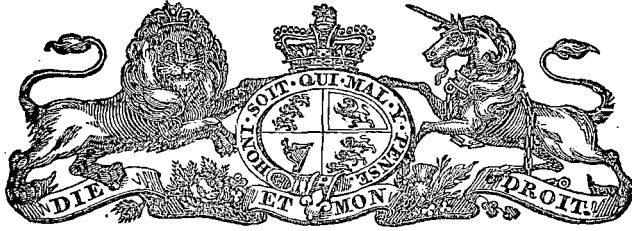


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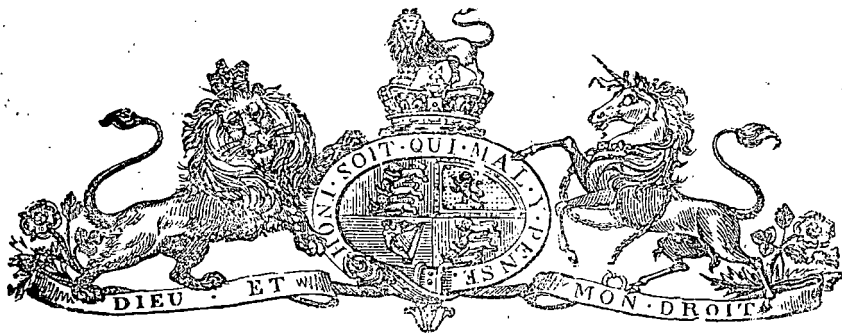
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H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1880.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 19, 1881.



GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report with regard to the cost, management, and condition of the above-named Institution for 1880.

The Board of Management consists of twelve members. The names of the members for the year being as follows:—

J. C. Ferguson, Esq.
F. Stanfield, Esq.
*C. W. Rocher, Esq.
†J. Drysdale, Esq.
G. Collins, Esq.
G. Weymouth, Esq.
A. Harrap, Esq.
C. S. Button, Esq.
W. Barnes, Esq.
J. A. Hardy, Esq. } Honorary Medical Officers.
R. W. Murphy, Esq. }
A. Douglas, Esq., Mayor, *ex officio*.

Twenty-one Board and twenty-seven Committee meetings were held during the year, the attendance of members at all of these meetings being very good. One Honorary Medical Officer has been attentive in visiting the Hospital, the other has not attended so frequently.

Very few improvements were made in the main buildings, but a new wash-house was erected at a cost of £420 to enable the Board to have the washing done on the premises instead of at the Gaol or elsewhere.

The expenditure upon all items, with the following exceptions—funeral expenses, stationery and advertising, medicines and surgical instruments, insurance of residence, repairs to buildings, and furniture—is larger than for the previous year. In explanation of this it was found necessary to increase the staff of nurses, to use gas in lieu of coal, to use small gas-stoves within the Hospital, to provide more liberal scales of diet, and to add to the stock of clothing, bedding, and stores.

The average cost per patient for the year 1880 was larger than for the former year, but a satisfactory explanation for this will be found further on.

The Hospital is not in such a state of repair, nor has its management been as satisfactory as the Board could have desired, but I may with confidence say that great improvements have been effected considering the many difficulties with which the Board has had to contend.

* Resigned during the year, and B. P. Farrelly, Esq., appointed.

† In consequence of the decease of this member, J. F. Hobkirk, Esq., appointed.

It has been the constant desire of the Board to bring the Hospital into a state of efficiency, at the same time exercising the greatest economy.

TABLE showing Number of Patients and Cost per Head, or of each occupied Bed, for the Years 1879 and 1880.

Year.	Average Number of Patients.	Average Cost of Patients.	
		Upon whole Expenditure.	Upon net Expenditure.*
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1879.....	53·25	67 12 3·17	54 18 6·21
1880.....	56·97	73 15 0	58 4 9·5

Statement showing number of In-patients treated during the year :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining 1st January, 1880	42	18	60
Admitted during year.....	344	120	464
	386	138	524
Discharged	297	114	411
Died	46	10	56
Remaining 1st January, 1881	43	14	57

Of the Patients admitted there died :—

On the day of admission.....	3
1st day after admission	6
2nd ditto	2
3rd ditto	3
4th ditto	2
5th ditto	0
6th ditto	2
	18
After 7th day.....	38
Total	56

The ages of those who died in the Hospital during the year were as follows :—

Under 10	1
Between 10 and 15	5
15 and 25.....	9
25 and 35.....	3
35 and 45.....	5
45 and 55.....	6
55 and 65	17
Over 65.....	10
Total.....	56

Comparative Statement of certain statistics of 1879 and 1880 :—

Number of In-patients treated.....	1879. 519	1880. †524
Ditto died	66	56
Ditto of Out-patients treated	663	†348
Ditto of Diets issued to Patients	19,438	20,795
Ditto of Diets issued to Staff	5336	6060
Daily average of In-patients	53·25	56·97
Average stay in Hospital of each Patient	37·45	39·68

* Cost of new buildings and repairs is also deducted.

† Very strict precaution in issuing orders resulted thus. This, however, increases the average cost per head of those admitted, as the expense under many heads is not lessened thereby.

The following tabulated information is given as a basis of comparison with other Hospitals:—

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

A.

1. What is the population of the town and district benefited by the Hospital? This institution is the only one of the kind available for and used by the inhabitants of all the districts north of Campbell Town, with the exception of Fingal and Portland. The districts from which patients are received, and their population, are as follows:—

Launceston.....	12,753	Deloraine	4115
George Town	4126	Ringwood.....	2015
Selby	5787	East Devon	4964
Evandale	2480		
Longford	3166	TOTAL	<u>44,277</u>
Westbury	4871		

West Devon, 4113, and Wellington, N.W. Coast, 4712, might also be added.

- The character of the Hospital? General.
- How long has the Hospital been established? Sixteen years.
- If the present building was erected for a Hospital? Yes.
- What was its original cost? £12,000.
- If whole of cost of construction contributed by Government? Yes.
- Is whole of annual income contributed by Government? Yes, less an annual average of £200 received from self-supporting patients.
- Any income from invested funds? None.
- Any amount received from legacies and donations? None.
- Is the Institution under the control of a Board or single officer? A Board.
- What is the number of its members? Twelve, appointed by the Governor in Council. Board has power to fill its own vacancies, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.
- Is any power or control exercised by the Government? Yes, in regard to money matters.

B.

- Number of beds? 80.
- Cubic space in wards? 94,676 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet.
- Average number of in-patients daily through year? Male and female, 56·97.
- Number of self-supporting patients received during year? 117.
- Number of patients received during year who would have been more suitable for a Benevolent Asylum? About $\frac{1}{10}$.
- Total number of in-patients received during year? 524.

C.

- Number of out-patients attended at Hospital? 348.
- Number attended at their own homes? None.
- Number of women attended in confinement at their own houses? None.

D.

- Number of paid medical officers? One.
- Annual amount of his salary? £400, with quarters.
- Any paid medical officers non-resident? None.
- Number of paid officers, exclusive of nurses and servants? Two, Secretary to the Board and a House Steward.
- Annual amount of their salaries? £150. House Steward is provided with quarters and rations.
- Number of nursing staff? 9.
- Annual amount of their salaries? £314.
- Number of servants? 11.
- Annual amount of their salaries? £233.
- Total cost of salaries? £1046.
- Cost of allowances? None.
- No enquiry officer for pauper out-patients? No.

E.

- Annual cost of provisions?
- Ditto of wine, beer, spirits, &c.? } £1117.
- Ditto of washing and laundry? £134.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

In-door Cases treated.

I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Miasmatic Diseases.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Measles.....	1	
Diphtheria.....	20	3
Typhus and Infantile Fever,		
Typhoid, &c.....	17	3
Erysipelas.....	7	2
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c.	1	
Dysentery.....	2	
Ague.....	1	
Remittent Fever.....	4	
Rheumatism.....	37	
Other Zymotic Diseases.....	4	
Total Order 1.....	94	8

ORDER 2.—*Enthetic Diseases.*

Syphilis.....	18	
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of the		
Urethra.....	10	
Others.....	7	
Total Order 2.....	35	

ORDER 3.—*Dietic Diseases.*

Purpura and Scurvy.....	1	
Alcoholism { Delirium Tremens.	1	
{ Intemperance.....	8	
Total Order 3.....	10	

ORDER 4.—*Parasitic Diseases.*

Others.....	2	
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TOTAL CLASS I..... 141 8

II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases.*

Gout.....	2	
Dropsy.....	1	
Cancer.....	12	2
Mortification.....	4	2
Total Order 1.....	19	4

ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases.*

Scrofula.....	1	
Phthisis.....	16	2
Total Order 2.....	17	2

TOTAL CLASS II..... 36 6

III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diseases of the Nervous System.*

Apoplexy.....	4	1
Paralysis.....	12	2
Insanity.....	2	
Chorea.....	1	
Hypochondriæ.....	3	
Brain Disease, &c.....	6	2
Total Order 1.....	28	5

ORDER 2.—*Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.*

Pericarditis.....	1	
Heart Disease, &c.....	26	9
Total Order 2.....	27	9

ORDER 3.—*Diseases of the Respiratory System.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Laryngitis.....	3	
Bronchitis.....	30	
Pleurisy.....	2	
Pneumonia.....	25	8
Asthma.....	9	
Lung Disease, &c.....	16	
Total Order 3.....	85	8

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of the Digestive Organs.*

Hernia.....	1	
Stomach Disease, &c.....	17	2
Hepatitis.....	6	3
Spleen Disease, &c.....	1	
Total Order 4.....	25	5

ORDER 5.—*Diseases of the Urinary Organs.*

Nephritis.....	1	
Cystitis.....	1	
Kidney Disease, &c.....	18	3
Total Order 5.....	20	3

ORDER 6.—*Diseases of the Organs of Generation.*

Uterus Disease, &c.....	7	1
Hydroceci.....	1	
Total Order 6.....	8	1

ORDER 7.—*Diseases of the Locomotive System.*

Ostitis, Periostitis, &c.....	2	
Necrosis.....	4	
Joint Disease, &c.....	9	
Total Order 7.....	15	

ORDER 8.—*Diseases of the Integumentary System.*

Phlegmon, Whitlow, &c.....	1	
Ulcer, Abscess.....	25	3
Skin Diseases, &c.....	11	
Sinus.....	1	
Total Order 8.....	38	3

TOTAL CLASS III..... 246 34

IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 3.—*Developmental Diseases of Old People.*

Old Age.....	24	7
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ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition.*

Atrophy and Debility.....	4	
TOTAL CLASS IV.....	28	7

V.—VIOLENCE.

ORDER 1.—*Accident or Negligence.*

Fractures, Contusions, &c.....	20	
Wounds, Cuts, &c.....	12	
Burns and Scalds.....	4	1
Sunstroke.....	1	
Other or unspecified Accidents...	20	
Total Order.....	57	1

TOTAL CLASS V..... 57 1

Causes not specified.....	16	
ALL CAUSES.....	524	56