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NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS:

REPORT FOR 1881.

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*ANNUAL REPORT of the NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, and BRICK-FIELDS BRANCH, for the Year 1881.*

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*Charitable Institutions, New Town, 3rd March, 1882.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to present the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institutions for the year 1881.

In compiling the Returns I have, as far as possible, made them comparative with last year, it being the first year of the expenditure for the Male and Female Divisions and Brickfields branch being amalgamated.

The cost per head compares favourably with the year 1880, being £11 8s. 11½*d.* per head per annum as against £11 16s. 8½*d.*,—a reduction of 7s. 9½*d.* per head. This calculation is based upon the net expenditure, without taking credit for the large amount of labour performed by the inmates, all of whom, who are able to perform light work, are employed at miscellaneous duties.

Consequent upon the large increase in the number of female applicants for admission, the buildings at the Cascades, formerly used as an Invalid Depôt, were temporarily opened to meet the emergency.

The same number of men as returned in last Annual Report are employed as detached working parties at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery and at the New Town Farm. The Superintendent of the Farm reports very favourably of their willingness to work.

The health of the inmates may be stated as good, with the exception of periodical attacks of diarrhæa and colds. The death rate is less than during the year 1880.

The conduct of the male and of the elder female inmates I can favourably report; but not so with a few of the younger females, whose conduct several times necessitated their punishment.

The water supply of the New Town Institution still continues to cause the greatest anxiety during the summer months. I hope during the year 1882 to bring this matter prominently under notice, with the view of having the present very defective arrangements corrected.

The Library and Reading Room still continue to attract the attention of the inmates and afford considerable relief to their otherwise monotonous lives.

I have again to thank many kind friends for contributions of papers, books, &c.; but specially I must thank the Proprietors of the *Mercury* newspaper for their gratuitous daily delivery of their paper,—a kindness most heartily appreciated by the old people.

The state of repair of the Male Division of the New Town Institution has been very much improved during the year, but there is much to be done in this direction. The Female Division is in a most satisfactory state of repair.

The Brickfields branch, although a very old building, I am glad to report has been partly renovated, and has a more cheerful aspect. The inmates of this branch are of a very feeble description, and are able to perform but very little work, yet they manage to keep the buildings clean, and supply themselves with green vegetables through the year.

Each branch of the Institutions continues to be regularly visited by Ministers of the various denominations. Ladies and laymen are also frequent in their attendance.

The Officers continue to devote their time to the discharge of their several duties with the utmost zeal and attention. I cannot report in too strong terms of their able and willing assistance to myself.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

J. WITHRINGTON, Superintendent.

### CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

#### NEW TOWN.

*Expenditure for the Year ended 31st December, 1881.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries .....				929	7	8	By cash received for maintenance, &c.....	88	1	1
Contingencies—							Net cost.....	6965	18	5½
Provisions and medical comforts .....	4414	15	2¼							
Medicines and medical attendance .....	92	11	8							
Clothing, bedding, stores and stationery .....	876	17	7¼							
Fuel and light .....	424	0	6¼							
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses .....	111	2	11							
Repairs and alterations to buildings .....	205	3	11							
				6124	11	10¼				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>				<b>£7053</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6¼</b>	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>£7053</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6¼</b>

*Produce of Garden—Vegetables, 19,338 lbs.*

#### *Comparative Strength Return for the Years 1880-81.*

	1880.		1881.	
	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.
Number of inmates 1st January .....	408	151	408	157
Admitted during the year .....	491	116	481	150
<i>Total</i> .....	899	267	889	307
Discharged during the year .....	393	87	393	112
Died during the year .....	98	23	76	20
<i>Total</i> .....	491	110	469	132
<i>Remaining 31st December</i> .....	408	157	420	175

#### *Comparative Return of Ages of Inmates, and Deaths, for the Years 1880-81.*

	1880.		1881.	
	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.
Number of deaths .....	98	23	76	20
Average age of those who died.....	71½ years.	69	72½ years.	66½ years.
Oldest .....	97	86	85	90
Youngest .....	37	34	45	16
Average age of those remaining 31st December .....	68½	66	68	60
Average age of males and females combined, 31st December .....	66½ years.		67 years.	
Oldest .....	89	93	91	88
Youngest.....	12	16	29	15

## BRICKFIELDS BRANCH.

*Expenditure for the Year ended 31st December, 1881.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries .....				136	18	0	By cash for maintenance, &c. ....	6	1	6
Contingencies—							Net cost .....	1394	4	5½
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery .....	203	12	0							
Provisions and medical com- forts .....	823	18	5½							
Medicines and medical at- tendance .....	40	0	0							
Fuel and light .....	137	17	0							
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses .....	42	0	6							
Repairs and alterations .....	16	0	0							
				1263	7	11½				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>				<b>£1400</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11½</b>	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>£1400</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11½</b>

*Produce of Garden—Vegetables, 6851½ lbs.**Comparative Strength Return for the Years ended  
31st December, 1880-81.*

	1880.	1881.
	MALES.	MALES.
No. of inmates, 1st January.....	122	115
Admitted during the year.....	101	86
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>201</b>
Discharged during the year.....	79	69
Died during the year.....	29	36
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>105</b>
Remaining 31st December .....	115	96

*Comparative Return of Ages of Inmates and  
Deaths during the Years 1880-81.*

	1880.	1881.
	MALES.	MALES.
No. of deaths during the year .....	29	36
Average age of those who died .....	75 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	73 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>12</sub>
Oldest .....	104	89
Youngest .....	57	26
Average age of those remaining, 31st December .....	69 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	71
Oldest .....	95	87
Youngest .....	17	18

## RECAPITULATION.

*Comparative Statement of the average daily Number of Inmates, and Expenditure, for the Years 1880-81.*

	1880.		1881.	
	Average daily No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.	Average daily No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
New Town .....	569	6749 0 4	611	6965 18 5½
Brickfields branch .....	134½	1577 8 2	119½	1394 4 5½
	703½	8326 8 6	730½	8360 2 11

	£	s.	d.
Cost per head per diem, 1880 .....	0	0	7½
Cost per head per annum, 1880 .....	11	16	8½
Cost per head per diem, 1881 .....	0	0	7½
Cost per head per annum, 1881 .....	11	8	11½

*EXTRACTS from Visitors' Book, New Town Charitable Institutions.*

WE have examined minutely both Establishments, and we are greatly pleased with the management in general; the greatest cleanliness is observable in each department.

11th February, 1881.

JOHN CHILDE, *J.P., Stawell, Victoria.*  
J. PARSONS, *Melbourne.*  
A. N. WILSON, *Wardry, N.S.W.*

THE arrangement of the Establishments are most complete, and everything appears so well and cleanly kept as must conduce to the comfort and happiness of the inmates.

25th February, 1881.

HENRY WALLACE, *Minister, Victoria.*

I HAVE gone over both Establishments, and find the greatest order and cleanliness. The only thing I have to remark upon is over-crowding, which can only be remedied by additional building. The inmates appear to be treated with much kindness and humanity.

J. H. LEFROY.  
CHARLOTTE ANNA LEFROY.

I HAVE this morning, at 10 A.M., been shown through this Establishment, and was astonished at the cleanliness and comfort displayed throughout. I have visited many Institutions in adjoining Colonies, and can vouch that this Establishment is equal to anything I have seen, and am very much pleased with the attention and kindness displayed by the Superintendent.

5th May, 1881.

HENRY CONWAY, *Architect, Launceston.*

VISITED this grand Institution, and must record my utmost approbation of everything seen and heard, for neatness of appointment, excellent ventilation, and general management. I have rarely, if ever, seen any such Institution to equal the one on which I am writing this expression of my experience.

9th May, 1881.

REV. P. J. AYLWARD, *Melbourne.*

VISITED this Institution to-day, and am much pleased with the arrangement for the comfort of the inmates; the whole Establishment appears to be clean and orderly.

10th May, 1881.

ARTHUR LINDSAY, *Adelaide, South Australia.*

THIS Establishment appears to be conducted in a very creditable manner.

12th September, 1881.

J. LYNE, *M.H.A.*

INSPECTED this Establishment to-day; found everything clean and orderly.

12th September, 1881.

WM. MOORE.

I HAVE this day carefully inspected the Male Invalid Asylum, and found it satisfactory throughout. The whole premises are extremely clean, tidy, and wholesome; the men comfortable, and the officers courteous and obliging. I would suggest improvement in the southern wing by which less sewage from the Institution would reach the New Town Bay.

17th November, 1881.

EDWARD O. GIBLIN, *M.D., Officer of Health.*

VISITED the Institution to-day, and, by the kindness of the Assistant-Superintendent, were shown through the buildings; found everything very clean and wholesome, and were much pleased at the care that is taken of the inmates, who are evidently well looked after, and whose comfort is studied in every way.

29th December, 1881.

JOSEPH NALL, *Victoria.*  
R. NALL.