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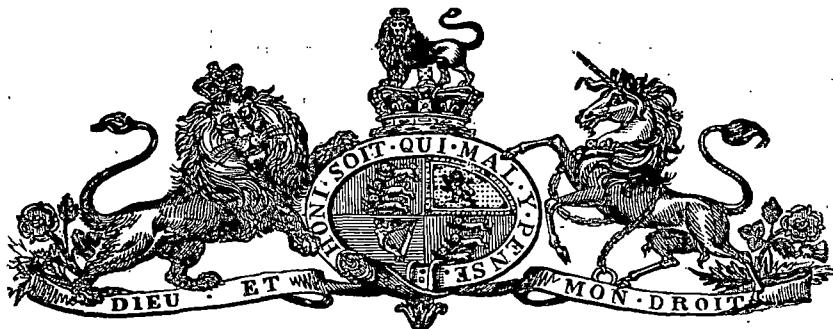
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1887.

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



GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

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L. G. THOMPSON, M.B. & C.M. Aber., L.R.C.P. Edin., L.R.C.S. Edin., M.D. Aber.

House Surgeon.

J. M. PARDEY, M.B. Melb., Ch.B. Melb.

Secretary to Board.

T. GLADMAN.

Lady Superintendent.

J. H. MILNE.

House Steward and Dispenser.

B. A. TRAGITT.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1887.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report of the Board of Management, giving particulars regarding the government, condition, and cost of the above-named Hospital for the year 1887.

2. Messrs. Irvine, Pike, and Weedon retired during the month of December, 1886, and Messrs. Barnes, Collins, and Ferguson completed their term of office in December 1887. These several gentlemen were re-elected to their various positions on the Board. During the year, consequent upon failing health, Mr. Edgell was granted three months' leave of absence.

3. Fourteen Board and thirty-nine Committee meetings were held during the year.

4. When it was recognised that variola existed in Launceston towards the end of September, Dr. Pardey was appointed Surgeon in charge of the Quarantine Station. Two of our nurses also, Misses Lockhart and Johnston, volunteered their services and proceeded into camp. The Surgeon-Superintendent vaccinated many hundreds of citizens gratuitously while the scare lasted.

5. Consequent upon the illness of three of the staff it became necessary to engage an extra nurse in March.

6. A gardener is regularly employed in the grounds.

7. A very large number of patients were admitted during the year suffering from continued fever of a typhoid type. Their treatment and nursing gave much anxiety to the officers and staff.

8. A discovery having been made that the Board are not legally entitled to administer what have hitherto been considered to be their private funds, we have been pleased to learn that the Attorney-General hopes to be able to introduce a bill to empower the governing bodies of Charitable Institutions to deal with funds derived from contributions given by benevolent persons for the benefit of such Institutions.

9. We are under obligations to the ladies who conduct the Flower Mission, to the proprietors of Tasmanian newspapers for the gratuitous distribution of their journals, and to various private citizens for numerous acts of generosity.

10. There is a falling off in the amount of fees received from patients who contribute towards their maintenance. During the first half of the year 1886 a charge of four and sixpence per diem was made against persons who could pay full rates; but during the latter half of the same year, and during the entire year 1887, a charge of three and ninepence only was made.

11. The following improvements have been carried out—

The new boiler-house has been completed during the year; but the wood and coal shed could not be used for the purpose for which it was intended, so the premises have been converted into a general store-room.

Hot water was put in circulation all over the building on 19th February. There are over one thousand feet of piping, and from two to three thousands of gallons of hot water are kept in circuit. It has been observed that when the water boils in the tank over the Nurses Home the entire building vibrates. As the piping is not insulated much heat is lost by condensation. The subway in which the supply pipes are concealed collapsed shortly after its completion.

The walls of the ophthalmic wards have been painted, and show to advantage.

An alternative supply of water has been brought down French-street by a new main. The cylinder of the hydraulic lift has been re-drilled, and the plant now rests on a bed of masonry.

The grounds are now enclosed by a combined galvanized and picket iron fence.

We are possessed of an ambulance wagon. A sum of money (£3700) being available, we look forward to the renovation of the older portions of the Hospital during the year 1888.

C.

Number of out-patients attending at Hospital? 594.
 Number of attendances? 3109.
 Number attended at their own homes? Nil.
 Number of women attended in confinement at their own homes? Nil.

D.

Number of paid medical officers? Two.
 Amount of their salaries? £626 3s. 2d.
 Any paid non-resident medical officer? No.
 Number of members comprising the honorary consulting staff? Five.
 Number of paid officers, exclusive of nurses and servants? Three.
 Annual amount of their salaries? £350.
 Number of nursing staff? 125.
 Amount of their salaries? £412 1s. 5d.
 Number of servants? 16 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 Amount of their salaries? £505 18s. 1d.
 Total cost of salaries? £1893 14s. 11d.
 Cost of allowances? £54 3s. 4d.
 Any enquiry officer concerning out-patients? No.

E.

Annual cost of provisions? £1458 3s. 3d.
 Annual cost of wines, beers, spirits, &c.? £99 10s. 2d.
 Washing done on premises? Yes.
 Cost of fire and light? £849 16s. 1d.
 Cost of linen and bedding, furniture, and earthenware? £408 19s. 2d.
 Cost of drugs and surgical instruments? £342 14s. 1d.
 Cost of water supply? £169 15s. 6d.
 Cost of printing and stationery? £28 5s. 7d.
 Cost of funerals? £124 16s.
 Cost of repairs? £122 13s. 5d.
 Cost of each occupied bed (reckoned on the daily average number of patients)? £70 16s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

F.

Contract price of bread? 10s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 100.
 Contract price of meat? Supplied by joint.

Expenditure for year 1887, arranged under the customary heads:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and allowances.....	1947 18 3	
Provisions	1458 3 3	
Alcoholic foods	99 10 2	
Clothing, bedding, and stores	354 19 8	
Fuel, light, and water	550 14 3	
Funeral expenses	124 16 0	
Stationery and advertising	28 5 7	
Medicines and surgical instruments.....	342 14 1	
Incidental expenses	61 2 9	
Repairs to buildings	122 13 5	
Furniture	53 19 6	
Washing for nurses' home	40 17 10	
Uniform for nurses.....	39 0 6	
 Gross Expenditure.....		 5224 15 3
Attendance and medicines, Invalid Depôt	33 0 0	
Ditto, Penal Establishment	22 10 0	
Estimated cost of treating out-patients, at 2s. 6d.	74 5 0	
Stores supplied to Quarantine Stations	224 8 11	
Paid to Treasury, fees from patients	1031 16 4	
Ditto, for sale of offal, &c.....	8 1 3	
 Net expenditure.....		 1394 1 6
 Net expenditure.....		 £3830 13 9

Attached are the usual Returns of all cases treated at the Hospital during the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. COLLINS, *Chairman of Board of Management.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

13th February, 1888.

<i>Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.</i>		<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Cases.</i>
Diseases of the Bones—			
Inflammation	4		
Diseases of the Joints—			
Inflammation.....	2		
	6		
<i>Diseases of Bursæ and Sheaths of Tendon.</i>			
Inflamed bursa	1		
Thecal abscess	3		
	4		
TOTAL GROUP 9	10		
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<i>Diseases of the Connective Tissue.</i>			
Abscess	7		
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TOTAL GROUP 10.....	7		
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<i>Diseases of the Skin.</i>			
Eczema	5		
Ecthyma	6		
Ulcer	15		
Boils	1		
Tinea	2		
Herpes.....	3		
Scabies	10		
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Urbicaria	2		
Psoriasis	2		
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TOTAL GROUP 11.....	46		
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<i>Poisons.</i>			
Stramonium	1		
	—		
<i>Injuries.</i>			
Contusions.....	19		
Wounds	38		
Burns.....	2		
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<i>Fractures—</i>			
Clavicle	3		
Lower jaw	2		
Ribs	4		
Humerus	2		
Forearm	4		
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TOTAL GROUP 12	75		
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<i>Human Parasites.</i>			
Nemaboda	15		
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TOTAL GROUP 13	15		
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GRAND TOTAL	594		
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L. GREY THOMPSON, M.D. Aber., Superintendent.