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HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, NEW NORFOLK.

REPORT FOR 1868.

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*REPORT of the Commissioners of the HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, NEW NORFOLK,
for the Year 1868.*

THE number of Patients treated in the Hospital during the past year has been nearly the same as in 1867.

The curative results have been as favourable as in former years; and as successful as could have been anticipated from the character of that class of the population from whose ranks the Patients have been chiefly received.

The number of Patients admitted has been 34, and 14 have been discharged wholly or partially recovered.

Of 13 Patients who have died three had reached the respective ages of 60, 70, and 90 years. In all death was caused by incurable physical disease of a chronic character.

The quiet and orderly demeanour of the Inmates has been as conspicuous as ever, and the almost entire absence of restraint continues a marked feature of their treatment.

The Commissioners have the satisfaction of reporting that the separate cottage for the use of Female Patients, which they had so urgently pressed upon the attention of the Government, has been commenced, and, in accordance with the terms of the contract, will be completed in the month of June next. Being placed near the north angle of the Hospital grounds, and within the main boundary wall, the cottage will command a cheerful view of the surrounding country, with the necessary privacy and security of the Inmates.

The purchase of the house and ten acres of land adjoining the Hospital, which the Commissioners had strongly recommended to the Government, has been completed; and, some trifling additions having been made to the cottage, it is now occupied by the House Surgeon, to whom an annual allowance for house rent had previously been made.

On this land a barn, cowsheds, and other buildings required for the dairy and farming establishments, which the Commissioners have long been anxious to see removed from the interior of the Hospital enclosure, are now being erected solely by the labour of the Patients and Hospital carpenter, and will soon be ready for occupation.

Repairs of some extent, particularly in the older portion of the buildings, arising from the wear and tear of many years, are required, and will be brought under the special notice of the Government.

A large number of the Inmates continue to be usefully employed; and by their labour on the farm, garden, and dairy, and in making and repairing the clothes of the Patients, the cost of the Institution has been very considerably reduced.

The amusement and recreation of the Patients have been sedulously provided for by the Superintendent, with the usual beneficial results.

Milk to the amount of 24,020 pints has been supplied to the Inmates during the year from the dairy of the Establishment, and also 118 lbs. butter. The former article may, at a moderate computation, be valued at £200.

The total number of Patients maintained in the Hospital during the year has been 262; and of these 189½ have been chargeable on Colonial, and only 43½ on Imperial Funds.

Twenty-nine have been wholly or partially self-supporting, at rates varying from 5s. per diem to £12 per annum; and the total sum received and due amounts to £1151 11s. 10d.

The amount received and due on account of Patients occupying the separate cottage during the year has been £567 19s., while the cost of their maintenance has been £334 5s.

The entire expenditure of the Institution has amounted to £7196 18s. 9d., and the cost of each Patient to 1s. 8d. per diem, being nearly the same as in 1867.

The Superintendent and Medical Officer of the Institution, Dr. Huston, to whom twelve months' leave of absence had been granted, resumed the duties which he had so long and so efficiently discharged in the month of June last; and the Commissioners have pleasure in again recording their sense of the efficient manner in which the Institution was conducted by Dr. Moore during Dr. Huston's absence.

The conduct of the various Officers and Servants of the Institution has, in general, been satisfactory and praiseworthy.

The usual Tables are appended to this Report.

R. OFFICER, *President*.
W. S. SHARLAND.
JNO. A. MOORE.
W. A. B. JAMIESON.
W. TARLETON.
HENRY BUTLER.
HENRY HUNTER.
FREDK. M. INNES.

No. 1.

RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, showing the Per-centage of Discharges and Deaths during the Year 1868.

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	DISCHARGED RECOVERED.			DEATHS.			RATE PER CENT. OF RECOVERIES.		RATE PER CENT. OF DEATHS.	
				Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.
Remaining 31st December, 1867 ..	119	111	230										
Admitted during the year 1868	24	10	34	10	4	14	8	5	13	41.6	5.80	38.8	4.244
TOTAL.....	143	121	264										
Remaining 31st December, 1868 ...	125	112	237										

G. F. HUSTON, *Superintendent and Medical Officer*.

No. 2.

RETURN of Articles of Clothing, &c. made and repaired by the Patients in the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk, from 1st January to 31st December, 1868.

	MADE.		REPAIRED.	
	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>
Aprons, women's .....	..	264	..	..
Boots, men's, pairs	4	..	181	..
Boots, women's, pairs	7	..	21	..
Boots, children's, pairs	3	..	18	..
Boots, binding	3	..	..	..
Blinds, window .....	..	22	..	..
Blankets .....	..	..	4	..
Blouzes, boys' .....	..	..	..	15
Cases, pillow and bolster .....	..	168	..	25
Caps, women's .....	..	71	..	..
Coats, blue and tweed	4	..	43	..
Dresses, print .....	..	18	..	..
Dresses, ticking .....	..	..	..	..
Drawers, flannel .....	..	16	..	35
Drawers, cotton .....	..	2	..	..
Dresses, winsey .....	..	59	..	10
Dresses, serge .....	..	32	..	..
Frocks, linen, men's .....	..	..	272	..
Hoods, women's .....	..	125	..	..
Handkerchiefs, hemmed .....	..	17	..	..
Jackets, blue cloth	27	..	182	..
Jackets, serge, women's .....	..	80	..	26
Jackets, cotton, women's .....	..	76	..	..
Jackets, canvas	2	..	8	..
Mattresses	3	..	..	..
Miscellaneous small articles	43	130	301	70
Palliassees .....	..	..	16	30
Petticoats, serge and flannel .....	..	123	..	30
Rugs, woollen .....	..	..	..	..
Rugs, Osnaburg	1	..	3	3
Shawls .....	..	..	..	..
Sheets .....	..	..	..	52
Shirts, men's .....	..	359	2	693
Shoes, men's, pairs	1	..	49	..
Shoes, women's, pairs	4	..	54	..
Shifts, women's .....	..	137	..	..
Socks, worsted, pairs .....	..	..	..	..
Slippers, pairs	4	..	9	..
Sackings, bed .....	..	..	..	..
Stockings, pairs .....	..	..	..	1185
Towels .....	..	48	..	..
Trowsers, fustian	79	..	686	..
Trowsers, tweed	23	..	200	..
Trowsers, linen .....	..	..	110	..
Table-cloths .....	..	44	..	10
Waistcoats, flannel .....	..	96	..	20
Waistcoats, blue cloth, tweed, and fustian	36	..	143	..

G. F. HUSTON, *Superintendent and Medical Officer.*