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HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, NEW NORFOLK.

REPORT FOR 1866.

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*REPORT of the Commissioners of the HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, NEW NORFOLK,
for the Year 1866.*

Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st July, 1867.

THE Commissioners have the honor to present their Seventh Annual Report for this Institution.

The general management and conduct of the Institution has been highly satisfactory.

The new kitchen was finished at the beginning of the year, and has proved a commodious and convenient addition to the Establishment.

The old kitchen is now being converted into a bath-room and lavatory, and is nearly finished.

The Government having approved of a Medical Man being appointed in the place of the late Head Keeper, deceased, whose duties should comprise those of that Officer and also of House Surgeon, Dr. M'Carthy was appointed in April last; and the Commissioners have reason to be confirmed in their previously stated opinion, that this step has tended to "promote the efficiency of the Institution, and the well-being of its inmates."

The Institution continues to be conducted with the utmost possible economy consistent with the proper treatment of the Patients.

The number of admissions has been less during the past than in the previous year (1865); and ten of the 39 admitted had been previously inmates of the Institution, at periods varying from 17 years to 14 days.

The usual varied amusements have been provided for the Patients; and a local Dramatic Corps, formed among the attendants, has contributed much to the enjoyment of the inmates.

The amount contributed by paying Patients during the year was £891 9s. 10d.; and £34 17s. 11d. has been received for labour, washing, &c.

The total number of Patients treated was 268, of whom 186 were chargeable to the Colony, 49 to Imperial Funds, and 33 were wholly or in part self-supporting.

The average cost of each Patient was 1s. 10½d. per diem.

The total cost of the Establishment was £8000.

The Superintendent and Medical Officer reports the Staff of the Establishment to be in an efficient state; and the Commissioners have to thank that gentleman for the manner in which he has discharged his onerous and responsible duties.

The Commissioners, in concluding their Report, desire to renew their earnest and repeated representations to the Government of the urgent occasion which exists for the erection of a suitable building for the reception of Female paying Patients; and they beg to quote from their Report of last year on this important subject:—

“The Commissioners feel it to be their duty again to urge on the Government the erection of a separate cottage for the accommodation of the higher class of Female Patients, similar to that which has been provided in the Male Division, and has proved so beneficial to the Patients to whose use it has been devoted. Every year’s experience has more and more convinced the Commissioners of the advantages that would be derived from an addition of this nature to the Female Division of the Hospital.

“During the past year several Patients from the higher classes have been admitted under the pressure of necessity, as no other institution for the treatment of the Insane, public or private, exists in the Colony. They have been brought to the Hospital with great and painful reluctance by their friends, who, although entertaining the utmost confidence in the management of the Institution, and assured that their unfortunate relatives would be treated with all possible care and tenderness, were yet aware of the utter want of accommodation suitable to their tastes and habits.

“The separate cottage in the Male Division has proved to be self-supporting; and there is no reason to believe that a similar establishment for Female Patients would show a different result.

“There is, therefore, in the opinion of the Commissioners, no ground for hesitation in sanctioning the small expenditure required for this building, highly necessary, they believe, both to the character of the Institution and the efficient treatment of the class of Patients for whose accommodation it would be provided.”

Appended to this Report are Tables affording the necessary statistical information respecting the Hospital and its inmates.

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No. 1.

RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, showing the Per-centage of Discharges and Deaths during the Year 1866.

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	DISCHARGED RECOVERED.			DEATHS.			RATE PER CENT. OF RECOVERIES.		RATE PER CENT. OF DEATHS.	
				Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.
Remaining 31st December, 1865 ...	118	111	229										
Admitted during 1866	26	13	39	13	7	20	6	7	13	51.11	7.124	33.13	4.228
TOTAL	144	124	268										
Remaining 31st December, 1866 ...	125	110	235										

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No. 2.

RETURN of Articles of Clothing, &c. made and repaired by the Patients in the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk from 1st January to 31st December, 1866.

	MADE.		REPAIRED.	
	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>
Aprons, women's.....	..	45	..	..
Boots, men's, pairs.....	1	..	211	..
Boots, women's, pairs.....	..	..	30	..
Boots, children's, pairs.....	5	..	13	..
Blinds, window.....	..	26	..	..
Blankets.....	..	..	32	..
Curtains for Theatre.....	5	..	..	..
Cases, pillow.....	..	41	..	44
Caps, women's.....	..	123	..	..
Coats, men's.....	..	..	30	..
Dresses, print.....	..	19	..	..
Dresses, ticking.....	..	18	..	26
Drawers, flannel.....	..	..	5	71
Dresses, winsey.....	..	73	..	30
Frocks, linen.....	..	..	432	..
Hoods, women's.....	..	118	..	8
Jackets, blue cloth.....	62	..	296	..
Jackets, serge, women's.....	..	35	..	20
Jackets, cotton, women's.....	..	51	..	..
Jackets, canvas.....	6	..	30	..
Mattresses.....	1	..	..	15
Miscellaneous small articles.....	46	..	255	..
Palliasses.....	..	..	12	..
Petticoats, serge and flannel.....	..	86	..	80
Pinafores.....	12	10	..	20
Rugs.....	..	..	16	..
Shawls.....	..	24	..	12
Sheets.....	..	..	13	33
Shirts, men's.....	..	337	174	510
Shoes, men's, pairs.....	1	..	26	..
Shoes, women's, pairs.....	2	..	85	..
Shifts, women's.....	..	112	..	30
Socks, worsted, pairs.....	..	6	..	..
Slippers, pairs.....	2	..	3	..
Sackings, bed.....	..	..	4	..
Stockings, pairs.....	..	..	..	996
Towels.....	..	12	..	..
Trowsers, fustian.....	72	..	1156	..
Trowsers, tweed.....	14	..	94	..
Trowsers, linen.....	..	..	81	..
Table-cloths.....	26
Waistcoats, flannel.....	..	87	12	38
Waistcoats, blue and tweed cloth, men's.....	9	..	307	..

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