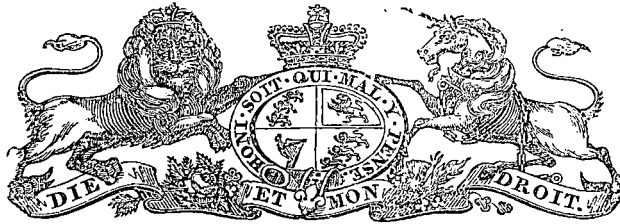


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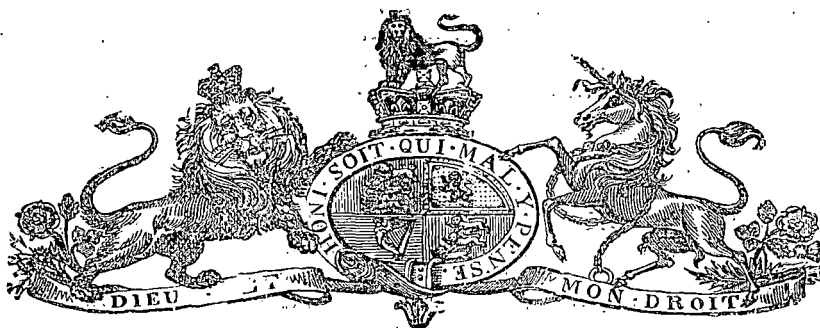
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR **1893.**

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



HOSPITAL FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1893.

31st January, 1893.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report for this Institution for the year 1893.

Patients remaining 1st January.....	6
Admitted during the year.....	29
TOTAL.....	35
Discharged during the year.....	28
Remaining 31st December.....	7
TOTAL.....	35

Of the 35 patients treated—

17 were for the first time.
 5 " second time.
 3 " third time.
 4 " fourth time.
 1 " fifth time.
 5 " sixth time and over.

2 were under 15 years of age.

20 between 15 and 25.

10 " 25 and 35.

3 " 35 and 45.

34 were natives of Tasmania.

1 native of the United States America.

Average age, 25.34.

Education—26 could read and write; 2 read only; 7 could neither read nor write.

The daily average was 7.92; and the average period of detention, 80 days.

Cases treated—

Syphilis, primary.....	7
" tertiary.....	1
Gonorrhoea.....	26
	*1
	35

* This patient was supposed to be diseased, and was detained some time for medical examination, but subsequently discharged, the Medical Officer being unable to trace the same.

Expenditure—	£	s.	d.
Salaries	60	0	0
Provisions.....	98	10	4
Stores.....	10	1	10
Fuel, Light, and Water.....	19	12	9
Repairs.....	1	7	6
Medicines	15	0	0
Miscellaneous.....	0	8	0
	<u>£205</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>

The total expenditure was £205 0s. 5d., as against £207 6s. 4d. for 1892; the cost per head, viz., £25 17s. 8d., being a decrease of £1 10s. 10½d. compared with the previous year. This decrease would have been greater had a sum of £15 been included in the expenditure for the year 1892 for Medicines and Medical Attendance, which I find was inadvertently omitted. The reduction in the cost per head is chiefly attributable to the increase in the daily average and to a saving effected in the salary of the Enquiring Officer.

The highest number of inmates at any one time was 10, The lowest number was 5.

A large amount of sewing was done for the Charitable Institution and the Gaol.

The patients were, on the whole, well conducted, and attended to in a kind and skilful manner by the Nurse.

One case calls for special attention, viz., that of a patient who was bedridden the whole of the year, and who it is feared will never recover, although only 25 years of age. She has been detained in this Hospital for 1053 days since first admitted (26th March, 1889); the last period of continuous detention extending from May, 1892, to the present time.

Mrs. G. Soltau and Miss Shoobridge occasionally visited the patients with a view of inducing them to lead better lives, and it is to be hoped that the praiseworthy efforts of these ladies were successful.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. DANIELS, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.