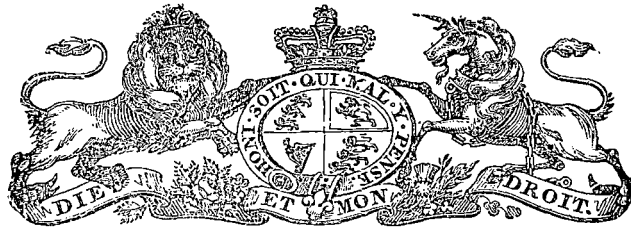


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REPORT FOR 1892.

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



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30th March, 1893.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit to you the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the year ending 31st December, 1892.

Strength.

The number of inmates on the books during the year was—males, 732; females, 282 = 1014, or 56 less than in 1891.

The actual number of inmates on the 31st December last was 518, or an increase of 14 on the corresponding date of the previous year.

The highest number of inmates at any one time was 578. Compared with 1891 this shows an increase of 2. The lowest number was 466, or a decrease of 22 compared with 1891.

The average daily number during this year was 537, being a decrease of 8 on the previous year.

Admissions.

The number admitted during the year was 510, or 20 less than the previous year.

Discharges.

The number discharged was 387, as against 416 in 1891.

Mortality.

The number of deaths during the year was 109, or 10·75 per cent., as against 153, or 14·30 per cent. in 1891. The average of those who died was 75·23 years, the maximum age being 96, and the minimum 42 years. The average age of the 10 oldest was 90 years. Thirty-four 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 remaining in the Institution at the end of the year were as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
90 years and upwards	10	...	10	1·92
Between 80 and 90 years	44	15	59	11·39
Ditto 70 and 80 „	179	53	232	44·79
Ditto 60 and 70 „	108	55	163	31·47
Ditto 50 and 60 „	12	13	25	4·83
Under 50 years.....	16	13	29	5·60
TOTAL.....	369	149	518	100·00
Average age.....	70·44	66·20	69·61	
Average age in previous year.....	72·70	64·93	70·08	

Civil Condition.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1891.
Free by servitude.....	552	163	715	70·51	73·55
Free to Colony.....	142	78	220	21·70	20·94
Born in Colony.....	38	41	79	7·79	5·51
TOTAL.....	732	282	1014	100·00	

Of those on the books on 31st December—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1891.
Free by servitude.....	251	69	320	61·77	65·87
Free to Colony.....	98	54	152	29·34	28·97
Born in Colony.....	20	26	46	8·89	5·16
TOTAL.....	369	149	518	100·00	

Birth-places.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1891.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....	38	45	83	8·19	6·26
England and Wales.....	451	70	521	51·38	54·21
Ireland.....	155	125	280	27·61	28·97
Scotland.....	64	36	100	9·86	8·13
Other British Possessions.....	5	3	8	0·79	0·84
Foreign Countries.....	19	3	22	2·17	1·59
TOTAL.....	732	282	1014	100·00	

Education.

Of the 1014 on the books for the year, 512 could read and write, 139 could read only, and 363 could neither read or write.

Religion.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
Church of England.....	279	83	362	69·88
Church of Rome.....	77	64	141	27·22
Church of Scotland.....	13	2	15	2·90
TOTAL.....	369	149	518	100·00

Expenditure.

The gross expenditure for the year was £8176 7s. 8d., being £361 6s. more than the preceding year. Received for maintenance, labour, &c., £490 11s., being an increase on receipts for 1891 of £103 3s. 5d. Net expenditure, £7685 16s. 8d., or £258 2s. 7d. more than in 1891. Cost per head on gross expenditure was £15 4s. 9d., as against £14 6s. 9d. in 1891. Cost per head on net expenditure, £14 6s. 3d., as against £13 12s. 7d. in 1891.

The increased cost per head was mainly caused by necessary work in repairs, improvements for sanitary purposes, by the transfer of the Farm expenses to this Institution, the increased price in bread and provisions, and in additions to the dietary scale which gave the male inmates a ration of porridge daily.

Repairs and Improvements.

During the year the old defective brick barrel drains were taken up, and earthenware pipes laid down; the out-offices were re-constructed; a large work-shed erected; and the whole of the woodwork in the Female Division, which was exposed to the weather, painted. These works were executed through the Public Works Department.

In addition to the above several minor works were effected by inmate labour, under the supervision of the overseer, such as asphaltting, repairs to chimneys and fireplaces, colouring walls and wards, painting dormitories, fencing, fitting up new drying-grounds, converting part of No. 9 ward into a tailor's shop, planting avenue and grounds, scrubbing and clearing the bush lands attached to the Institution, &c.

Garden.

51,603 lbs. of vegetables, valued at £104 15s. 3d., were raised by the inmates, and used in the Institution, and surplus quantities were supplied to the Gaol from time to time free of charge.

Government Farm.

In consequence of the projected sale of a portion of the Government Farm lands, certain alterations in the management were made by the Government from the 1st July last, whereby the farm was temporarily attached to this Institution. The services of Mr. W. Read were retained as farm overseer, as also those of the ploughman.

The authorities of the General Hospital having accepted a private contract for the supply of milk, the surplus cows were disposed of by public auction.

Religious Services, &c.

The Chaplains, Lay Preachers, the Sisters of Charity, the Flower Mission, the Christian Endeavour Society, the Ladies' Reading Committee, the Salvation Army, and others have been very regular in their attendances, and have, as heretofore, been most assiduous in ministering to the spiritual welfare of the inmates.

Reduction in Staff.

In March last a reduction was made in the staff of this Department by the transfer of the head warden to another branch of the service. His duties were distributed among the officers junior to him, whereby a saving of £50 per annum and a ration has been effected; and I have much pleasure in stating that the efficiency of the Institution has been satisfactorily maintained.

Visitors.

Among the visitors during the year were His Excellency the Governor Sir Robert Hamilton, the Premier and the Hon. the Chief Secretary, and the number of other visitors quite equalled that of former years.

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

Entertainments, Treats, &c.

Several entertainments were given for the amusement of the inmates by the Orpheus Club, the Garrison Band, and others, and the inmates were the recipients of welcome treats on different occasions during the year.

In addition to the usual cheer of roast beef and plum pudding afforded by the Government on Queen's Birthday and Christmas Day, the Cascade Brewery Company kindly sent a hogshead of ale on the latter day. The Ladies' Reading Committee gave their annual tea to the female inmates in December. Through the exertions of Mr. Alderman Johnson, hot cross buns, tobacco, fruit, and sweets were distributed on Good Friday. Mr. W. Stevenson contributed a pound of sausages to each inmate; and Mrs. Shelton, before her departure for Launceston, gave each inmate a liberal supply of tobacco.

Library.

Several presentations of books, periodicals, illustrated and other papers were received from friends of the Institution during the year; and the proprietors of the *Mercury*, *Tasmanian News*, *Church News*, and *Catholic Standard* kindly continued to supply free copies of their publications for the benefit of the inmates.

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

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

RETURN showing the Expenditure at the NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION for the Year 1892; the Receipts for the same period; and the Net Cost per head.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries		1531	5	7	Fees for maintenance of inmates	275	9	1				
Provisions		3704	14	10	Sale of road metal	8	1	0				
Medical comforts		82	19	4	Ditto old stores	18	5	2				
Clothing, bedding, stores, & stationery		1233	5	11	Labour of men at Cemetery	85	13	0				
Fuel and light		559	17	1	Labour of men at Farm for Half-year ended 30th June, 1892	35	10	0				
Medicines		136	10	1	Wine & spirits supplied to Gaol, Hobart	7	1	0				
Medical attendance		63	0	0	Tobacco supplied to men at Cemetery	0	16	4				
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses		253	13	4	Sale of Stock	40	4	1				
Repairs and alterations to buildings		484	11	2	Ditto milk	6	13	10				
Uniforms		16	10	4	Services of beasts	3	12	6				
Farm expenses		110	0	0	Labour of ploughman at Training School, Cascades, 5½ days at 10s. ..	2	15	0				
					Money found on deceased inmates	6	10	0				
										490	11	0
					Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment .....	...				7685	16	8
TOTAL.....		£8176	7	8	TOTAL .....	...				£8176	7	8

Average daily Number.

Males (Colonial)	361
,, (Imperial)	18
Females	158
	<u>537</u>

Net Cost per head, £14 6s. 3d.

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost of New Town Charitable Institution, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1892.

Head of Service.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries.....	1595 13 4	1531 5 7	...	64 7 9
Provisions	4750 0 0	3704 14 10	...	1045 5 2
Medical Comforts.....	170 0 0	82 19 4	...	87 0 8
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery	1400 0 0	1233 5 11	...	166 14 1
Medicine and Medical Attendance.....	150 0 0	199 10 1	49 10 1	
Miscellaneous, including Funeral Expenses.....	260 0 0	253 13 4	...	6 6 8
Fuel and Light.....	500 0 0	559 17 1	59 17 1	
Repairs to Buildings.....	850 0 0	484 11 2	...	365 8 10
Uniforms	30 0 0	16 10 4	...	13 9 8
Farm Expenses.....	110 0 0	110 0 0	...	
Cow-sheds, Pig-styes, &c.....	250 0 0	...	...	250 0 0
TOTAL.....	10,065 13 4	8176 7 8	109 7 2	1998 12 10

	£ s. d.
Estimated cost.....	10,065 13 4
Actual cost.....	8176 7 8
Under estimate.....	<u>£1889 5 8</u>

RETURNS of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution during the Year 1892.

	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.	
Brain disease.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancer.....	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	6
Gangrene.....	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Heart disease.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Paralysis.....	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	3
Paralysis of brain.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Senile debility.....	1	...	4	3	42	11	23	6	4	...	94
TOTALS.....	1	...	2	1	7	6	44	14	23	7	4	...	109

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.	Remaining on 1st of January.	Received during Year.	Total.	Discharged during Year.	Died during Year.	Total.	Remaining on 31st December.		Average daily Number.	Net Cost of Institution.			Net Cost per Head.			
							Number.	Average Age.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1883.....	590	776	1366	643	133	776	590	65.00	642	£	8501	13	11	13	4	10
1884.....	590	640	1230	515	163	678	552	64.75	626	8444	15	4	13	9	9	
1885.....	552	727	1279	520	152	672	607	64.50	609	8474	18	3	13	18	3	
1886.....	607	805	1412	623	146	769	643	64.50	670	8901	5	8	13	5	6	
1887.....	643	752	1395	647	168	815	580	68.00	662	8578	0	5	12	19	9	
1888.....	580	636	1216	534	118	652	564	68.25	624	8841	13	7	14	3	4	
1889.....	564	552	1116	484	112	596	520	68.00	589	8176	12	1	13	17	8	
1890.....	520	603	1123	456	127	583	540	67.75	592	8263	3	11	13	19	2	
1891.....	540	530	1070	413	153	566	504	70.08	545	7427	14	1	13	12	7	
1892.....	504	510	1014	387	109	496	518	69.61	537	7685	16	8	14	6	3	

RETURN showing the Number of Persons in the New Town Charitable Institution on the 1st day of each Month during the Year 1892.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January	355	149	504
February	351	152	503
March	338	145	483
April	337	145	482
May.....	389	162	551
June.....	395	158	553
July.....	403	157	560
August	405	161	566
September	410	166	576
October	397	167	564
November	389	169	558
December	386	162	548

EXTRACTS FROM VISITORS' BOOKS.

CAME to sing to the inmates, and were delighted ourselves.

2. 1. 92.

T. COLBOURNE-BABER, *Sydney*.
 W. A. M'KENZIE,
 HENRY HUGHES, } *Hobart*.
 MRS. M'KENZIE,
 F. H. STEPHENS, }

VISITED to-day; we were certainly pleased with what we saw—in the courtesy of the officials, the discipline maintained, and the adaptability of the Institute.

5. 1. 92.

JAMES MALONEY, *Melbourne*.
 ANDREW J. DUFFY, *Victoria*.

DELIGHTED with the cleanliness of building and inmates.

9. 1. 92.

C. CREASSEY,
 C. E. BENAN-WELLS, } *England*.
 J. CREASSEY, } *Bathurst*.
 S. CREASSEY,
 M. BELBIN, *Hobart*.

EVERYTHING we witnessed pleased us exceedingly, and all the arrangements seemed admirable.

11. 1. 92.

J. M'CAH, *S.J.*

VERY pleased with the cleanliness and order visible throughout the place, and think the inmates ought to be very happy, as far as old people can.

11. 1. 92.

HARRY E. COCK, *S.J.*

MUCH pleased with cleanliness and excellent arrangements.

11. 1. 92.

D. MURPHY *S.J.*
 REV. J. GRANT, *Visitation*.

I AM much pleased with everything I have seen in the Institution, and consider it compares most favourably with similar institutions in Victoria.

G. W. TALBOT,
 E. TALBOT,
 S. TALBOT, } *Sandhurst, Victoria*.

WE are much pleased with the courtesy of the officials, and with the apparent pains taken for the comfort of the poor inmates.

30. 1. 92.

PROFESSOR IVES,
 W. A. DICK, } *South Australia*.

HIGHLY pleased with the general appearance of the inmates and the exceptionally clean appearance of the Institution.

18. 2. 92.

E. GRACIE.
 AMY HOLT.
 A. HOLT.
 W. RAPSEY BIRD.

MOST pleased with the whole appearance of the Establishment.

20. 2. 92.

THOS. BENNISON, *J.P.*

HIGHLY delighted with the whole of the arrangements of the Institution.

14. 4. 92.

J. W. JOHNSON, WIFE, AND TWO DAUGHTERS.

VERY pleased with the cleanliness of the Institution.

20. 4. 92.

E. DANIELS, *Launceston*.

SPLendid accommodation, remarkably clean and well kept; altogether a credit to the Colony of Tasmania.

25. 4. 92.

S. A. MACCROW,
 A. O. THOMSON, } *Victoria*.

THE poor inmates on every side appear to be very well looked after, and certainly are much more happy and contented than they used to be some years ago.

8. 6. 92.

PHILIP HENNEBY, *C.C.*

I THINK the majority of inmates should be very thankful for such a bright, clean home.

11. 6. 92.

L. MOREY, *Nurse General Hospital, Hobart.*

I WAS greatly struck with the cleanliness and order with which this excellent Institution is carried on, and feel sure the inmates must be both thankful and grateful for all the comforts surrounding them.

11. 6. 92.

M. BEST, *Nurse General Hospital, Hobart.*

I NOTICED great improvements since my last visit.

11. 6. 92.

L. ORR, *Hospital Nursing Staff.*

HAVE visited other Institutions in different parts of the world, but must certainly say I am delighted with the Invalid Depôt of Hobart, Tasmania.

26. 6. 92.

CAPT. P. HUGHES, *barque Laira.*

VERY much impressed with the cleanliness of the Institution.

2. 7. 92.

SOLOMON FRANKENBY, *Hamburg, Germany.*
A. N. TEMPLE, *New Zealand.*

FOUND the inmates apparently well cared for, and the wards and corridors exceedingly clean.

2. 7. 92.

F. W. PIESSE.
GEO. CURRY.
C. C. NAIRN.
JAMES CLARKE.

ONE of the finest Institutions of the kind that I have visited.

17. 7. 92.

WALTER GUTHRIE, *Dunedin, N.Z.*

IT is now many years since I last paid a visit to this Institution, and I need hardly state that I was more than surprised at the great improvements effected since my last visit. The classification of the inmates (about 600 in number), the ventilation and cleanliness of the rooms, and the admirable arrangement of everything tending to their comfort, in good beds and bedding, the excellent order prevailing, and the contented appearance of those who were the recipients of so much kindness and consideration, reflect the greatest possible credit on Mr. Richardson and his staff of Officers, who seemed to be under good discipline, carrying out their duties in the right spirit. I had an opportunity of inspecting the various articles of provisions in store, and being dinner time of tasting some of the bread, also the cooked meat and soup, and found all to be of good quality and appetising.

16. 8. 92.

L. R. CASTRAY, *J.P.*

EVERYTHING very satisfactory and people contented.

18. 9. 92.

ADYE DOUGLAS.
HENRY DOBSON.

THE inmates appear far more comfortable than the inmates of British Poor-houses.

4. 10. 92.

ST. JOHN BRODRICK, *M.P., London.*
HILDA BRODRICK.
R. G. HAMILTON.

INMATES appear very comfortable, cleanliness strictly considered, and the Institution a credit to the management.

4. 11. 92.

J. T. SMITH, *Stanmore, Sydney.*

THIS charity is deserving of special commendation, and I am pleased to have seen this testimony to the humanity of the Tasmanians.

23. 12. 93.

PROFESSOR W. P. STEWART, *New York.*