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BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPOT.

REPORT FOR 1871.

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ANNUAL REPORT of the BRICKFIELDS PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT for the Year 1871.

SIR,

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

The average daily number of Inmates during that period has been 232: the expense of their maintenance £2717 18s. 10d., which is at the rate of £11 14s. 3½d. per annum, or 7½d. for each Inmate per day.

This includes every expense of maintenance, superintendence, servants, medical allowance, medicine, and repairs to buildings.

The produce of the Garden (worked entirely by the Inmates) for the last year was 31,421 lbs. of vegetables, being a considerable decrease on the returns of last year owing to the continued want of rain.

The Institution has been visited by His Excellency the Governor and by several gentlemen belonging to this and the other Colonies during the past year, who have recorded their satisfaction.

Readings, concerts, and other amusements have been given during the year; and the Board desires to thank the ladies and gentlemen who kindly assisted at those entertainments, and also to all who have contributed books, newspapers, &c.

Religious instruction has been imparted by different Ministers of Religion to the members of their respective Creeds.

The Board have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the satisfactory manner in which the Superintendent has discharged his duties.

The number of Inmates in the Establishment on the 1st January, 1871, was 229; received during the year 199; total, 428. Discharged during the year 168; died, 26; total, 194. Remaining 1st January, 1872, 234. Average age of those who died, over 76 years,—the oldest being 93 and the youngest 55. The average age of those remaining, 69,—the oldest being 93, and the youngest 19.

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The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.