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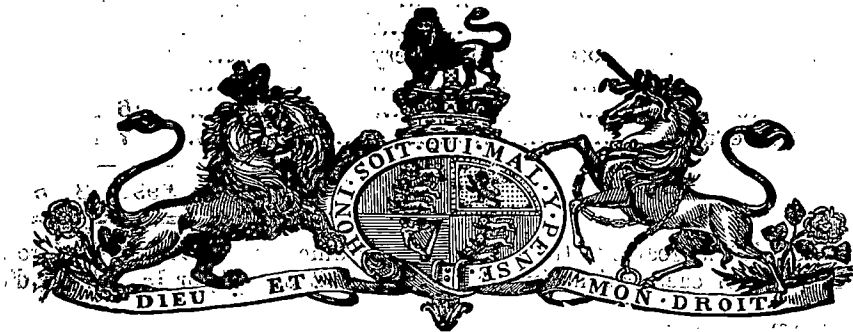
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REPORT FOR 1891.

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



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*To His Excellency SIR ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON,
Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of
Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE have the honor to submit, in accordance with the provisions of 22nd Vict. No. 23, and 46th Vict. No. 35, our Report of this Institution for the year 1891.

On the 1st January, 1891, there were 31 patients in this Hospital, of whom nine were natives, three free to the Colony, and nineteen free by servitude.

Two patients were admitted during the year, of whom one was free to the Colony, and one free by servitude.

Two patients were transferred to the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk.

Remaining in the Hospital on 31st December, 1891, were 31 patients. The accommodation in the Hospital has been found to be ample for the number of patients confined therein. The utmost care has been taken to keep the dormitories and single rooms clean, and every attention has been paid by the Officers and Attendants towards the welfare and comfort of the patients.

The general health of the patients has been exceedingly good, considering their ages and the sickness that prevailed throughout the Colony during the winter. There were no deaths.

Dr. Payne resigned his appointment as Medical Officer of this Institution on 31st January, 1891, and was succeeded by the Honorable Thomas Christie Smart, F.R.C.S. Ed.

Mr. Jones, the Superintendent, has been most assiduous in his care of the patients and in promoting their amusement by providing musical and other entertainments, all of which have been much appreciated by them.

Religious services have been held in the Institution by clergymen of the Churches of England and Rome, as well as by the Sisters of Charity.

The Superintendent reports that the officers and attendants have performed their duties to his entire satisfaction, and with kindness to the patients.

The cost of the Hospital for the year is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Allowances.....	454	19	2
Provisions	378	17	2
Medical Comforts and Medicines	9	12	6
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	101	15	5
Fuel and Light	22	13	0
Repairs to Buildings	16	18	2
Miscellaneous	7	13	0
	<u>£992</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>

of which £448 3s. 6d. is chargeable to the Imperial Government and £544 4s. 11d. to the Colonial Government. The cost of each patient for the year was £32 0s. 3d., or 1s. 9d. per diem.

The Medical Officers of the New Norfolk Hospital for Insane, as specialists in Psychology, have continued to visit the Institution bi-monthly in accordance with the request of the Hon. the Chief Secretary, and have rendered valuable aid by their observations and advice.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,

C. E. BARNARD, *M.D.*,
 PHILIP S. SEAGER,
 A. RIDDOCH, *J.P.*, } *Official Visitors.*