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REPORT FOR 1893.

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### REPORT FOR 1893.

26th February, 1894.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit to you the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

#### *Strength.*

The number of inmates on the books during the year was—males, 757; females, 299 = 1056, or 42 more than in 1892.

The actual number of inmates on the 31st December last was 515, or a decrease of 3 on the corresponding date of the previous year.

The highest number of inmates at any one time was 575. Compared with 1892 this shows a decrease of 3. The lowest number was 503, or an increase of 37 compared with 1892.

The average daily number during this year was 541·70, being an increase of 4·70 on the previous year.

#### *Admissions.*

The number admitted during the year was 538, or 28 more than the previous year.

#### *Discharges.*

The number discharged was 419, as against 387 in 1892.

#### *Mortality.*

The number of deaths during the year was 122, or 11·55 per cent., as against 109, or 10·75 per cent. in 1892. The average age of those who died was 74·37 years, the maximum age being 96, and the minimum 32 years. The average age of the ten oldest was 89·40. Thirty-seven averaged over 80 years of age.

Fuller particulars under this head will be found in the tables in the Appendices.

#### *Ages.*

The approximate Ages of inmates, exclusive of children, remaining in the Institution at the end of the year were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
90 years and upwards .....	8	3	11	2·14
Between 80 and 90 years .....	70	12	82	15·92
Ditto 70 and 80 „ .....	174	54	228	44·27
Ditto 60 and 70 „ .....	80	42	122	23·69
Ditto 50 and 60 „ .....	20	13	33	6·40
Under 50 years.....	9	30	39	7·58
TOTAL.....	361	154	515	100·00
Average age.....	72·81	63·26	70·02	
Average age in previous year.....	70·44	66·20	69·61	

*Civil Condition.*

The Civil Condition of those on the books during the year was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1892.
Free by servitude.....	541	170	711	67·33	70·51
Free to Colony.....	163	75	238	22·54	21·70
Born in Colony.....	53	54	107	10·13	7·79
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>100·00</b>	

*Birth-places.*

The Birth-places of those on the books during the year were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1892.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....	56	51	107	10·13	8·19
England and Wales.....	435	49	484	45·83	51·38
Ireland.....	191	149	340	32·20	27·61
Scotland.....	52	44	96	9·09	9·86
Other British Possessions.....	10	3	13	1·23	0·79
Foreign Countries.....	13	3	16	1·52	2·17
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>100·00</b>	

*Education.*

The Education of those on the books during the year is as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
Read and write.....	394	92	486	46·02
Read only.....	106	49	155	14·68
Neither read nor write.....	257	158	415	39·30
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>100·00</b>

*Religion.*

The Religion of those on the books on the 31st December was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
Church of England.....	250	79	329	63·88
Church of Rome.....	94	67	161	31·26
Church of Scotland.....	17	8	25	4·86
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>100·00</b>

*Expenditure.*

The gross expenditure for the year was £6613 6s. 3d., being £1072 10s. 5d. less than 1892. The receipts from all sources were £454 7s. 5d., being £36 3s. 7d. less than the receipts for 1892. The net expenditure was £6158 18s. 10d., as against £7685 16s. 8d. for 1892, or £1526 17s. 10d. less. The cost per head on gross expenditure was £12 4s. 2d., as against £15 4s. 9d. in 1892. The cost per head on net expenditure was £11 7s. 5d., as against £14 6s. 3d. in 1892.

*Repairs and Improvements.*

The cost of repairs effected during the year amounted to £152 1s. 3d. Included in this amount is the sum of £97 8s. 6d. for drain-pipes and cement. A 9-inch pipe drain, 1588 feet in length, has been laid across the paddock in front of the Institution, thus closing the offensive open drain which hitherto existed. Part of the roof of the new workshed was blown off by a storm, and was repaired under the direction of the Public Works Department, at a cost of £28 6s. 9d.

The other works during the year were principally re-metalling and blinding avenue, converting old tailor's shop into a ward for insane patients, cementing reservoir, asphaltting, and sundry minor works too numerous to particularise. The whole of these works, with the exception of the repairs to the roof of shed, were executed by the officers and inmates of this Institution.

*Garden.*

51,852 lbs. vegetables, valued at £99 3s. 1d., were raised and used in the Institution; also vegetables, valued at £3 13s. 2d., were supplied to the Gaol.

*Farm.*

The operations of the Farm attached to the Institution may be regarded as very satisfactory under the circumstances, the uncertainty existing as to the immediate sale of the land interfering with its proper cropping. The value of the products disposed of is stated at £349 5s. 3d., while the sum paid in wages, purchase of stock, food, seed, &c. amounted to £280 7s. 9d., thus showing a balance credit in favour of the Farm of £68 17s. 6d. Further particulars under this head will be found in the Return appended.

*Religious Services.*

The Chaplains, Lay Preachers, Sisters of Charity, Flower Mission, the Christian Endeavour Society, Ladies' Reading Committee, Salvation Army, and others, have been most assiduous in their attention to the spiritual wants of the inmates throughout the year.

*Visitors.*

Among the visitors during 1893 were His Excellency the Governor Viscount Gormanston, the Administrator of the Government Sir Lambert Dobson, Members of the Ministry, and others.

In the Visitors' Book it is shown that 1682 visits were paid to the female division. It is not found practicable to keep a record of the number of visits to the male division, but the number was nevertheless very large.

Extracts from the Visitors' Book will be found appended hereto.

*Entertainments, Treats, &c.*

Entertainments were given during the year to the inmates by the Orpheus Club, New Town Band of Mercy, Hobart Brass Band, and other ladies and gentlemen.

On Queen's Birthday and Christmas Day the inmates were supplied by the Government with the customary extras of roast beef and plum pudding; and the Cascade Brewery Company kindly furnished a hogshead of ale for the inmates' Christmas cheer. The Ladies' Reading Committee gave their annual feast to the female inmates. On Good Friday, through the exertions of Mr. Alderman Johnson, the whole of the inmates were supplied with tobacco, fruit, &c., and Mr. Newman Arnold generously supplied them with a quantity of hot cross buns. Sir Lambert Dobson and Mrs. Col. Shelton gave the inmates treats of tobacco; fruit was supplied by Mrs. Maurice Weston and others, and donations in money towards purchase of fruit were made by Mr. F. W. Piesse, M.H.A., and Mrs. Bowman.

*Library.*

Books, papers, &c. have been received during the year from New Town Public Library, Mr. Mulcahy, M.H.A., Mrs. Perkins, Bothwell, Mr. G. R. Miller, &c. The proprietor of the *Mercury* has kindly supplied a free copy of that paper during the year, and the proprietor of the *Tasmanian News* a free copy of that paper up to the end of the half-year. Copies also of the *Church News* and *Catholic Standard* have been supplied free during the year.

Appended will be found a Statement of the Expenditure and the usual Statistical Returns.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

*The Honorable the Chief Secretary.*

*RETURN showing the Expenditure of the New Town Charitable Institution and Farm in connection therewith, for the Year 1893; the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.*

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, wages, &c. ....	1627	14	0	Fees for maintenance of inmates .....	255	6	9			
Provisions .....	3345	6	3	Sale of road metal.....	7	8	0			
Medical comforts .....	27	11	6	Ditto of old stones ...	5	11	0			
Clothing, bedding, stores & stationery	556	12	9	Money found on deceased inmates .....	4	15	11			
Fuel and light .....	448	17	9	Mangling performed .....	0	5	2			
Medicines and medical attendance ...	120	0	0	Labour of men at cemetery	87	11	0			
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses .....	248	0	1	Tobacco supplied to men at cemetery.....	1	14	7			
Repairs and alterations to buildings, &c. ....	152	1	3	Vegetables supplied to H.M. Gaol, Hobart ...	3	13	2			
Uniforms .....	7	4	0	Baskets supplied to General Post Office ...	1	7	0			
Farm expenses .....	79	18	8	Sale of milk to officers ...	12	3	3			
				Sale of stock .....	47	11	11			
				Services of beast .....	9	5	0			
				Hay supplied to Training School, Cascades .....	17	14	8			
								454	7	5
				Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment .....				6158	18	10
TOTAL .....	£6613	6	3	TOTAL .....				£6613	6	3

*Average daily number.*

Males (Colonial) .....	370.41
„ (Imperial) .....	15.29
Females .....	156.00
	541.70

Net Cost per head, £11 7s. 5d.

*RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost of New Town Charitable Institution and Farm in connection therewith, and the actual Amount expended, for the year 1893.*

Head of Service.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries, Wages, &c.....	1720 5 0	1627 14 0	...	92 11 0
Provisions .....	3350 0 0	3345 6 3	...	4 13 9
Medical Comforts .....	120 0 0	27 11 6	...	92 8 6
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery	1000 0 0	556 12 9	...	443 7 3
Medicines and Medical Attendance ...	120 0 0	120 0 0	...	...
Miscellaneous, including Funeral Expenses .....	270 0 0	248 0 1	...	21 19 11
Fuel and Light.....	550 0 0	448 17 9	...	101 2 3
Repairs to Buildings.....	200 0 0	152 1 3	...	47 18 9
Uniforms.....	20 0 0	7 4 0	...	12 16 0
Farm Expenses.....	125 0 0	79 18 8	...	45 1 4
Cow-sheds, Pig-styes, &c.....	250 0 0	...	...	250 0 0
TOTAL .....	7725 5 0	6613 6 3	...	1111 18 9

	£ s. d.
Estimated cost.....	7725 5 0
Actual cost .....	6613 6 3
Under estimate.....	£1111 18 9

*RETURNS of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution during the Year 1893.*

	Between the Ages of—														TOTAL.
	30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		60 to 70.		70 to 80.		80 to 90.		90 to 100.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Apoplexy .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brain Disease .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cancer.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	5
Heart Disease .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Gangrene.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Paralysis .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Phthisis.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Senile Debility .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	3	50	9	26	6	3	...	106
TOTALS.....	1	...	2	1	1	2	9	5	54	10	28	6	3	...	122

*DECENNIAL Return showing the Number of Persons remaining in the New Town Charitable Institution on the 1st January ; the Number received, discharged, and remaining on 31st December of each year ; Net Cost of the Institution, and the Net Cost per Head.*

Year.	Admitted during Year.	Discharged during Year.	Died during Year.	Remaining on 31st December.		Average daily Number.	Net Cost of Institution.	Net Cost per Head.
				Number.	Average Age.			
1884.....	640	515	163	552	64·75	626	£ s. d. 8444 15 4	£ s. d. 13 9 9
1885.....	727	520	152	607	64·50	609	8474 18 3	13 18 3
1886.....	805	623	146	643	64·50	670	8901 5 8	13 5 6
1887.....	752	647	168	580	68·00	662	8578 0 5	12 19 9
1888.....	636	534	118	564	68·25	624	8841 13 7	14 3 4
1889.....	552	484	112	520	68·00	589	8176 12 1	13 17 8
1890.....	603	456	127	540	67·75	592	8263 3 11	13 19 2
1891.....	530	413	153	504	70·08	545	7427 14 1	13 12 7
1892.....	510	387	109	518	69·61	537	7685 16 8	14 6 3
1893.....	538	419	122	515	70·02	542	6158 18 10	11 7 5

*RETURN shewing the Number of Persons in the New Town Charitable Institution on the 1st day of each Month during the Year 1893.*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January .....	369	149	518
February .....	379	153	532
March .....	362	141	503
April .....	380	154	534
May .....	403	154	557
June .....	407	153	560
July .....	404	159	563
August .....	412	156	568
September .....	388	161	549
October .....	376	160	536
November .....	370	163	533
December .....	374	161	535

*RETURN showing the Operations of the Farm in connection with the New Town Charitable Institution, for the Year 1893.*

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, wages, &c.....	200	9	1	Value of milk supplied to Institution—			
Purchase of bran.....	16	11	8	34,475 pints, at 3d. per quart.....	215	9	5
„ seed.....	17	5	0	Milk sold to officers.....	12	3	3
„ stock.....	30	0	0	Sale of stock.....	47	11	11
Other expenses—shoeing horses, blacksmith's work, cart wheels, &c.....	14	2	0	Services of beasts.....	9	5	0
Insurance of hay.....	2	0	0	Hay to Training School, Cascades.....	17	14	8
Balance Credit.....	68	17	6	Potatoes to Institution—			
				January, 38 cwt., at 7s. } .....			
				February, 57 „ „ 4s. } .....	28	6	0
				December, 18 „ „ 4s. } .....			
				Chaff to Institution, 5 tons, at £3 15s.	18	15	0
	<u>£349</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£349</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

*Live Stock on hand on 31. 12. 93.*

Horses.....	4	Boars.....	2
Bulls.....	1	Sows.....	7
Cows.....	15	Suckers.....	23
Calves.....	3		

EXTRACTS FROM VISITORS' BOOK.

A NOBLE Institution, excellently organised.

9. 1. 93.

W. BARDSLEY, *Sydney.*

VERY much pleased with all I have seen here. Everything looks most clean and orderly. Inmates all appear very happy and contented.

6. 2. 93.

R. P. CARROLL, *M.A.*

EQUAL to anything seen in Victoria. Well kept, and the grounds are magnificent.

4. 3. 93.

J. STANLEY, *Melbourne.*

FOUND all I saw well regulated, in good order, and very clean.

18. 5. 93.

W. L. DOBSON, *Administrator of the Government.*

EVERYTHING in splendid order.

28. 5. 93.

DR. STANLEY D. NEWTON, *India.*

VERY pleased with all I saw.

29. 6. 93.

MARY NICHOLAS.

VERY pleased with all I have seen to-day. A very marked improvement to what I remember some years ago.

10. 8. 93.

REV. JOHN K. WILMER, *Brighton.*

I THIS day inspected this Establishment, both Male and Female Departments. I was much pleased with the manner in which the whole Establishment is kept, especially with the great cleanliness and order. I was glad to find the inmates, many of whom I spoke to, very contented with their condition and treatment.

26. 8. 93.

GORMANSTON, *Governor.*

ORDER and discipline give comfort to the many.

8. 9. 93.

J. H. INNES.

THIS Institution will compare favourably with similar ones in the other colonies.

13. 9. 93.

GEORGE ELLIOT.

MUCH pleased. Order and cleanliness everywhere apparent. Treated with utmost courtesy.

11. 10. 93.

RICHARD F. KEATING, *Melbourne.*

I FULLY endorse the above remarks. Arrangement excellent ; spotlessly clean.

11. 10. 93.

ARTHUR G. POULTON, *London, England.*

VERY pleased with the order and cleanliness everywhere.

19. 10. 93.

WM. A. C. LESTES.

FOUND at each Establishment everything clean and comfortable, and inmates apparently satisfied.

ADYE DOUGLAS, *Chief Secretary.*

JOHN HENRY, *Treasurer.*

H. I. ROOKE, *M.L.C.*

N. E. LEWIS, *Attorney-General.*

28. 10. 93.

VISITED New Town Charitable Institution on 21. 12. 93. Inmates had an excellent dinner, meat, &c. of the best quality. Dormitories and day rooms exceedingly clean. Everything in perfect order.

21. 12. 93.

F. MURRAY, *N.W.P., India.*