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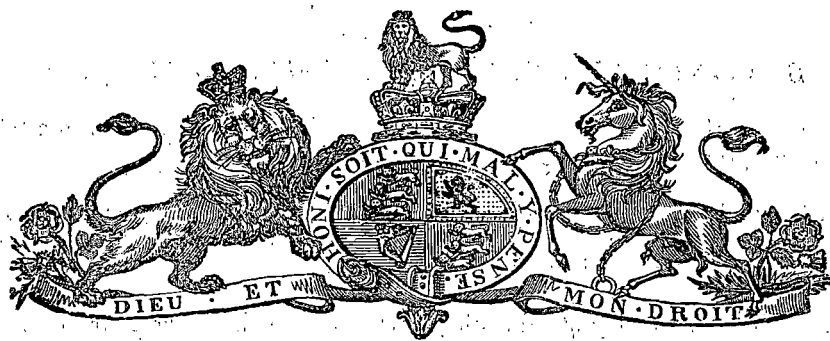
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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1867.

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## HOSPITAL REPORT, 1867.

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THE Board of Management of the General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31 December, 1867.

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1867 was £5407 6s. 1d.

The reduction in the expenditure for the year is mainly attributable to the removal of a considerable number of Female Invalids to the Cascades in the month of July last. This course was recommended to the Government by the Board, and the result has been highly satisfactory.

In March last the Board appointed T. Y. McChristie, Esq., Honorary Dentist to the Hospital, and many Patients have had the benefit of his services.

The Board desire to record their sense of the satisfactory manner in which Dr. Turnley performed the duties of Resident Medical Officer in this Institution for a period of nearly eight years, terminating in October last by his appointment as Surgeon Superintendent of the Launceston General Hospital.

On the recommendation of the Board Dr. Coverdale was, in October, appointed by the Government to the charge of the Hospital in the place of Dr. Turnley; but, Dr. Coverdale not having entered upon the duties of the charge, the Honorary Medical Officers undertook to perform them, and continued to do so until the end of the year.

The Board having brought under the notice of the Government, in their Report for the year 1863, the evils attending the admission of Insane persons into the Hospital, and no action having been taken in the matter, they would again desire to impress upon the Government the necessity of either refusing to admit such Patients, or of making some further provision for their accommodation. They would further remark that cases of this kind are never admitted into English Hospitals.

In consequence of a communication from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to the Board, dated 2nd September last, stating that the Government "had it in contemplation to break up the present Female Hospital in Liverpool-street and to remove the inmates to the main building," and requesting the co-operation of the Board "in carrying out the various changes in the internal economy of the Hospital rendered necessary by the removal of the Female Patients," Plans and Specifications of the additions to the main Hospital were submitted to the Board, and it was resolved to adopt Plan No. 2, the estimated cost of which was £226.

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, and particularly for their attention to the more than ordinary duties which devolved upon them during the absence of a Resident Medical Officer.

The thanks of the Board are also due to the Honorary Surgeon Dentist for his valuable services.

The Board have also much satisfaction in recording their appreciation of the manner in which the various Officers of the Establishment have performed their duties during the past year.

ALFRED KENNERLEY.  
C. M. MAXWELL.  
STEPN. SHEEHY.  
D. LEWIS.  
JNO. REGAN.  
GEO. SALIER.  
ROBERT OFFICER.

*STATISTICAL REPORT of the Resident Medical Officer.*

During the past year there were admitted into Hospital 912 Patients, of whom 632 were males and 280 females; of the latter 274 were Patients, and 6 were Invalids.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 175; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1867, was 1087. Of these 846 were discharged, 139 died, and 102 remained under treatment.

Three persons died on the day of admission, seven on the day after, four on the second day, five on the third, eleven on the fourth, four on the fifth, and four on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows :—

Under 20 years .....	11
From 20 to 30 years .....	11
From 30 to 40 years .....	14
From 40 to 50 years .....	32
From 50 to 60 years .....	33
From 60 to 70 years .....	16
From 70 to 80 years .....	16
From 80 to 90 years .....	5
From 90 to 100 years .....	1

Total..... 139

Of the Patients admitted, 116 were Self-supporting, 76 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 895 were Colonial Paupers.

The number of Out Patients treated during the year was 2615.

Annexed is a Return showing the Diseases treated during the year :—

CLASSES OF DISEASES.		NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED IN			Died.
		Hospital.	Out Patients.	Total.	
Diseases of the	Stomach and Bowels .....	42	309	351	10
	Lungs .....	149	244	393	37
	Eyes .....	41	65	106	—
	Brain and Nervous System .....	88	61	149	14
	Skin .....	10	215	225	—
	Liver .....	4	8	12	2
Abscesses and Ulcers .....		132	195	327	15
Rheumatic Affections .....		87	501	588	—
Wounds and Injuries .....		162	372	534	7
Venereal Affections .....		51	202	253	—
Fevers .....		8	—	8	—
Dropsies .....		10	20	30	1
Other Diseases .....		303	423	726	53
TOTAL .....		1087	2615	3702	139

GEORGE STOKELL, *Resident Medical Officer.*

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1867 was £5407 6s. 1d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	1761	10	1
Provisions .....	2263	9	10
Medical comforts.....	311	12	2
Medicines (estimated).....	200	0	0
Fuel and light .....	397	2	9
Clothing, bedding, &c.....	194	1	11
Rent and repairs .....	117	8	8
Stationery and books .....	12	3	11
Incidental expenses.... }	212	13	5
Washing, funerals, &c. }			
	£5470	2	9

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For part worn clothing and bedding transferred to Cascades with Invalids .....	62	16	8
	£5407	6	1

Number of Diets to Patients.....	53,491
Ditto to Attendants.....	8,840
	<u>62,331</u>

Daily average number of Patients in the Hospital was nearly 146 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Average cost per diem, a fraction more than 2s.

Amount received from Patients, £277 7s. 11d., reducing the cost for the year to £5130 8s. 2d.

C. M. MAXWELL.