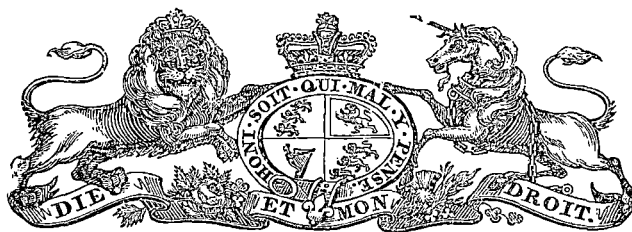


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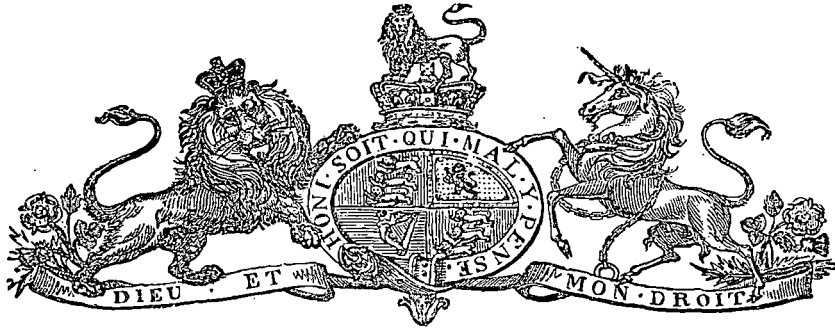
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CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1891.

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



## CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, LAUNCESTON.

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29th February, 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report for this Establishment for the year 1891.

### *Admissions and Discharges.*

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
The number of inmates remaining on January 1st was.....	166	45	211
Admitted during the year .....	198	39	237
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	364	84	448
Discharged during the year .....	152	30	182
Died .....	60	10	70
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	212	40	252
Remaining on 31st December.....	152	44	196
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	364	84	448

*Admissions.*—The admissions during the year show a decrease of 48 males and 13 females. The daily average was—males, 168·40, females, 47, of whom 212·12 were chargeable to the Colonial Government and 3·28 to the Imperial Government.

The daily average for 1890 was—males, 170·70, females, 40·27.

*Discharges.*—28 were transferred to New Town Charitable Institution, 11 to the Police for breaches of the Regulations, 11 absconded, 31 were discharged by the approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants, 7 were let out on pass, 94 were discharged at their own request, 70 died.

*Mortality.*—The death-rate was 15·62 per cent., as against 10·15 for 1890. The average age at death was 73·8, the maximum being 114, and the minimum 24 years. The united ages of the 10 oldest who died was 890 years, being an average of 89 years. The maximum age at death referred to was that of Samuel Cox.

*Ages.*—The average ages of inmates was—males, 69, females, 65.

### *Condition.*

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Free by servitude .....	297	50	347
Arrived free .....	53	20	73
Natives .....	14	14	28
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	364	84	448
<i>Remaining on 31st December.</i>			
Free by servitude .....	115	27	142
Arrived free .....	28	13	41
Natives .....	9	4	13
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	152	44	196

*Expenditure.*—The gross expenditure for the year was £3127 12s. 4d. The annual cost per head was £14 10s. 4½d. and £14 1s. 10½d., on gross and net expenditure respectively, as against £13 0s. 10¾d. and £12 12s. 7d. for 1890.

*Remarks.*—Early in the year the late Overseer, Mr. M'Connell, returned to his duties, but after a few months' trial felt himself unequal to their proper discharge, and he was allowed six months' leave on full pay, which was subsequently increased to nine months; and, at my recommendation, Mr. E. Daniels, the Clerk, was appointed as Acting Overseer during the period of the former's temporary retirement. I am pleased to report that by his zeal and activity he has given every satisfaction,—many improvements conducing to the comfort and welfare of the inmates, as well as the appearance of the wards, having been suggested and carried out under his practical supervision.

Although additional accommodation was provided during the year, it was found necessary to transfer twenty-eight male paupers to New Town Charitable Institution, in order to admit eligible applicants whose physical condition or family ties rendered their stay in the north desirable.

You will observe that the cost per head was considerably higher than that of the previous year. This is accounted for by the fact that a special vote was made for clothing very urgently required, and the appointment of additional Attendants, &c.; but the benefits accruing therefrom more than justify the increased expenditure; and, although I have paid all possible respect to the economical working of the Institution, nothing of importance having regard to the comfort of the inmates has, I believe, been omitted.

The appointment of additional Attendants, as advocated in my last Report, has conferred a great boon on the inmates of the Hospital and convalescent wards, and which was greatly appreciated by the patients therein.

During the year a good deal was done to make the buildings as presentable as possible; but, owing to the dilapidated condition of some of them, constant renovation was necessary.

The establishment of a proper fumigating chamber enabled me to introduce a regular and systematic process of fumigation, which, with the increased bathing facilities, has proved very beneficial.

The renovation of the hot-water apparatus, and its extension to other wards, has also given great satisfaction.

You will observe that the number of deaths was eighteen in excess of the preceding year, and the death-rate per cent. abnormally high, due probably to the late epidemic and the great age of many of the inmates.

A less proportion of those who are native born remaining on 31st December compared with previous years is still noticeable.

As in former years, there have been many entertainments of a pleasing nature given by sympathetic ladies and gentlemen, thus helping to relieve the inmates of the sameness prevalent in such Institutions.

I am indebted to those ladies who have established a flower mission, and whose visits and kindness give so much pleasure to the inmates, also to the Matron of the Girls' Industrial School, who so often brought the children to sing to the old folk.

The ordinary religious services, conducted by members of almost all denominations, were continued, and, on the whole, well attended.

The usual extras provided by the Government on Queen's Birthday and Christmas Day were supplemented by the gifts of several ladies and gentlemen, whose generosity I take this opportunity to acknowledge.

The cost per head per diem was 9½d. and 9¼d. on gross and net expenditure respectively.

Appended are the usual Returns setting forth the expenditure in detail, also extracts from the Visitors Book.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. G. QUODLING, *Superintendent.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart*

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*RETURN showing Cost of CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, Launceston, for the Year 1891.*

Daily Average—Colonial Government, 212·12; Imperial Government, 3·28.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE.			CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	641	10	5	For maintenance of inmates.....	81	0	3
Contingencies—				Agistment at Glen Dhu .....	7	11	0
Provisions and medical comforts....	1479	9	11	Repayment gas by hands .....	3	0	0
Clothing, bedding, and stores .....	530	6	3	Balance, being net Expenditure.....	3036	1	1
Medical attendance and medicines...:	53	15	0				
Funerals, furniture, & miscellaneous	190	5	0				
Fuel, light, and water.....	187	4	1				
Repairs and alterations .....	45	1	8				
	<u>£3127</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£3127</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

*RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1891.*

Heads.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries.....	521 11 8	641 10 5	119 18 9	
Contingencies—				
Provisions and medical comforts....	1500 0 0	1479 9 11	...	20 10 1
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery .....	370 0 0	530 6 3	160 6 3	
Medical attendance and medicines...	53 15 0	53 15 0		
Funerals, furniture, miscellaneous, and incidental .....	170 0 0	190 5 0	20 5 0	
Fuel, light, and water.....	210 0 0	187 4 1	...	22 15 11
Repairs and alterations to buildings	50 0 0	45 1 8	...	4 18 4
	<u>2875 6 8</u>	<u>3127 12 4</u>	<u>300 10 0</u>	<u>48 4 4</u>

Estimated cost..... £2875 6 8

Actual cost..... 3127 12 4

Excess of Estimate..... £252 5 8

*DECENNIAL RETURN showing the Number of Persons remaining in the CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, Launceston, on 1st January; Number received, discharged, and remaining on the 31st December of each year; Net cost per Head; and total Cost of Institution.*

YEAR.	Remaining on 1st January.	Received during Year.	TOTAL.	Discharged during Year.	Died during Year.	TOTAL.	Remaining on 31st December.	Net Cost per Head.	Gross Cost of Establishment.
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1882...	137	172	309	124	52	176	133	12 3 0	1943 14 7
1883...	133	174	307	136	28	164	143	13 15 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	1968 16 1
1884...	143	164	307	129	34	163	144	14 16 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	2286 3 1
1885...	144	178	322	142	31	173	149	14 19 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	2294 0 7
1886...	149	140	289	147	29	176	113	13 12 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1816 4 11
1887...	131	223	354	154	40	194	160	13 7 2	2050 5 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
1888...	160	282	442	208	40	248	194	12 12 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3009 17 2
1889...	194	322	516	251	51	302	214	12 3 9	2955 5 3
1890...	214	298	512	249	52	301	211	12 12 7	2752 2 1
1891...	211	237	448	182	70	252	196	14 1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	3127 12 4

*Extracts from Visitors' Book.*

As a visitor to the Launceston Invalid Depôt, it gives me great pleasure to record the marked improvement in the condition of the inmates since Mr. Daniels has been in charge as acting-overseer.

The difficulties he has had to surmount have been no slight ones, as he has other calls upon his time. Certainly a great change has come over the whole scene, but in the Hospital the change for the better is most apparent. The sick and the dying look as if they were cared for, and the whole place has a more wholesome atmosphere.

(Signed) C. H. YOUNG, *Curate Trinity Church.*

15th October, 1891.

I CONSIDER a great improvement has been made in this Institution. The old men tell me that Mr. Daniels is very kind to them, and that he seeks their comfort, especially the sick; at the same time firmness is combined.

(Signed) E. L. DITCHAM.

1st November, 1891.

I HAVE been a frequent visitor to the Invalid Depôt, Launceston, for twelve years, and during the whole of that period have never seen the Institution kept in better order than it is at the present time.

I gladly bear my testimony to the great improvements recently introduced by Mr. Daniels, and I earnestly trust that the good work will be carried on, which will make the Institution a credit to the Government, as well as to those who have the management of it.

(Signed) R. MARSHALL, *City Missionary.*

5th November, 1891.

As a constant visitor for over twenty years, I can fully endorse the views expressed by previous remarks, and consider those in charge worthy of commendation.

(Signed) JOHN SINCLAIR, *Lay Reader.*

Much pleased and astonished at the great improvements which have been effected within the last few months, and the evident care which is taken of patients.

(Signed) K. J. THOMPSON.

20th November, 1891.

On my visit to the Hospital Depôt I was much pleased to find the Ward in such an excellent condition. It would make a fair contrast with many of the hospitals that I have inspected in various parts of the world. It reflects great credit upon the officials.

(Signed) E. L. CROWTHER, *M.D., M.H.A.*

27th November, 1891.

Very pleased with our visit. Everything in most satisfactory state, reflecting great credit on Mr. Quodling and his staff.

(Signed) H. L. CROWTHER, *S.M.*  
F. G. N. CHANCELLOR.

Delighted with the wonderful improvements since my last visit, Christmas, 1890. I quite understand how much real work and anxiety must have been gone through to bring this Institution to its present stage of order and cleanliness. I hope before long our Government will provide more Attendants, for, judging by the number of inmates, I am sure the present staff cannot carry out their many duties just as they would wish.

(Signed) AMY F. BEARD, *Matron Girls' Industrial School.*

28th November, 1891.

I have very great pleasure in testifying to the good work which has lately been carried on in the Hospital Wards at the Launceston Depôt. Their appearance has wholly changed, and, in place of the former untidiness, cleanliness, order, and discipline reign. The officials are much to be commended for the improvement, and I trust it will be many a long day before any official change takes place, as they are responsible for the improvements effected here.

(Signed) J. M. PARDEY, *M.B., B.S., formerly Visiting Surgeon.*

19th December, 1891.