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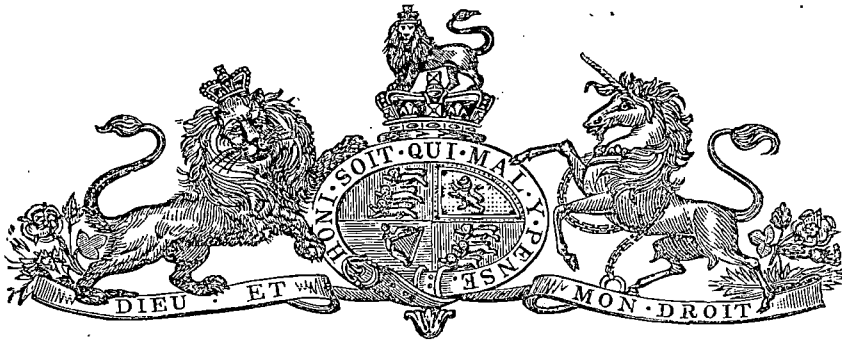
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GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER:

REPORT FOR 1898.

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GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Macquarie-street, Hobart, 31st March, 1899.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, in accordance with instructions as Government Medical Officer, to furnish the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1898:—

Health Officer of the Port of Hobart.

During the year 1898 two ships flying the yellow flag entered the port. On boarding them each vessel was found to have two cases of Scarlet Fever. Due precaution was taken in each instance as regards isolation.

Two Chinese landed at Hobart during the year.

Attendance on the Poor at their Homes.

I have received from the Government Inspecting Officer, Mr. Pearce, 376 orders. I have made over 1000 visits to the homes of these patients. On referring to the Government Register I find there are nearly 1000 names.

In 1898 807 prescriptions were dispensed at the Hobart Hospital from the Visiting Medical Officer to the poor of the City of Hobart.

Owing to an outbreak of Measles in the City of Hobart during the year the work of this Department has been greatly increased. Fortunately the type of the disease was of a mild form, and the weather being favourable for recovery, very few relapses occurred.

During the first half of the year Scarlet Fever made its appearance, and, owing to its infectious nature and the extreme difficulty of isolation, spread through the City, adding considerably to the duties of the Medical Officer throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST J. CROUCH, *M.R.C.S., Eng.,*
Government Medical Officer.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.