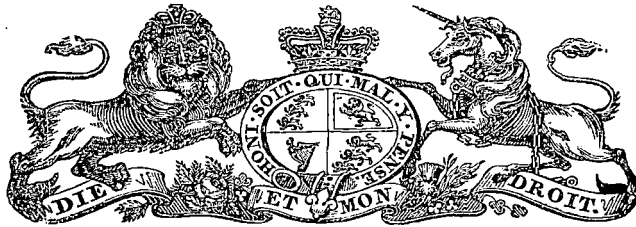


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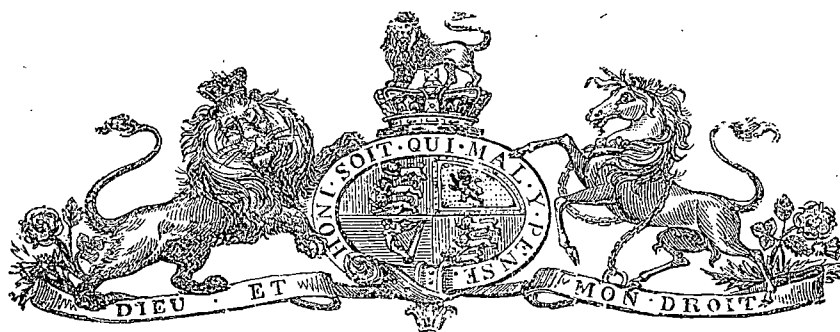
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REPORT FOR 1898.

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1898.

January 23rd, 1899.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Fourth Annual Report of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the year ending December, 1898.

Admissions and Discharges.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of inmates remaining 1st January	142	43	185
Admissions during the year	146	41	187
Discharges during the year	99	27	126
Died during the year	64	14	78
Remaining at end of year (31st December)	125	43	168

The daily average of males was 140, females 48; total 188, of whom 186 were charged to the Colonial Government, and two to the Imperial Government.

During the year there were 78 deaths, 64 of whom were males and 14 females.

The average age of inmates was 71·76 for males, and 70·16 for females.

Birthplaces of Inmates.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania	26	13	39
England and Wales	135	24	159
Ireland	83	35	118
Scotland	22	12	34
Foreign Countries	5	0	5
TOTAL	355

Education.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Unable to read	85	35	120
Able to read only	21	18	39
Able to read and write	165	31	196
TOTAL	355

The total expenditure was £2152 19s. 5d., of which £2050 was contributed by the Government, the balance received being fees from various sources.

The annual cost per head to the Government was £10 18s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., the gross cost amounting to £11 9s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; the daily cost per head was 7·52d.

The buildings have been kept in good order and repair.

The conduct of the inmates has been satisfactory, and the health good throughout the year.

STATEMENT of Expenditure for 1898 of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum.

	£	s.	d.
Bread	295	11	5
Meat.....	433	2	8
Groceries and Medical Comforts	503	7	1
Drapery, Clothing, Boots, &c.	133	19	4
Fuel.....	90	5	8
Ironmongery and Repairs	89	12	11
Miscellaneous	53	1	2
Salaries	404	10	3
Gas and Water.....	39	0	8
Balance due to Bank	0	14	3
Burials	119	14	0
	<u>£2152</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>

THOMAS CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*
January 23, 1899.

Correct.

JOHN STEPHENSON, *Chairman of Board of Management.*