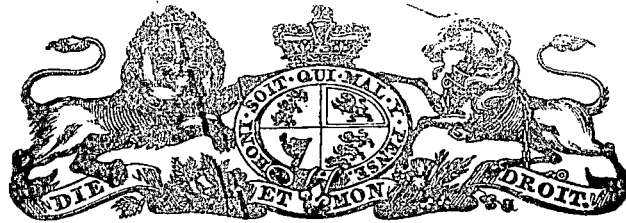


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

MOUNT BISCHOFF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL:

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



FOURTH Annual Report MOUNT BISCHOFF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

YOUR Committee have much pleasure in laying before you the Fourth Annual Report, together with the Financial Statement for 1884. In doing so, they cannot but feel sensible at the amount of good rendered to the community by having such an Institution as the Hospital at Waratah, and it affords much gratification to find that their efforts in managing it are generally recognised.

Buildings and Improvements.—Under this heading your Committee report that the repairing of the old ward known as No. 1, and the addition thereto of another apartment (which works were in progress towards the close of the year), have since been finished. Should any great demand be made upon the Hospital, it will now be fully met with the increased accommodation.

To render the new ward well appointed, six iron bedsteads of an improved pattern have been ordered from England through the Government, and may be expected shortly.

The drainage of the Hospital grounds, which was mooted in last Report, has since been attended to, and completed at the close of the year. At first it was thought that it would have been a very expensive undertaking, but upon forming estimates it was found that the outlay would be comparatively small, the total cost of labour and material amounting to £35 11s. 1d. This amount would have been much larger had it not been for the kindness of Mr. Lindsay Tulloch, agent for the *Devon* steamship, in forwarding the pipes, &c. from Launceston to Emu Bay at a reduced rate of freight, and of Mr. Norton-Smith, Manager of the V.D.L. Co., in making no charge whatever for freight from Emu Bay, merely charging for the loading. Messrs. Campbell and Gunn, whilst not making any actual reduction in the price of the material, kindly gave a liberal donation to the Hospital funds. To the gentlemen mentioned many thanks are due for the assistance rendered by them, and so helping to reduce what would otherwise have been a much more expensive work.

It was thought advisable, whilst the drainage works were in progress, to have the yard properly laid out and gravelled, which was accordingly done at a cost of £29 15s.

The front of the building has been made to present a very creditable appearance by the laying out of flower beds, &c., whilst the ground at the rear has been utilised as a vegetable garden, and presents a very neat appearance, reflecting great credit on the part of the wardman.

The Hospital buildings, both interior and exterior, have been painted, for which the sum of £50 19s. was paid.

Your Committee have in view the construction of proper appliances for baths, and until this is effected the Institution, as a Hospital, cannot be said to be complete.

Other minor improvements have been effected, which add greatly to its appearance and usefulness.

Medical.—During the year the Medical Officer has made 820 visits and held 1330 consultations. Of this number 27 were admitted into the Institution. One death only occurred during the year. On comparison it will be seen that the mortality is less than that of the previous year, when five deaths were registered.

At the expiration of the engagement of Dr. Kennedy, which was for a period of twelve months, an application was received from him for increased remuneration, and your Committee, in consideration of his professional ability, and a promise held out at the commencement of his engagement, resolved to increase his salary by £100.

The system previously in force of supplying provisions for the patients occasioning a great deal of unavoidable trouble, your Committee entered into an agreement with the nurse to supply diets to the patients, as prescribed by the medical officer, for three shillings per diem, and up to the present this system has been found to work very satisfactorily.

The number of subscribers now amount to about 480, with a revenue from that source of £860 16s. 10d., as against 400, with £655 3s. 11d., of the previous year.

The Institution has, through the energy of Mr. Kayser, been the recipient of munificent donations from the Mt. Bischoff Company of £200, and Dr. Agnew, of Hobart, £25. Donations have also been received from the Stanhope Company, W. Ritchie, Esq., and minor sums from other parties. It is needless to remark that without the assistance thus rendered the finances of the Institution would have been in a very backward state, and to those sources every thanks are due. Assistance has also been received from the Government to the extent of £100, being the amount of subsidy for 1883. It is with pleasure your Committee beg to inform you that the sum of £200 has been placed on the Estimates for 1884.

The Church collections show an improvement on the contributions of last year, being £16 6s. 6d., as against £13 10s. 8d., and many thanks are due to the clergy and congregations of the different Churches for their kind efforts in assisting the Hospital funds. The sum of £3 12s has also been handed over, being proceeds from the Blue Ribbon meetings held in the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Churches respectively.

Committee.—There have only been two changes in the Committee during the year, viz., Mr. Stewart Taylor being elected in place of Mr. W. Carter, and the former gentleman since resigning, Mr. R. Mitchell has been elected in his stead.

Finding that there was no necessity for holding fortnightly meetings as heretofore, your Committee resolved from 23rd June last to hold same monthly, and have continued to do so from that date.

Your Committee would take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. F. A. Horne and T. D. Patterson for the satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duties as Auditors for the past year. These gentlemen this year retire, but are eligible for re-election.

The retiring members of Committee are Messrs. J. Quinton, G. Dakin, T. F. Green, J. C. King, J. S. Roberts, R. Mitchell, and W. Harris, all of whom, however, are eligible for re-election.

In conclusion, your Committee wish to record their pleasure at the satisfactory manner in which the Medical Officer and the other officials connected with the management of the Institution have fulfilled their duties, and trust that whenever required the Hospital will continue to prove a boon to the inhabitants of Waratah and surrounding districts.

H. W. FERD. KAYSER, *Chairman.*
WM. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

Waratah, 9th February, 1885.

Hon. ADYE DOUGLAS, Chief Secretary, Hobart.

TABULAR Statement of the Cases treated in the MOUNT BISCHOFF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL from January 1st to December 31st, 1884.

	<i>Cases treated in Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
Stomach and Bowels	4	—
Lungs	6	—
Fevers	2	1
Joint Diseases	1	—
Wounds	3	—
Fractures	2	—
Burns	1	—
Eyes	1	—
Abscess	1	—
Child Birth	1	—
Other Diseases	2	—

No patients remained in Hospital at end of year.

Out-door Patients treated during the year ending 31st December, 1884 1330

JOHN KENNEDY, *M.D.*, *Surgeon and Physician in Charge.*

BALANCE SHEET, MOUNT BISCHOFF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, for Year ending 31st December, 1884.

<i>Dr.</i> RECEIPTS.			<i>Cr.</i> EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1884.			1883.		
Dec. 31. To Subscriptions.....	860	16 10	Dec. 31. By Balance	178	11 5
Donations.....	250	7 5	1884.		
Proceeds of Entertainments ...	19	0 0	Dec.		
Hospital Dues	15	10 0	Salaries	588	2 2
Pauper Fees from Government	12	16 0	Medicines, &c.....	220	17 7
Church Collections.....	16	6 6	Buildings, Improvements, &c.	308	5 1
Proceeds of Blue Ribbon Meet- ings	3	12 0	Stores, &c.	49	3 1
Government grant for 1883.....	100	0 0	Maintenance Fees.....	48	0 0
	1278	8 9	Furniture	14	5 0
Balance as per Bank pass-book.....	£194	14 6	Firewood	25	0 5
Amount placed in Bank in excess.....	9	2 0	Additional Medical Attendance	10	0 0
	203	16 6	Medical Comforts	4	15 0
	£1482	5 3	Printing.....	4	0 0
			Insurance Premium	2	16 3
			Library Subscription.....	1	10 0
			Petty Cash	2	8 3
			Miscellaneous	2	17 6
			Interest on overdraft.....	21	13 6
				£1482	5 3

JOHN S. ROBERTS, *Treasurer.*
WM. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

Examined and found correct.

FRED. A. HORNE, } *Auditors.*
T. D. PATTERSON, }

9th February, 1885.