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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART:

REPORT FOR 1888.

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CORRIGENDA.

Page 6—Table B.

Item "Provisions and Medical Comforts."

For £253 8s. 4d. read £277 11s. 4d.

For total £7820 4s. 2d. read £7844 7s. 2d.

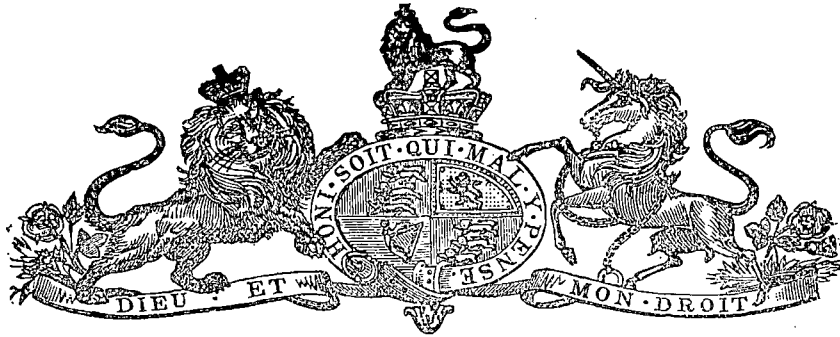
For "Net Expenditure" read £6755 14s. 9d.

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Item "Wine, Port," *insert £24 3s. 0d.*

For total £253 8s. 4d. read £277 11s. 4d.

For £3046 18s. 10d. read £3071 1s. 10d.



GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART.

Board of Management:

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House Surgeons:

CHARLES ALEXANDER PAYNE, M.R.C.S.E.	JAMES LEVER, L.R.C.S. Ed.
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Secretary, House Steward, Clerk, and Storekeeper:

MR. JAMES S. MORRIS.

Lady Superintendent:

MISS HARRIET F. MUNRO.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1888.

SIR,

IN accordance with the Rules of the Hobart General Hospital, I have the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report, containing such tabulated and other information as will, I trust, fully exhibit the working of that Institution during the past year.

2. Nineteen Board and ninety-two Committee meetings were held during the year, at all of which the attendance of Members was, without exception, good; while during the same period the Honorary Medical Staff made about twelve hundred visits to the wards of the Hospital. The following alterations in the *personnel* of the Board have taken place during the year; viz.:—Lay members retired—T. T. Watt, Esq.; Hon. Medical Staff retired—Dr. H. A. Perkins and the Hon. T. C. Smart. Additions to lay members of the Board—The Hon. T. C. Smart. Additions to the Hon. Medical Staff—Dr. Edward O. Giblin and Dr. John E. Wolfhagen.

3. The annual cost of each occupied bed in 1878 was £82 14s. 5d.; in 1879, £72 15s. 6½d.; 1880, £64 6s. 0½d.; 1881, £68 11s. 1d.; 1882, £68 3s. 6d.; 1883, £68 11s. 10d.; 1884, £68 3s.; 1885, £67 15s.; 1886, £68 12s. 5d.; 1887, £73 6s. 9d.; and for the past year, £68 3s.

4. It is satisfactory to note that during the past few years the amount of money received from patients who were able either in whole or in part to pay for their maintenance in Hospital has shown a steady upward tendency. In 1882, £222 16s. 11d. was collected; in 1883, £470 1s. 2d. was collected; in 1884, £593 5s. 8d. was collected; in 1885, £613 8s. was collected; in 1886, £789 12s. 3d. was collected; 1887, £844 was collected; and for the past year £998 12s. 5d. has been collected.

5. The new Hospital for the treatment of infectious and other diseases, completed and opened for the reception of patients in the month of April, 1884, continues to give great satisfaction, its adaptation to the objects for which it was designed appearing to be as perfect as could be desired.

6. In furtherance of the views entertained by the Board of Management, and fully participated in by the Government,—namely, the desirability of securing ample space for the present and future requirements of the General Hospital,—an additional allotment of land was purchased fronting on Campbell-street, the Government thus acquiring possession of the entire square, with the exception of one strip of property fronting on Liverpool-street. That it is desirable to secure the whole square for Hospital purposes admits of no doubt; and keeping in view the permanent character of the buildings already erected, and the vast improvements thereby effected within the last few years, no further argument is needed to urge the consideration of this matter on the attention of the Government.

7. During the past year a few improvements of importance have been effected, though much yet remains to be done. Old buildings have to be removed, boundary fences erected, grounds levelled, laid out, and planted, and, above all immediate wants, that of a new kitchen is the most pressing; second to that, and of equal importance, is the erection of a suitable block of buildings, with airing-court, for the control and management of males suffering from mental derangement. The present accommodation for this class of patients is not only defective in many respects, but, in the now altered state of things, badly placed on the grounds, and with only a very limited space for airing and recreation purposes; and now that ample space is available on the newly acquired ground, no time should be lost in remedying this very serious evil.

8. The number of patients under treatment during the year has not been so large as that of the preceding year, and this is evidently due to the diminution of typhoid fever cases admitted. The death-rate, which was 12 in 1887, has fallen to 8·75 during the past year.

9. The out-door patients department shows a reduction in number of attendances compared with the preceding year, in which it amounted to 6722, the number of attendances for 1888 being only 6207.

10. The total number of typhoid fever cases treated has been 135, which is a marked diminution as compared with 1887, in which year 305 cases were treated.

11. I now append a comparative statement of certain statistics of 1887 and 1888:—

	1887.		1888.
Number of diets issued to in-patients	34,188	..	31,365
Average stay in Hospital of each patient.....	26·56 days	..	27·09
Average daily number of in-patients	93·67	..	85·69
Number of diets issued to staff (males)	3285	..	3294
Ditto (nurses) .....	..	..	12,227

12. The following Synopsis, comprehending the total cost of every branch of the Hospital Service, will fully elucidate the entire working of the Institution:—

A.

Situations.	Yearly Salary.	Remarks.
	£ s. d.	
House Surgeon	350 0 0	Also quarters, fuel, and light. Ditto. Ditto.
Assistant House Surgeon.....	250 0 0	
Secretary, House Steward, &c.	250 0 0	
Day and Night Porters, £52 each.....	104 0 0	Also rations, quarters, fuel, and light.
Gardener, £65, and Cook, £65	130 0 0	
Wardman, £91 5s.; Bathman, £65 4s.	156 9 0	
Barber	13 0 0	
Cook's Assistant	35 0 0	
Dispensary Attendant	54 12 0	
Messenger	91 5 0	
Lady Superintendent	150 0 0	
Nurses.....	610 0 0	
Servants and Cleaners (11).....	275 0 0	
Cook and Laundress, £30 each	60 0 0	Also a personal ration, quarters.
Registrar Benevolent Society.....	52 10 0	
		For investigating the circumstances of the outdoor patients.

RECAPITULATION.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries of Officers, including the Lady Superintendent.....		1000 0 0	
Ditto of Nursing Staff, Extras		566 2 6	
Ditto Female Servants		335 0 0	
Ditto Male ditto		584 6 0	
			2486 4 0
Allowances .....	...		52 10 0

B.

	1887.	TOTAL.	1888.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	2683 15 10		2486 4 0	
Allowances	52 10 0		52 10 0	
Provisions and Medical Comforts.....	2880 8 0		2793 10 6	
Fuel and Light	452 11 11		253 8 4	
Medicines and Surgical Appliances	683 19 7		675 2 11	
Clothing, Bedding, and Stores	544 15 4		325 2 3	
Stationery	431 8 11		442 14 5	
Funeral Expenses	26 4 8		17 5 1	
Washing	80 16 0		78 16 0	
Repairs to Buildings	308 4 9		282 18 5	
Cleansing, &c.	125 0 0		134 17 0	
Petty Expenses	21 15 0		14 10 0	
Advertising	34 5 0		43 7 0	
Uniform for Nurses and Attendants.....	16 17 0		23 3 0	
Commission on Collection of Fees	33 4 8		118 16 1	
	76 0 0		78 0 0	
	8451 16 8		7820 4 2	
For Medicines, &c. supplied to other Establishments	74 0 0		90 0 0	
Sums received from self-supporting Patients and other sources	844 3 3		998 12 5	
Net Expenditure .....	...	7533 13 5	...	6731 11 9

C.

TOTAL Cost of all Articles of Diet, including Stimulants and Extras, supplied to the General Hospital, Hobart, during the Year 1888. (The Diets of the Male Attendants and Nursing Staff are included in this Return.)

The items during 1887 are given for comparison.

Article.	Amount, 1888.			Amount, 1887.			Article.	Amount, 1888.			Amount, 1887.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bread	177	18	6	178	15	6	Fruit	30	1	5	32	6	4
Milk	674	13	5	726	4	10	Fowls	56	16	6	27	14	2
Meat	763	2	7	800	13	5	Jelly	113	0	0	40	5	0
Potatoes	59	0	11	42	18	4	Biscuits	0	3	3	0	17	4
Butter	239	8	11	232	14	7	Lemons	1	6	0	52	17	11
Rice	24	13	7	20	11	3	Tea	54	13	6	89	16	4
Oatmeal	11	15	1	10	13	4	Sugar	102	14	0	7	1	11
Oysters	16	7	0	10	9	9	Flour	7	1	0	93	1	0 (Jan. & Feb.)
Tapioca	2	4	2	2	6	6	Provisions for Nurses and Female Servants ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fish	141	14	9	128	4	0	Sundries, Cartage of Provisions, &c.	9	2	5	..	..	..
Vegetables	51	10	6	48	8	2	Champagne	51	3	0	135	6	0
Allspice	0	14	0	0	7	0	Wine, Port .....	..	..	..	106	17	3
Barley	5	10	3	5	15	6	Gin	0	15	0	0	19	0
Cocoa	2	12	6	7	0	0	Brandy	43	4	8	46	13	3
Coffee	7	12	0	4	0	0	Ale, dandelion ..	2	18	6	27	10	0
Eggs	192	10	11	220	11	3	Ale, bottled	35	12	0	34	9	4
Jam	10	10	0	7	15	0	Stout, bottled ..	3	18	0	3	16	6
Maizena	7	2	4	4	14	9	Whisky	35	13	7	40	5	0
Mustard	0	5	3	0	5	3	Aerated Waters..	80	3	7	56	10	7
Pepper	0	16	0	0	16	0	Ice .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sago	1	14	4	3	8	1		253	8	4	452	11	11
Salt	1	10	4	1	19	4		£3046	18	10	£3332	19	11
Vinegar	0	6	4	0	6	8							
Bacon	1	4	1	22	1	4							
Currants	5	19	0	..	..	..				
Arrowroot	1	16	0	2	8	0							
Sausages	1	2	8	11	16	8							
Preserved Milk..	14	17	0	41	3	6							

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers during the past Year, with the figures for 1886 and 1887 given for comparison.

	ADMITTED.			DISCHARGED.			DIED.		
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1886.	1887.	1888.
January	79	106	107	78	85	88	3	9	12
February	78	92	92	65	79	81	11	12	10
March	84	144	99	76	93	74	15	10	19
April	72	103	104	78	108	81	7	23	9
May	76	105	82	62	85	91	7	16	13
June	81	107	81	74	96	71	12	17	9
July	87	89	89	69	90	88	10	11	8
August	68	89	108	72	74	89	11	12	12
September	108	92	75	67	79	76	6	8	8
October	89	100	83	87	96	83	10	13	13
November	96	76	70	97	81	50	10	11	8
December	92	106	87	77	85	64	7	13	10
TOTAL.....	1010	1209	1077	902	1051	936	109	155	131

Number remaining in Hospital on 1st January, 1888

Admitted since

Total Patients treated

Number discharged during 1888

Number died during 1888

Number remaining in Hospital on 1st January, 1889

81

1077

1158

936

131

91

1158

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1888.

1. <i>Miasmatic Diseases</i> —		<i>Diseases of Nervous System</i> —continued.	
Measles	2	Tetanus.....	3
Scarlatina	16	Diseases of Spinal Cord.....	4
Diphtheria	8	Other forms	37
Enteric Fever	135	Diseases of Eye	23
Other forms	14	<i>Total Nervous</i>	124
<i>Total Miasmatic</i>	175	11. <i>Diseases of Circulatory System</i> —	
2. <i>Diarrhæal Diseases</i> —		Valvular Heart Disease	26
Diarrhæa	5	Pericarditis	1
Dysentery	3	Hypertrophy of Heart	1
<i>Total Diarrhæal</i>	8	Syncope	1
3. <i>Malarial Diseases</i> —		Phlebitis	1
Ague	1	Varicose Veins.....	1
Other forms.....	5	<i>Total Circulatory</i>	31
<i>Total Malarial</i>	6	12. <i>Diseases of Respiratory System</i> —	
4. <i>Venereal Diseases</i> —		Laryngitis	2
Syphilis	6	Croup	4
Gonorrhœa	12	Asthma.....	5
<i>Total Venereal</i>	18	Bronchitis	30
5. <i>Septic Diseases</i> —		Pneumonia	38
Erysipelas.....	7	Congestion of Lungs	2
Pyæmia	1	Pleurisy	8
<i>Total Septic</i>	8	Others	4
6. <i>Parasitic Diseases</i> —		<i>Total Respiratory</i>	93
Hydatids	2	13. <i>Diseases of Digestive System</i> —	
<i>Total Parasitic</i>	2	Sore Throat (Quinsy).....	28
7. <i>Dietic Diseases</i> —		Dyspepsia.....	14
Chronic Alcoholism and Delirium		Hæmatemesis	3
Tremens	52	Melæna	1
<i>Total Dietic</i>	52	Diseases of Stomach	12
8. <i>Constitutional Diseases</i> —		Obstruction of Intestine.....	1
Rheumatism	46	Hernia	8
Gout.....	1	Fistula	2
Rickets.....	1	Peritonitis	1
Cancer	16	Ascites	8
Tubercular Meningitis.....	1	Cirrhosis of Liver	2
Phthisis	37	Other Diseases of Liver	8
Purpura	2	Other forms	2
Anæmia	10	<i>Total Digestive</i>	90
<i>Total Constitutional</i>	114	14. <i>Diseases of Urinary System</i> —	
9. <i>Developmental Diseases</i> —		Nephritis	12
Old Age	12	Calculus	3
<i>Total Developmental</i>	12	Hæmaturia	3
10. <i>Diseases of Nervous System</i> —		Diseases of Bladder and Prostate ...	23
Meningitis	2	Other forms.....	2
Apoplexy	1	<i>Total Urinary</i>	43
Softening of Brain	9	15. <i>Diseases of Organs of Generation</i> —	
Hemiplegia	9	Ovarian Disease	4
Paralysis	3	Disease of Uterus and Vagina	9
Insanity	13	Disorders of Menstruation	4
Chorea	4	Pelvic Abscess	1
Epilepsy	16	Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum,	
		&c.	10
		Diseases of Parturition	3
		<i>Total Generation</i>	31
		16. <i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion</i> —	
		Caries, Necrosis	8
		Arthritis, Ostitis, &c.	9

<i>Organs of Locomotion—continued.</i>		<i>Accident or Negligence—continued.</i>	
Other forms	3	Burn, Scald	12
<i>Total Organs of Locomotion</i>	<u>20</u>	Sunstroke	4
17. <i>Diseases of the Integumentary System—</i>		Poison	4
Carbuncle.....	3	Otherwise.....	6
Cellulitis	1	<i>Total Accident or Negligence</i>	<u>159</u>
Lupus	2	19. <i>Ill-defined—</i>	
Ulcer	29	Dropsy	6
Eczema.....	10	Debility, Inanition	17
Others	7	Abscess.....	15
<i>Total Integumentary.....</i>	<u>52</u>	Hæmorrhage	1
18. <i>Accident or Negligence—</i>		<i>Total Ill-defined</i>	<u>39</u>
Fractures	101	TOTAL	<u><u>1077</u></u>
Gunshot Wounds	5		
Cuts, &c.	27		

IN-PATIENTS.

PARTICULARS of Deaths during 1888.

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	M	65	Cystitis.	41	F	9	Osteomyelitis.
2	M	28	Acute Nephritis.	42	M	26	Enteric fever.
3	M	29	Paralysis.	43	F	60	Enteric fever.
4	M	63	Hemiplegia.	*44	—	$\frac{3}{85}$	Inquest.
5	F	42	Pneumonia.	45	F	27	Enteric fever.
6	M	53	Gangrene of lung.	46	F	46	Enteric fever.
7	M	28	Morbus cordis.	47	F	35	Phthisis.
8	F	19	Enteric fever.	48	M	7	Croup.
9	M	40	Phthisis.	49	M	45	Hemiplegia.
10	M	83	Senility.	50	F	35	Enteric Fever—Pneumonia.
11	M	58	Fractured spine.	51	M	76	Senilis.
12	F	31	Phthisis.	52	M	55	Hemiplegia.
13	F	17	Enteric fever.	53	M	18	Enteric fever.
14	M	14	Inquest—Burns.	54	M	26	Phthisis.
15	M	65	Cystitis.	55	M	75	Retention.
16	M	55	Inquest—Fractured skull.	56	M	5	Burns.
17	F	60	Hemiplegia.	57	F	70	Burns.
18	M	21	Enteric fever.	58	F	61	Cystitis.
19	F	28	Enteric fever.	59	F	30	Phlegmasia dolens.
20	M	24	Enteric fever.	60	M	62	Phthisis.
21	F	32	Enteric fever.	61	M	64	Pneumonia.
22	F	50	Insanity (exhaustion).	62	M	20	Enteric fever.
23	F	49	Enteric fever.	63	M	65	Epilepsy.
24	M	30	Enteric fever.	64	M	22	Albuminuria.
25	M	45	Pneumonia.	65	M	64	Pneumonia.
26	M	35	Phthisis.	66	M	49	Phthisis.
27	F	19	Phthisis.	67	M	83	Cystitis.
28	F	53	Inquest—Fractured spine.	68	M	52	Phthisis.
29	M	50	Pneumonia.	69	F	62	Morbus cordis.
30	F	35	Phthisis.	70	M	73	Bronchitis emphysema.
31	F	19	Ovariectomy.	71	M	58	Dropsy.
32	M	29	Phthisis.	72	M	68	Hepatic disease.
33	M	24	Phthisis.	73	M	26	Enteric fever.
34	M	26	Enteric fever.	74	F	18	Phthisis.
35	M	26	Phthisis.	75	M	57	Scirrhus of pylorus.
36	F	45	Phthisis.	76	M	41	Nitric acid poison.
37	M	33	Enteric fever.	77	F	5	Tuberculosis.
38	M	70	Cystitis.	78	F	30	Enteric fever.
39	M	68	Enteric fever.	79	F	54	Peritonitis.
40	M	52	Enteric fever.	80	F	32	Phthisis.

* Death No. 44 was that of an infant born in the Hospital, on whom an inquest was held; making the true number of deaths after admission 191.

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
81	M	69	Senility.	107	M	17	Pneumonia.
82	F	6	Diphtheria.	108	M	70	Heart disease.
83	F	50	Hernia.	109	M	54	Pneumonia—Insanity.
84	M	25	Phthisis.	110	M	15	Tetanus.
85	M	29	Phthisis.	111	M	19	Meningitis.
86	M	74	Carcinoma.	112	F	65	Uncertified.
87	M	20	Phthisis.	113	M	70	Inquest—Cerebral hæmorrhage
88	M	71	Cystitis.	114	F	45	Cerebral rheumatism.
89	F	50	Bronchitis.	115	M	16	Meningitis.
90	F	24	Septicæmia.	116	M	18	Pneumonia.
91	M	22	Inquest.	117	M	73	Retention.
92	M	46	Inquest.	118	M	73	Inquest.
93	M	78	Bronchitis.	119	M	69	Phthisis—Pneumonia.
94	M	56	Carcinoma.	120	M	3	Empyema.
95	M	21	Bright's disease.	121	F	50	Heart disease.
96	M	60	General decay.	122	M	75	Bright's disease.
97	F	46	Broncho-pneumonia.	123	F	45	Pneumonia.
98	F	16	Pericarditis.	124	M	61	Morbus cordis.
99	M	29	Morbus cordis.	125	F	37	Enteric fever.
100	F	13	Acute pneumonia.	126	F	65	Bright's disease.
101	F	70	Carbuncle.	127	F	35	Pernicious anæmia.
102	M	34	Aneurism.	128	M	66	Accident—Paralysis.
103	M	37	Pneumonia.	129	M	65	Cerebral softening.
104	M	49	Shock—Internal injuries.	130	M	22	Morbus cordis.
105	M	60	Apoplexy.	131	M	11	Bright's disease.
106	M	59	Heart disease.	132	F	10	Burn.

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers for the Year 1888, with the figures for 1886 and 1887 for comparison.

	NEW OUT-PATIENTS.			CASUALTIES.			TOTAL ATTENDANCES.		
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1886.	1887.	1888.
January.....	122	141	115	44	51	34	390	581	453
February	108	117	122	31	40	30	365	484	485
March	116	151	112	30	27	28	430	660	506
April	113	127	132	29	27	21	448	555	506
May	116	128	112	26	32	31	472	532	572
June	134	125	121	22	25	25	467	440	599
July	126	136	161	33	15	27	495	536	539
August	123	137	117	39	35	30	475	662	584
September	129	143	129	41	25	31	511	630	634
October.....	105	131	101	46	34	33	483	670	537
November.....	116	111	85	50	34	23	549	528	440
December.....	109	98	72	57	22	27	508	444	352
TOTAL	1417	1545	1379	448	367	301	5593	6722	6207

DISPENSARY PATIENTS.

	1886.	1887.	1888.
Number of orders for medicine received from the Government Medical Officer attending the poor in their own homes, and from Practitioners prescribing gratuitously.....	599	937	1084
Number of prescriptions made up for the above.....	1375	1672	2385

OUT-PATIENTS.
RETURN of Diseases treated during 1888.

1. <i>Miasmatic Diseases</i> —		11. <i>Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense</i> —	
Chicken-pox	1	Otitis, otorrhœa	7
Scarlatina	3	Epistaxis and diseases of nose	4
Enteric fever	14	Diseases of eye	34
Other forms	59		
<i>Total Miasmatic</i>	77	<i>Total Special Sense</i>	45
2. <i>Diarrhœal Diseases</i> —		12. <i>Diseases of Respiratory System</i> —	
Diarrhœa	43	Laryngitis	2
<i>Total Diarrhœal</i>	43	Croup	8
3. <i>Venereal Diseases</i> —		Asthma	11
Syphilis	26	Bronchitis	129
Gonorrhœa	15	Pneumonia	9
<i>Total Venereal</i>	41	Pleurisy	9
4. <i>Septic Diseases</i> —		Other forms	6
Erysipelas	2	<i>Total Respiratory</i>	174
<i>Total Sceptic</i>	2	13. <i>Diseases of the Digestive System</i> —	
5. <i>Parasitic Diseases</i>	51	Stomatitis	6
51		Sore throat, quinsy	30
6. <i>Dietic Diseases</i> —		Dyspepsia	64
Starvation	1	Hœmatemesis	1
Alcoholism	1	Melœna	1
<i>Total Dietic</i>	2	Diseases of stomach	33
7. <i>Constitutional Diseases</i> —		Enteritis	2
Rheumatism	54	Hernia	7
Gout	1	Fistula	1
Rickets	1	Cirrhosis of liver	1
Cancer	3	Other liver diseases	8
Tabes mesenterica	1	<i>Total Digestive</i>	154
Phthisis	29	14. <i>Diseases of the Lymphatic System</i> —	
Scrofula	9	Diseases of lymphatics	4
Anœmia	14	Addison's disease	1
<i>Total Constitutional</i>	112	<i>Total Lymphatic</i>	5
8. <i>Congenital Defects</i>	37	15. <i>Diseases of the Urinary System</i> —	
Old age	10	Nephritis	7
<i>Total Congenital</i>	47	Calculus	1
9. <i>Diseases of the Nervous System</i> —		Diseases of bladder, &c.	10
Hemiplegia	1	<i>Total Urinary</i>	18
Paralysis	3	16. <i>Diseases of Organs of Generation</i> —	
Insanity	1	Ovarian disease	2
Chorea	8	Diseases of uterus and vagina	30
Epilepsy	5	Disorders of menstruation	27
Convulsions	3	Diseases of testis, penis, scrotum, &c.	8
Laryngismus stridulus	1	<i>Total Generation</i>	67
Other forms	38	17. <i>Diseases of Parturition</i> —	
<i>Total Nervous</i>	60	Abortion	1
10. <i>Diseases of the Circulation</i> —		Other accidents of childbirth	10
Valvular heart disease	7	<i>Total Parturition</i>	11
Varicose veins	2	18. <i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion</i> —	
Others	1	Caries, necrosis	5
<i>Total Circulation</i>	10	Arthritis, ostitis, &c.	11
		Other forms	3
		<i>Total Locomotion</i>	19

19. <i>Diseases of the Integumentary System</i> —		<i>Accident or Negligence</i> —continued.	
Carbuncle	3	Bite of snake or insect	2
Ulcer	37	<i>Total Accident or Negligence</i> 98	
Eczema	19	21. <i>Ill-defined and not specified</i> —	
Other forms	81	Dropsy	9
<i>Total Integumentary</i>	140	Debility, atrophy, inanition	69
20. <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>		Tumor.....	7
Fractures, contusions.....	53	Abscess	42
Gunshot wounds	1	Hæmorrhage	3
Cuts, &c.	31	Not specified	73
Burn, scald.....	9	<i>Total Ill-defined</i>	203
Sunstroke	1	TOTAL	1379
Poison.....	1		

The following Return shows the gross Expenditure on the General Hospital for the 10 years over which it extends; but it should be remarked that the amount includes £3000 or upwards for repairs and alterations to buildings during the same period:—

YEAR.	PATIENTS ADMITTED.	PATIENTS DISCHARGED.	PATIENTS DIED.	PATIENTS REMAINING 31ST DECEMBER.	COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.
1879.....	1031	944	82	75	£ s. d. 6355 3 9
1880.....	1054	945	104	80	6323 6 4
1881.....	941	873	98	50	6077 7 5
1882.....	991	887	107	59	5733 6 10
1883.....	1065	957	101	71	6760 4 6
1884.....	946	848	101	68	7162 4 1
1885.....	891	784	92	83	6999 8 2
1886.....	1010	902	109	78	7053 9 9
1887.....	1209	1051	155	81	7533 13 5
1888.....	1077	936	131	91	6731 11 9

NOTE.—The receipts from self-supporting patients and other sources are not deducted in any of these years.

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