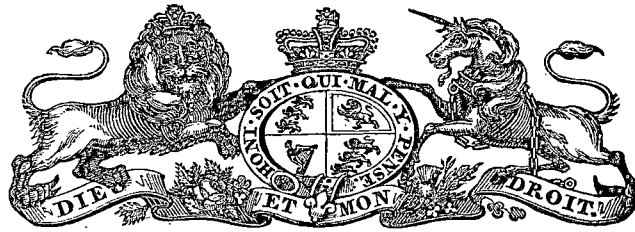


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NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.

REPORT FOR 1895.

New Town, 31st March, 1896.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the Year 1895.

Strength.

The number of inmates on the books during the year was—Males, 599; females, 310—total, 909, or 54 less than in 1894.

The actual number of inmates on the 31st December last was 523, a decrease of 15 on the corresponding date of the previous year; this number includes 10 children.

The highest number of inmates at any one time was 577; compared with 1894 this shows a decrease of 17. The lowest number was 504, or 9 more as compared with 1894.

The average daily number during the year was 545·88, being a decrease of 3·15 on the previous year.

Admissions.

The number admitted during the year was 371, or 77 less than the previous year.

Discharges.

The number discharged was 300, as against 313 in 1894.

Mortality.

The deaths during the year numbered 86, or 9·46 per cent., as against 112, or 11·63 per cent. in 1894. The average age of those who died was 74·95 years, the maximum age being 98 and the minimum 23 years. The average age of the 15 oldest was 88·60—28 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	9	2	11	2·14
Between 80 and 90 years	82	19	101	19·69
Ditto 70 and 80 „	174	61	235	45·81
Ditto 60 and 70 „	52	43	95	18·52
Ditto 50 and 60 „	12	12	24	4·68
Under 50 years.....	15	32	47	9·16
TOTAL.....	344	169	513	100·00
Average age.....	73·80	64·04	70·73	
Average age in previous year.....	73·48	64·07	70·58	

Civil Condition.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1894.
Free by servitude.....	412	145	557	61·28	65·42
Free to Colony.....	149	89	238	26·18	24·09
Born in Colony.....	38	76	114	12·54	10·49
TOTAL.....	599	310	909	100·00	...
Previous year.....	689	274	963	100·00	

Birth-places.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1894.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....	35	87	122	13·42	9·87
England and Wales.....	366	55	421	46·32	47·66
Ireland.....	147	129	276	30·36	30·43
Scotland.....	31	34	65	7·15	9·55
Other British Possessions.....	6	3	9	0·99	0·73
Foreign Countries.....	14	2	16	1·76	1·76
TOTAL.....	599	310	909	100·00	...

Education.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1894.
Read and write.....	311	92	403	44·34	50·05
Read only.....	72	52	124	13·64	14·33
Neither read nor write.....	210	166	376	41·36	35·00
Superior Education.....	6	—	6	0·66	0·62
TOTAL.....	599	310	909	100·00	100·00

Religion.

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

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1894.
Church of England.....	227	81	308	58·89	63·76
Church of Rome.....	98	86	184	35·18	30·48
Church of Scotland.....	19	12	31	5·93	5·76
TOTAL.....	344	179	523	100·00	100·00

Expenditure.

The gross expenditure for the year was £5952 3s. 4d., being £3 14s. 11d. less than in 1894. The receipts from all sources were £735 16s. 10d., being £116 13s. 10d. more than the receipts for the previous year. The net expenditure was £5216 6s. 6d., as against £5336 15s. 3d. for 1894, or £120 8s. 9d. less.

The cost per head on gross expenditure was £10 18s. 1d., as against £10 17s. in 1894. The cost per head on net expenditure was £9 11s. 1d., as against £9 14s. 5d. in 1894.

During the year Customs duties were paid on tea, sugar, spirits, and tobacco to the extent of £382 11s. 8d.

The sum charged to Imperial Government for maintenance of Imperial paupers during the year was £348 5s. 3d. This with the amount paid for Customs duty if deducted from the expenditure would reduce the net cost per head to £8 4s. 4d. per annum, or 5½d. per diem.

Repairs and Improvements.

A sum of £91 3s. 6d. was expended under this head during the year; nearly the whole of this was for material and gas laid on in Lying-in Hospital and in two passages. Many of the wards, offices, &c. were painted and renovated by inmate labour.

Garden.

24,787 lbs. of vegetables, valued at £38 14s. 7d., were raised and used in the Institution, and £11 2s. 9d. worth were supplied to the Gaol.

Farm.

The annexed Return, marked E., will show the operations of the Farm for 1895. It will be observed that the working of the Farm resulted in a profit of £179 19s. 4d. for the year.

Religious Services.

During the year the Chaplains, Lay Preachers, Sisters of Charity, Flower Mission, Christian Endeavour Societies, Ladies' Reading Committee, Salvation Army, and others have, as usual, attended to the spiritual wants of the inmates.

Entertainments, Treats, &c.

Several entertainments were given during the year, and were much appreciated by the inmates.

Roast beef and plum pudding were given by the Government on Queen's Birthday and Christmas Day, and the Cascade Brewery Company, with their usual generosity, sent a hogshead of ale on the latter day.

Donations of bacon, cheese, fruit, tobacco, and pipes were received from Messrs. Roberts and Co., Mrs. Rout, Messrs. R. Walker & Co., and Bishop Delaney.

Hon. F. W. Piesse, M.L.C., and Mr. J. Bowman subscribed the sums of £1 and £2 2s. respectively for the purchase of extras for inmates.

Lying-in Home.

The Lying-in Home having been transferred from the Cascades to this Institution in March last, the first case was admitted on the 31st of that month. From that date up to the end of the year 12 cases were admitted; births 9—4 males and 5 females. In addition to above one woman was brought to Institution by Police under charge of manslaughter by exposure of her child not 24 hours old, and which child died soon after she was admitted; one woman was admitted from the Gaol upon the order of the Governor in Council. Her husband died soon after her admission, and she was discharged before her confinement. Three women remained in the Home at the end of the year awaiting confinement.

Library.

The proprietors of the *Mercury*, *Church News*, and *Monitor* have, as usual, supplied free copies of their publications; and books, periodicals, &c. have been presented by many kind friends of the Institution.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of the New Town Charitable Institution and Farm in connection therewith, for the Year 1895; the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, wages, &c.	1554	19	10	Fees for maintenance of inmates	398	12	2			
Provisions	2998	11	5	Sale of road metal.....	36	6	0			
Medical comforts.....	24	11	5	Ditto of stores.....	0	4	8			
Clothing, bedding, stores, & stationery	597	19	6	Money found on deceased inmates.....	3	8	0			
Fuel and light.....	381	15	4	Mangling performed.....	2	12	1			
Medicines and medical attendance ...	66	9	3	Labour of men at cemetery	141	16	0			
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses	166	19	4	Tobacco supplied to men at cemetery.....	3	17	6			
Repairs and alterations to buildings...	91	3	6	Vegetables & hay supplied to Government Institutions	46	14	10			
Uniforms	19	14	9	Sale of milk, farm produce, &c.	82	18	10			
Farm expenses	49	19	0	Broom-handles supplied Gaol	1	5	0			
				Mole vests to N. N. Asylum	4	0	0			
				Oakum picked	14	1	9			
								735	16	10
				Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment.....	...			5216	6	6
TOTAL.....	£5952	3	4	TOTAL .....	...	...	...	£5952	3	4

Average daily Number.

Males (Colonial).....	352.43
" (Imperial)	14.65
Females	178.80
	<u>545.88</u>

Net cost per head, £9 11s. 1d.

B.

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost of New Town Charitable Institution and Farm in connection therewith, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1895.

Head of Service.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
	s.	s.	s.	s.
	d.	d.	d.	d.
Salaries, Wages, &c.	1581 5 0	1554 19 10	...	26 5 2
Provisions	3000 0 0	2998 11 5	...	1 8 7
Medical Comforts	25 0 0	24 11 5	...	0 8 7
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery	600 0 0	597 19 6	...	2 0 6
Medicines and Medical Attendance ...	100 0 0	66 9 3	...	33 10 9
Miscellaneous, including Funeral Expenses	225 0 0	166 19 4	...	58 0 8
Fuel and Light	425 0 0	381 15 4	...	43 4 8
Repairs to Buildings.....	100 0 0	91 3 6	...	8 16 6
Uniforms.....	20 0 0	19 14 9	...	0 5 3
Farm Expenses.....	50 0 0	49 19 0	...	0 1 0
TOTAL	6126 5 0	5952 3 4	...	174 1 8

Estimated cost.....	£	s.	d.
	6126	5	0
Actual cost	5952	3	4
Under estimate.....	<u>£174</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

C.

RETURN of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution during the Year 1895.

	Between the Ages of—																TOTAL.	
	Children.	20 to 30.		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.	M.		F.
Brain Disease ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cancer .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1
Cystitis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Epilepsy	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gangrene .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	4
Heart Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	3
Jaundice .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Laryngeal Disease .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Morbus Cordis ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Paralysis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Phthisis .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Senile Debility ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	30	3	19	3	3	1	...	64
Convulsions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Teething	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Exposure	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTALS...	2	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	10	1	34	5	19	5	4	1	86.

D.

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

Years.	Admitted during the Year.	Discharged during the Year.	Died during the Year.	Remaining on 31st December.		Average daily Number.	Net Cost of Institution.			Net Cost per Head.		
				Number.	Average Age.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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
1894.....	448	313	112	538	70·58	549	5336	15	3	9	14	5
1895.....	371	300	86	523	70·58	545	5216	6	6	9	11	1

RETURN showing the Operations of the Farm in connection with the New Town Charitable Institution for the Year 1895.

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries, Wages, &c.....	203	3 0	Value of Milk supplied to Institution, 33,668 pints, at 3d. per quart	210	8 6
Purchase of Seed.....	8	1 0	Milk sold to officers	12	11 0
" Stock.....	19	0 0	Sale of Stock.....	37	17 4
" Bran	1	17 6	" Grain.....	25	0 6
" Harness	3	13 0	Services of Beasts.....	7	10 0
Threshing Grain	6	0 0	Hay and Potatoes to Government Institutions.....	46	14 10
Grinding Peas	1	8 9	Potatoes, Chaff, Straw, &c., supplied to N. T. C. Institution	92	19 2
Other Expenses, Shoeing Horses, Blacksmith's Work, fencing, &c. ...	9	18 9			
Balance Cr.	179	19 4			
TOTAL	£433	1 4	TOTAL	£433	1 4

Stock on hand on 31st December, 1895.

Horses.....	5	Boars.....	2
Bull	1	Sows	9
Cows	15	Porkers.....	17
Calves	10		