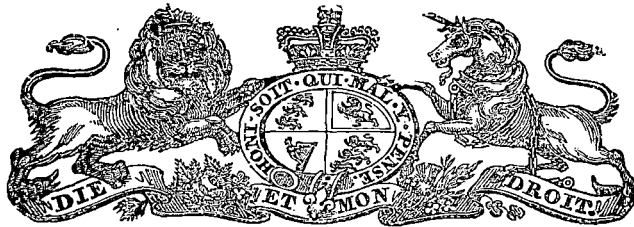


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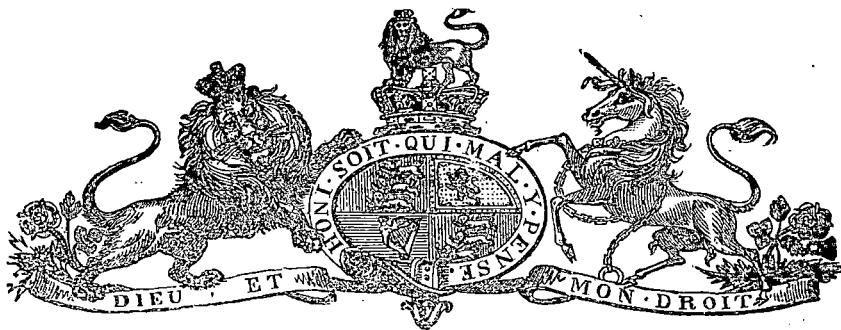
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1890.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, LAUNCESTON.

16th February, 1891.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for this Establishment for the year 1890.

Admissions and Discharges.

| | <i>Males.</i> | <i>Females.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| The number of inmates remaining on January 1st was..... | 174 | 40 | 214 |
| Admitted during the year..... | 246 | 52 | 298 |
| TOTAL..... | 420 | 92 | 512 |
| Discharged during the year..... | 209 | 40 | 249 |
| Died..... | 45 | 7 | 52 |
| TOTAL..... | 254 | 47 | 301 |
| Remaining on 31st December..... | 166 | 45 | 211 |
| TOTAL..... | 420 | 92 | 512 |

Admissions.—The admissions during the year show a decrease of 40 males, but an increase of 16 females.

The daily average of inmates was—males, 170·70, females, 40·27, of whom 207·45 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 3·52 to the Imperial Government.

The daily average for 1889 was—male, 182·28, females, 35·22.

Discharges.—Thirty-five were transferred to General Hospital and other Institutions, nine to the Police for breaches of the regulations, 13 absconded, 65 were discharged by the approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants, 22 were let out on pass, 105 were discharged at their own request, 52 died.

Mortality.—The death-rate was 10·15 per cent., as against 9·88 for 1889. The average age at death was 71·78, the maximum being 90, and the minimum 51 years. The united ages of the 10 oldest who died was 830 years, being an average of 83 years.

Ages.—The average ages of inmates was—males, 68·21, females, 63·17.

Civil Condition.

| | <i>Males.</i> | <i>Females.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Free by servitude..... | 337 | 68 | 405 |
| Arrived free..... | 56 | 15 | 71 |
| Natives..... | 27 | 9 | 36 |
| TOTAL..... | 420 | 92 | 512 |

Remaining on 31st December.

| | <i>Males.</i> | <i>Females.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Free by servitude..... | 131 | 32 | 163 |
| Arrived free..... | 26 | 10 | 36 |
| Natives..... | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| TOTAL..... | 166 | 45 | 211 |

Expenditure.—The gross expenditure for the year was £2752 2s. 1d. The annual cost per head was £13 0s. 10½d., and £12 12s. 7d. on gross and net expenditure respectively, as against £12 16s. 3¼d. and £12 3s. 9d. for 1889.

Remarks.—During the year several changes occurred in the Staff; the late Superintendent, Mr. Alfred Jones, being appointed to another branch of the service, relinquished charge of this Institution on the 11th September, and the Governor in Council was pleased to appoint me as his successor.

Owing to a reduction of the Officials connected with the Penal Establishment, Launceston, it was thought desirable to amalgamate the Office of Under-Gaoler with that of the Resident Overseer of this Institution; and as the then Overseer, Mr. R. Venus, was incompetent to undertake the combined duties, Mr. M'Connell was appointed, the former being allowed six months' leave of absence on full pay.

Unfortunately, however, soon after Mr. M'Connell's appointment, severe indisposition compelled him to apply for three months' leave of absence, which was granted. This unfortunate circumstance arising so soon after my assuming the superintendence of the Institution was to be regretted, but having such an efficient Officer in Mr. Daniels, the Clerk, (whose valuable assistance I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge) to rely upon, the working of the Establishment has not materially suffered.

I find that in the former part of the year the accommodation was so taxed that it was found necessary to transfer 30 applicants to New Town Charitable Institution. No such necessity has arisen, however, during the period of my charge.

It is a noteworthy fact that the number of inmates who are native born remaining on 31st December are considerably less in proportion to the total strength as compared with the previous year. The number of female inmates also appears to be steadily increasing, the daily average having risen from 26.73 in 1888 to 40.27 in 1890.

The limited bathing accommodation has been remedied by the erection of four additional baths, which, I am pleased to say, the majority of the inmates have been glad to take advantage of.

You are aware that there are no paid attendants connected with this Establishment excepting two inmates, who receive one shilling and fourpence per day respectively for their services.

In drawing your attention to this subject, I should like to point out that I am decidedly of opinion that an attendant other than a pauper should be appointed as a responsible officer, as the sick and dying require more care and attention than can be expected from fellow inmates, unless they are constantly under the eye of the Overseer, which is impossible.

I observe that the New Town Charitable Institution has four such officers at salaries and allowances ranging from £100 to £60 per annum, whilst here there are only the two pauper attendants above-mentioned for day and night attendance.

In comparing the reports of both Institutions for the year 1889 it will be observed that the daily average of this Establishment approached almost half that of New Town, being 227½, as against 589, so that the appointment of a responsible person at a salary of say £50 per annum (including allowances) would represent only one-fourth of the advantages of responsible oversight enjoyed in the Southern Institution, and materially assist in the preservation of discipline, ensure increased cleanliness, as well as secure greater attention to those who are in such urgent need of it.

In contemplation of the erection of new buildings, any remarks as to the urgent necessity of a day-room for the use of the inmates during the winter months, and the insufficient accommodation in the Hospital, are, I think unnecessary.

The usual religious services conducted by the City Missionary, Mr. Marshall, assisted by ladies connected with the various denominations who take such an interest in the spiritual welfare of the old people, have been continued from week to week, and, on the whole, well attended.

The annual tea and various other treats provided by these people for the benefit of the inmates show that they are also interested in their temporal needs.

Several entertainments of a pleasing nature were given by ladies and gentlemen who desire to show to the old folk that they are not forgotten, and it is needless to say that these efforts to relieve the monotony of their lives were much appreciated.

The generosity of several gentlemen in providing for the usual Christmas festivities calls for special attention.

The cost per head per diem was 8½d. and 8¼d. on gross and net expenditure respectively, including alterations and repairs.

The conduct of the inmates, with one or two exceptions, was very good.

Appended are the usual Returns setting forth the details of expenditure, &c.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. QUODLING, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

RETURN showing the Cost of the CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, Launceston, for the Year 1890.

Daily Average—Colonial Government, 207·45; Imperial Government, 3·52.

| HEAD OF EXPENDITURE. | | | CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS. | | | | |
|--|-------|----|-----------------------------------|---|-------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Salaries..... | 551 | 17 | 2 | For maintenance of inmates..... | 65 | 17 | 1 |
| Contingencies— | | | | By sale of mangel wurzels..... | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| Provisions and medical comforts..... | 1415 | 2 | 1 | By sale of corned meat..... | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery | 369 | 12 | 0 | Agistment at Glen Dhu..... | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Medical attendance and medicines..... | 51 | 0 | 0 | Balance, being net expenditure for the year | 2667 | 7 | 6 |
| Funerals, furniture, miscellaneous, and incidental | 158 | 8 | 11 | | | | |
| Fuel, light, and water..... | 184 | 10 | 5 | | | | |
| Repairs and alterations to buildings..... | 21 | 11 | 6 | | | | |
| | £2752 | 2 | 1 | | £2752 | 2 | 1 |

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1890.

| Heads. | Per Estimate. | Actual Cost. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Salaries..... | 511 11 8 | 551 17 2 | 40 5 6 | |
| Contingencies— | | | | |
| Provisions and medical comforts..... | 1260 0 0 | 1415 2 1 | 155 2 1 | |
| Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery | 370 0 0 | 369 12 0 | ... | 0 8 0 |
| Medical attendance and medicines..... | 52 10 0 | 51 0 0 | ... | 1 10 0 |
| Funerals, furniture, miscellaneous, and incidental..... | 130 0 0 | 158 8 11 | 28 8 11 | |
| Fuel, light, and water..... | 210 0 0 | 184 10 5 | ... | 25 9 7 |
| Repairs and alterations to buildings..... | 50 0 0 | 21 11 6 | ... | 28 8 6 |
| | 2584 1 8 | 2752 2 1 | 228 16 6 | 55 16 1 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|---|---|
| Estimated cost..... | £2584 | 1 | 8 |
| Actual cost..... | 2752 | 2 | 1 |
| Excess of Estimate..... | 168 | 0 | 5 |

DECENNIAL RETURN showing the Number of Persons remaining in the CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, Launceston, on the 1st January; Number received, discharged, and remaining on 31st December of each year; Net Cost per Head; and the Cost of the Institution.

| YEAR. | Remaining on 1st January. | Received during year. | TOTAL. | Discharged during Year. | Died during Year. | TOTAL. | Remaining on 31st December. | Net Cost per Head. | | | Gross Cost of Establishment. | | |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----|-----|------------------------------|----|-----|
| | | | | | | | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| 1881... | 137 | 151 | 288 | 118 | 33 | 151 | 137 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 1919 | 1 | 5 |
| 1882... | 137 | 172 | 309 | 124 | 52 | 176 | 133 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 1943 | 14 | 7 |
| 1883... | 133 | 174 | 307 | 136 | 28 | 164 | 143 | 13 | 15 | 9½ | 1968 | 16 | 1 |
| 1884... | 143 | 164 | 307 | 129 | 34 | 163 | 144 | 14 | 16 | 11½ | 2286 | 3 | 1 |
| 1885... | 144 | 178 | 322 | 142 | 31 | 173 | 149 | 14 | 19 | 0¼ | 2294 | 0 | 7 |
| 1886... | 149 | 140 | 289 | 147 | 29 | 176 | 113 | 13 | 12 | 8½ | 1816 | 4 | 11 |
| 1887... | 131 | 223 | 354 | 154 | 40 | 194 | 160 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 2050 | 5 | 11½ |
| 1888... | 160 | 282 | 442 | 208 | 40 | 248 | 194 | 12 | 12 | 2¼ | 3009 | 17 | 2 |
| 1889... | 194 | 322 | 516 | 251 | 51 | 302 | 214 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 2955 | 5 | 3 |
| 1890... | 214 | 298 | 512 | 249 | 52 | 301 | 211 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 2752 | 2 | 1 |