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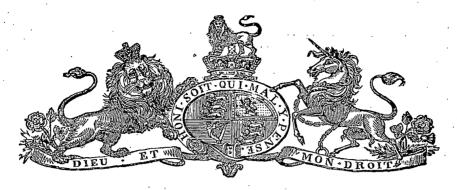
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GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1878.

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LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1878.

29th April, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Report of the Launceston General Hospital for 1878.

The past year has been a comparatively uneventful one, and nothing has transpired worthy of report.

The number of admissions exceeded that of the previous year by 27.

There were admitted during the year 484 Patients, of whom 355 were males, and 129 females.

The total expenditure for the year is in excess of that of last year; and the daily cost per head is greater by $3\frac{1}{4}d$., a fact accounted for owing to the increased price of provisions and fuel.

The number of Outdoor Patients, 745, is less than last year, mainly owing to increased vigilance to prevent abuse, and to the prosperity of the class of persons seeking outdoor hospital relief.

The receipts from paying Patients is £328 9s. 6d., an increase of £34 13s. 4d. on those of the preceding year.

There had remained at the close of the previous year 46 Patients, so that the total number treated in 1878 was 529; and of these 423 were discharged cured or relieved, 56 died, and 52 remained under treatment.

The average daily number in Hospital was 541.

Of the 56 deaths, no less than 38 were over 50 years of age; many of them admitted in a hopeless state, surviving but a few hours after admission; and the average age was 53½ years.

The admissions were 27 in excess of last year, and the deaths were less by 17.

Of the Patients admitted 96 were self-supporting, 1 wholly chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 423 were Colonial Paupers.

The statistical information is as usual appended.

I have the honor to be, Sir.

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. MURPHY, M.R.C.S.E., &c. Surgeon Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

EXPENDITURE on account of the Launceston General Hospital for 1878.

				£	s.	d.
Salaries						0
Provisions and medical comforts				797	12	0
Fuel, light, and water					3	1
Clothing, bedding, and stores				257	10	2
Funeral expenses			·	59	0	0
Stationery and advertising			. .	7	12	4
Medicines and surgical instruments				265	7	7
Washing (at Gaol)	·	·		52	9	1
Insurance of House Surgeon's residence				7	10	0
Repairs, &c. to building				184	3	3
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			ō	£2883	2	6
Medical attendance and medicines supplied to Gaol and	£	s.	d.			
House of Correction			0			
Ditto to the Invalid Depôt	31	5	0			
Paid into Treasury for paying Patients	328	9	6			
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No. of Diets issued to Patients, 19,947.

No. of Diets issued to Attendants, 4380.

Daily cost of each Patient, 2s. 5\frac{3}{4}d.

Yearly cost of each Patient, £45 12s. 1\frac{1}{2}d.

The Cases treated during the year were :---

	Indoor Cases.	Outdoor Cases.	Total.
Diseases of the respiratory system	<i>5</i> 9	136	195
brain and nervous system	47	62	109
heart and blood-vessels	13	25	38
eyes	27	15	42
skin	32	51	83 .
bones and joints	48	39	87
digestive system	40	102	142
urinary organs	35	40	75
Fevers	11	19	.30
Dropsies	7	7	14
Rheumatic affections	38	36	74
Venereal affections	24	40	64
Abscesses and ulcers	35	27	62
Wounds and injuries	25	27	52
Uterine disorders	20	44	,64
All other diseases	23	75	98
	484	745	1229

The Diseases and Injuries which proved fatal were :-

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Inflammation of liver		Inflammation of brain	
Cancer	6	Stricture, &c	4
Jaundice Organic heart disease	6	Ulcer and debility	
Bronchitis Apoplexy	3	Spleen disease	
Inflammation of bowels	1	Disease of stomach	1
Typhoid fever Disease of kidneys	1	Spinal Disease	1
Pulmonary consumption	5	Total	<u></u>
Senility	Ī	,	ىد

The Ages of those who died were as follows :-

Under 20 years	2
From 20 to 30 years	6
30 to 40 years	4
40 to 50 years	6
50 to 60 years	17
60 to 70 years	15
70 to 80 years	6
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