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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPOT.

REPORT FOR 1867.

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 28, 1868.



Brickfields Pauper Establishment, 4th February, 1868.

SIR,

WE have the honor to lay before the Government the Annual Report of this Institution for the year ending 31st December, 1867.

The average daily number of Invalids maintained here during that period has been $218\frac{1}{2}$; the aggregate expense of maintaining them £3264 4s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.,—which is at the rate of £14 18s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per annum, or 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each inmate per day. This includes every expense of maintenance, superintendence and servants, medical attendance and medicine, and of repairs to buildings.

As far as practicable the labour of the Invalids is made available in the cultivation of the grounds. The produce of vegetables for the year has been 34,704 lbs., which is a considerable increase on the returns of last year. Additional ground is now being prepared; but, as it comprises nothing but brick-clay, it must still take some time to get it in good working order. The Board would here remark that, when this Establishment was taken over, the ground was in a most barren state, and it is satisfactory to have to report such good results.

The utmost discipline and good order have been preserved within the Dépôt,—there having been few cases of complaint.

The Board grant Passes for the day to many inmates, whenever a reasonable cause is shown for granting them, and where they are not likely to be abused.

The Board would bring under the notice of the Government the urgent necessity of the erection of a new Mess-room, as proposed in their letter of 6th November, 1867.

The Board have to thank His Excellency the Governor, also several ladies and gentlemen, for the kind interest they have taken in this Institution during the past year.

The Superintendent still continues to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the Board.

The strength of the Establishment on the 1st January, 1867, was 224; received during the year, 106; total, 330. Discharged, 74; died, 38; remaining 1st January, 1868, 218. The average age of those who died 70,—the oldest being 94, and the youngest 38. The average age of those remaining 68,—the oldest being 94, and the youngest 14.

The utmost number that can be accommodated is 224.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THOS. MACDOWELL, *Chairman.*
A. KENNERLEY.
GEO. SALIER.
STEPN. SHEEHY.
HENRY COOK.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.