, tweed, fustian, and cloth.....	3	—	121	—
Shoes, women's	—	—	23	—

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COMPARATIVE Cost of Maintenance of Insane Patients.—From Reports by Dr. MANNING, New South Wales, Dr. PALEY, Victoria, and Dr. PATTERSON, South Australia.

ASYLUM.	No. of Patients.	Weekly Maintenance.	ASYLUM.	No. of Patients.	Weekly Maintenance.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Bristol, Borough, 1867.....	206	0 12 0	Oxford and Berks, County, 1867	473	0 10 4
Caermarthen, County, ditto.....	99	0 14 4	Cheshire, ditto.....	474	0 9 1
Hull, ditto	123	0 9 6	Somerset, ditto	480	0 9 3
Stafford, New, ditto	195	0 9 11	York, N. Riding, ditto.....	490	0 10 6
Glamorgan, ditto	227	0 11 5	Lincoln, ditto	502	0 8 8
Cumberland, ditto.....	239	0 10 0	Sussex, ditto	510	0 9 4
Northumberland, ditto.....	275	0 10 2	Beds., Herts., and Hunts., ditto	534	0 8 7
Cambridge, ditto	299	0 9 2	Worcester, ditto	540	0 8 0
Bucks, ditto	301	0 9 6	Essex, ditto	554	0 10 3
Denbigh, ditto	311	0 8 6	Birmingham, Borough, 1867	567	0 7 8
Nottingham, ditto	338	0 8 8	Hants, County, 1867	589	0 8 5
Derby, ditto	342	0 9 11	Gloucester, ditto	590	0 8 8
Suffolk, ditto	373	0 8 8	Lancashire, Rainhill, ditto	657	0 9 10
Norfolk, ditto.....	382	0 8 8	Devon, ditto	690	0 9 6
Durham, ditto	383	0 9 8	Kent, ditto	755	0 10 9
Leicester, ditto	391	0 8 8	Lancaster, Moor, ditto.....	836	0 7 10
Cornwall, ditto	400	0 8 9	Surrey, Old, ditto.....	914	0 9 4
Warwick, ditto	401	0 8 10	Lancashire, Prestwick, ditto	962	0 9 4
Dorset, ditto	411	0 7 1	York, W. Riding, ditto	1124	0 9 10
Wilts, ditto.....	412	0 8 6	Hanwell, ditto	1693	0 10 1
Salop, ditto	422	0 9 7	Colney Hatch, ditto	2026	0 10 2
Monmouth, ditto	452	0 9 6	<i>Ireland.</i>		
Stafford, Old, ditto.....	469	0 8 11	Average in 1866 was	—	0 9 0
<i>Scotland.</i>			<i>France.</i>		
Perth District, 1865	—	0 9 4	Quatre Mares	—	0 7 3
Fife and Kinross, ditto.....	—	0 9 4	St. Yon	—	0 7 0
Haddington, ditto	—	0 9 6	St. Anne's	—	0 12 0
Montrose, Royal	—	0 8 6	Ville Evrard	—	0 7 6
Glasgow, Pauper, 1869	—	0 10 9	Evreaux.....	—	0 7 1
<i>America.</i>			<i>Germany.</i>		
Washington, 1866	—	1 0 10	Hamburg	—	0 7 0
New Jersey, ditto	—	0 16 8	Frankfort	—	0 11 8
Massachusetts, ditto	—	0 15 0	Gottingen	—	0 8 0
New York, ditto	—	0 18 8	Meerenberg	—	0 8 8
Pensylvania, ditto	—	0 15 0	Guislains	—	0 5 3
			(Exclusive of Salaries of Medical Officers and Chaplains.)		
AUSTRALIA.					
<i>Parramatta, New South Wales, 1870..</i>			<i>Tasmania.</i>		
Gladesville, ditto	493	0 12 6	New Norfolk, 1871	272	0 10 9½
Tarban, ditto, 1868	620	0 10 6	Or, deducting Fees paid	—	0 9 1½
Melbourne, Victoria, 1870	1840	0 13 2			
Ararat, ditto	341	0 14 11			
Carlton, ditto.....	162	0 13 9			
Beechworth, ditto	303	0 13 4			
Adelaide, South Australia, 1870	208	—			
Parkside, ditto	104	0 11 4½			
Or deducting Fees, exclusive of house rent	—	0 10 2½			

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