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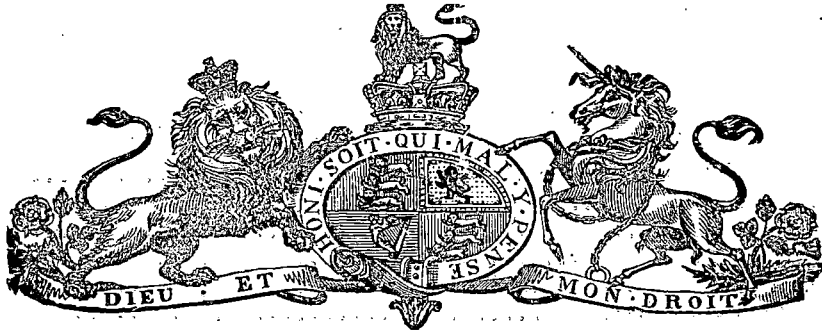
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NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION FOR  
INDIGENT FEMALES.

REPORT FOR 1874.

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July 27, 1875.



*New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females,  
1st April, 1875.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the following Report of this Institution for the period from 19th June to the 31st December, 1874.

It will be remembered that the whole of the Female Invalids that were in the Cascades were removed in June to the building formerly occupied by the Infant Children of the Queen's Asylum. One hundred and eighteen were so transferred, and since that time sixty-six were admitted, forty-seven discharged, and eight died; leaving at the end of the year one hundred and twenty-nine.

The Expenditure for the period named amounted to £1324 16s. 4d.

The details are appended.

The average cost per head for the period was £10 12s. 9d.; and the daily average number 124 $\frac{94}{175}$ .

The Officers and Attendants were:—Superintendent, Matron, Cook, and Head Nurse, and 18 of the Invalids as helpers, or Nurses, to whom an allowance was made from two-pence to four-pence each a day.

The Bedding belonging to the Invalids at the Cascades being considered unfit for further use, it was accordingly replaced with new Bedding: this will account for the sum charged. It will be available for some years to come.

Scale of Rations for each Invalid:—

6 ounces of Fresh Meat. 8 ounces of Vegetables. 1 pound of Fine Bread. 1 ounce of Butter. $\frac{1}{2}$ ditto of Salt. $\frac{1}{2}$ ditto of Soap.		$\frac{1}{4}$ ounce of Tea. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ditto of Sugar. $\frac{3}{4}$ ditto of Barley. $\frac{1}{40}$ ditto of Pepper. $\frac{1}{6}$ pint of Milk.
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Admissions into the Institution are by authority of the Administrator of Charitable Grants.

Invalids who are able to attend public worship are required to do so every Sunday morning.

There is a small Library belonging to the Institution, and several ladies and other sympathising friends visit frequently and read to the Invalids.

The accommodation is excellent—the apartments being capacious and airy,—consisting of five dormitories, dining-hall, kitchen, and several other rooms, including a bath-room.

The situation of the buildings is very healthy, and the aspect cheerful.

A few days after his arrival in Tasmania Governor Weld honoured this Establishment with a visit; and His Excellency recorded in the Visitors' Book that he had "inspected the Asylum for aged and invalid women, and was much pleased with its arrangements, its apparent comfort, and its neatness, and with the attention which appears to be paid to the wants and infirmities of its inmates."

I close my Report by adding another extract from the same book, inserted by a lady and two gentlemen from Melbourne, as follows:— \* \* \* “It is pleasing to note the comfortable quarters and the contented appearance of the old people, for whom everything seems to be done to render their abode pleasant.”

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

SANDFORD SCOTT.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

Number of Invalids received from the Cascades in June, 1874 .....	118
Since admitted .....	66
Since discharged .....	47
Since died .....	8
Remaining on the 31st December, 1874 .....	129
The average daily number .....	124 <sup>94</sup> / <sub>195</sub>
Cost per head .....	£10 12s. 9d.

*EXPENSES from the 19th June to the 31st December, 1874.*

	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	112	15	6
Clothing .....	68	1	0
Bedding .....	346	6	0
Stores .....	21	5	7
Provisions .....	526	16	5
Fuel and Light .....	94	1	8
Repairs to Buildings .....	128	18	5
Medical Attendance and Medicines .....	16	10	0
Funeral Expenses .....	7	0	0
Miscellaneous .....	3	1	9
	1324	16	4
Cash Receipts .....	3	3	0
	£1321	13	4

*RETURN showing the Number of Inmates in the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females on the 31st December, 1874; also, the Number of Admissions and Discharges from the 19th June, 1874, to the 31st December, 1874; their Religion; and the Funds on which they were borne.*

Number of Inmates received, 19th June, 1874:—	Number of Inmates remaining, 31st Dec., 1874:—
Colonial .....	Colonial .....
Imperial .....	Imperial .....
TOTAL .....	TOTAL .....
Number of Inmates received since 19th June:—	Religion:—
Colonial .....	Protestant .....
Imperial .....	Roman Catholic .....
TOTAL .....	TOTAL .....
Number of Inmates discharged since 19th June, 1874:—	
Colonial .....	
Imperial .....	
TOTAL .....	

\* The 8 that died are included in the 55.

*RETURN showing the Expense of the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females; the Average Cost per head of each Inmate; and the Amount of Cash Receipts from the 19th June to the 31st of December, 1874.*

	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Allowances .....	112	15	6
Other Expenses .....	1212	0	10
TOTAL .....	£1324	16	4
Cash Receipts .....	3	3	0
Net Cost of Institution to Government.....	1321	13	4
Cost per head .....	10	12	9

*RETURN showing the Average Age, and Number of Deaths, at the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females, from the 19th June to the 31st December, 1874:—*

Average Age .....	59
Number of Deaths.....	8