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REPORT FOR 1872.

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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1872.

THE Board of Management of the Hobart Town General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1872.

The only change in the economy of the Hospital which occurred during the last year was the formation and opening of a Lock Ward for the treatment of females suffering from venereal disease.

At a considerable cost the day-room attached to the old Invalid Hospital was made fit for the reception of these cases, and a nurse engaged to take charge of the ward.

From the time of its being opened until now, a period of about ten months, only two patients have been admitted, or have applied for admission.

The mortality during 1872 was considerably less than in the two preceding years,—although the number of admissions was somewhat greater.

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. Thanks are also due to the Honorary Surgeon Dentist for his valuable services.

R. ANDREW MATHER.
GEO. SALIER.
THOS. GIBLIN.
J. M'C. BROWNE.
GEO. CRISP.

STATISTICAL REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent.

During the past year there were admitted into Hospital 881 Patients, of whom 607 were males and 274 females.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 74; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1872, was 955. Of these, 788 were discharged, 101 died, and 66 remain under treatment.

Eight persons died on the day of admission, 10 on the day after, 5 on the second day, 3 on the third, 3 on the fourth, 2 on the fifth, and 1 on the sixth day:

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	8
From 20 to 30 years	7
From 30 to 40 years	6
From 40 to 50 years	15
From 50 to 60 years	21
From 60 to 70 years	25
From 70 to 80 years	16
From 80 to 90 years	1
From 90 to 100 years	1
100 years	1
	<u>101</u>

Of the Patients admitted 86 were self-supporting, 43 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 826 were Colonial Paupers.

The number of Out-Patients treated during the year was 5755, the number of prescriptions was 10,522.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

RETURN showing the Diseases treated in the General Hospital during the Year 1872.

CLASS OF DISEASES.	NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED IN			<i>Died.</i>
	<i>Hospital.</i>	<i>Out-Patients.</i>	TOTAL.	
Diseases of the { Stomach	39	831	870	8
{ Lungs	120	1197	1317	28
{ Eyes	29	156	185	—
{ Brain and Nervous System	61	106	167	10
{ Skin	8	275	283	—
{ Liver	6	31	37	2
Abscesses and Ulcers	95	369	464	11
Rheumatic Affections	55	839	894	1
Wounds and Injuries	155	432	587	8
Venereal Affections	36	120	156	—
Fevers	8	79	87	1
Dropsies	15	45	60	3
Other Diseases	328	1275	1603	29
TOTAL	955	5755	6710	101

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1872 was £3259 7s. 4d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1400	16	11
Provisions	1044	12	5
Medical comforts	148	19	4
Medicines and Surgical Instruments (estimated)	200	0	0
Fuel and light	261	9	2
Clothing, bedding, &c.	106	11	0
House allowance	50	0	0
Repairs to buildings, &c.	64	9	9
Stationery	6	6	2
Washing, funerals, &c.	116	10	1
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	3399	14	10
CR. Cash received from Self-supporting Patients	140	7	6
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	£3259	7	4
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Number of Diets to Patients.....	30,662		
Ditto to Attendants	6293		
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	36,955		
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Daily average number of Patients in Hospital was nearly 84.

Average cost per diem, a fraction more than 2s. 1d.

J. M'C. BROWNE, *Chairman Finance Committee.*