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BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPOT.

REPORT FOR 1868.

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ANNUAL REPORT of the BRICKFIELDS PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT for the Year 1868.

SIR,

WE have the honor to lay before the Government the Annual Report of this Institution for the year ending 31st December, 1868.

The average daily number of Invalids maintained during that period has been 220; the aggregate expense of their maintenance £3222 16s. 1½*d.*, which is at the rate of £14 13s. per annum, or 9½*d.* for each inmate per day. This includes every expense of maintenance, superintendence, servants, medical allowance, medicine, and repairs to buildings.

The labour of the Invalids, as far as practicable, has been made available. The produce of the garden for the last year was 34,385 lbs. of vegetables,—a slight decrease upon the returns of last year, owing to an unfavourable season. Additional ground is being gradually brought into cultivation, but, being of an inferior quality, it will take some time to put it in working order.

The Rules and Regulations for the management of the Establishment have been revised during the past year, and submitted to and approved by the Government.

On the recommendation of the Board, two of the Officers have been appointed special constables for the purpose of good order and discipline in the Depôt. There have been but few cases of misconduct during the year.

The amount necessary for the erection of the new Mess-room, as proposed by the Board in their letter of the 6th of November, 1867, having been again placed on the Estimates, the work will no doubt be undertaken and completed without further delay.

Thanks are due to His Excellency Colonel Gore Browne, the late Governor, and also to several ladies and gentlemen for the interest they have taken in the Institution; also to some friends for providing readings and other amusements, and supplying Newspapers, &c. for the inmates.

Religious instruction has been imparted by different Ministers of Religion to the members of their respective creeds.

The Board have much pleasure in stating that the Superintendent continues to discharge his duties in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

The strength of the Establishment on the 1st January, 1868, was 218; received during the year, 150; total, 368. Discharged, 135; died, 19; total, 154; remaining 1st January, 1869, 214. The average age of those who died was over 75,—the oldest being 93, and the youngest 53. The average age of those remaining 68,—the oldest being 92, and the youngest 15.

In conclusion, the Board desire to express their deep regret at the unexpected death, in Victoria, of their late esteemed Chairman, Thomas Macdowell, Esquire, and to record their warm appreciation of the services rendered by him to this Institution during the many years of his connection with it.

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HENRY COOK.
HENRY HUNTER.
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The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.