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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1864.

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## HOSPITAL REPORT, 1864.

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THE Board of Management of the General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year 1864.

The alterations and improvements alluded to in the last Report of the Board, and for which a sum of £800 was voted by Parliament, have been completed. The whole of the Establishment has been repainted, the baths, lavatories, &c. finished, and other minor improvements effected, which render the Hospital still more worthy of the high eulogium accorded to it by the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the condition of Colonial Hospitals.

The number of persons who received the benefits of the Institution during 1864 was somewhat greater than in 1863, if the Children who were vaccinated at the Dispensary in the latter year be excluded.

The expenditure, as will be seen by the Report of the Finance Committee, was slightly in excess of the previous year; but this increase may in great measure be attributed to the very considerable advance in the price of flour and milk, the cost of these having been nearly doubled.

The number of Self-paying Patients was not so large as in 1863, but the sum received from them was greater.

In the last Report of the Board the attention of the Government was directed to the inconvenience arising from the admission into Hospital of persons of unsound mind. As no steps have yet been taken to remedy this evil, the Board again beg to bring it under their notice.

In conclusion, the Board have much pleasure in recording their satisfaction at the present state of the Hospital. The Wards are clean and well ventilated,—many conveniences which were required have been supplied,—and the care and attention which mark the treatment of the Patients justify the belief, that in no other Hospital in the British Dependencies are the comfort and well-being of the sick more amply provided for. The Board have also much satisfaction in recording their appreciation of the manner in which the Resident Medical Officer and the other Officers of the Establishment have performed their duties during the past year.

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## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE cost of the General Hospital for the year 1864 was £7629 19s. 8d., being classed under the following heads:—

Salaries .....	£	s.	d.
Provisions .....	1947	3	2
Medical comforts.....	2855	2	9
Medicines (estimated):.....	628	4	0
Fuel and light .....	300	0	0
Clothing, bedding, &c.....	538	12	8
Rent and repairs .....	209	0	11
Incidental expenses. ....	116	19	9
Alterations and improvements in the Buildings.....	235	4	6
	799	11	11
TOTAL.....	£7629	19	8
Number of Diets to Patients.....	68,277		
Ditto to Attendants .....	9012		
TOTAL .....	77,289		

The daily average number of Patients in the Hospital was 187. Average cost per diem, 2s. 2½d. The number of Out-door Patients was 4373. Amount received from Self-supporting Patients, £235 5s. 3d.; reducing the cost for the year to £7334 14s. 5d.

*STATISTICAL REPORT of the Resident Medical Officer.*

During the year there were admitted into Hospital 1050 Patients, of whom 748 were males and 302 females: of the latter, 270 were Hospital cases, and 32 invalids. There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 177; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1864, was 1227. Of these, 905 were discharged, 139 died, and 183 remained under treatment.

Nine persons died on the day of admission, 10 on the day after, 10 on the second day, 9 on the third, 4 on the fourth, and 5 on the sixth.

Of the Patients admitted, 126 were Self-supporting, 57 were borne upon Imperial, and 867 upon Colonial Funds. Of the 183 who remained under treatment at the close of the year, 7 were Self-paying, 7 paid for by the Imperial Government, and 168 were borne upon Colonial Funds.

Annexed is a Return showing the Diseases treated during the year.

CLASSES OF DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES TREATED.			DIED,
	<i>In Hospital.</i>	<i>Out Patients.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	
Diseases of the Stomach and Bowels.....	47	551	598	8
Ditto Lungs .....	170	886	1056	47
Ditto Eyes .....	54	181	235	—
Ditto Brain and Nervous System .....	110	121	231	23
Ditto Skin .....	11	292	303	—
Ditto Liver .....	18	23	41	3
Abscesses and Ulcers .....	151	367	518	8
Rheumatic Affections .....	114	377	491	—
Wounds and Injuries .....	143	431	574	6
Venereal Affections .....	83	158	241	1
Fevers .....	13	57	70	2
Dropsies .....	12	13	25	3
Other Diseases .....	301	919	1220	8
TOTALS .....	1227	4376	5603	139

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Resident Medical Officer.*