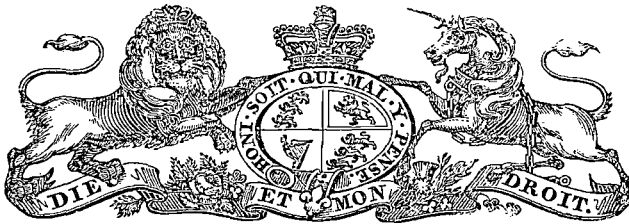


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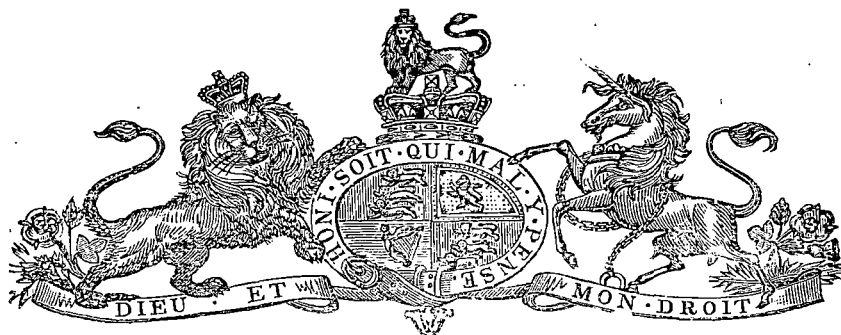
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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1897.

SIR,

IN accordance with the Rules of the Hobart General Hospital, we have the honour to lay before you the following Report, containing such tabulated and other information as will, we trust, fully exhibit the working of the Institution during 1897.

Sixteen Board and ninety-seven Committee meetings were held during the year, at all of which the attendance of members was, without exception, good.

The Hospital is indebted to many citizens for acts of kindness towards the patients and staff by the frequent donations of fruit, flowers, books, periodicals, and the daily papers.

As will be seen by the detailed list, a large number of surgical operations have been most successfully performed during the year, and the Board of Management has much pleasure in recording its high appreciation of the manner in which the Honorary Medical Officers have discharged their onerous duties.

Early in the year a Bacteriological Laboratory was established in connection with the Hospital, and, in the capable hands of the Honorary Pathologist and Bacteriologist, Dr. Sprott, is proving a most valuable acquisition to the Institution.

The Hospital Grounds have been further improved by the formation of a tennis court for the use of the nurses and resident staff, the funds necessary for carrying out the work being raised by an entertainment generously given by friends.

The balcony and fire escape, main building, is now in course of erection, and will, when completed, not only satisfy a long felt want, but also enhance the appearance of the building.

The vestment of the sole control and management of the Institution in the Board for a fixed amount still continues a matter of congratulation for all concerned, for, although during the year there was a very considerable increase in the number of patients treated in the Hospital—the second highest number recorded for 17 years,—the gross cost is £663 below the average expenditure for that time.

This year the Board of Management is not in a position to return any portion of the grant in aid, as it has been only through the most careful supervision and the exercise of the greatest economy that both ends were made to meet.

During 1896 1293 In-door patients were treated; this year 1384, of which number 119 proved fatal, 30 deaths occurring within 72 hours after admission. The average stay of patients in the Hospital was 24 days, as against 22 in the preceding year. Of the 1384 cases treated in the Hospital, 626 came from the country districts.

In 1896 the net average cost per patient was £3 18s. 9½*d.*; this year £3 13s. 6½*d.* The actual cash collection during 1896 amounted to £611 16s. 7*d.*; this year to £754 9s. 5*d.* The net expenditure for 1897, as compared with that of 1896, shows the slight increase of £4 10s. 6*d.*, although 51 more cases were treated, and the average stay in Hospital two days longer this year. The fees remaining on the book for collection at 31st December amounted to £61 3s.

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1. The following is a comparative statement of certain statistics of 1896 and 1897 :—

	1896.	1897.
Number of diets issued to In-patients	29,008	33,976
Average stay in Hospital of each Patient.....	22½ days	24½ days.
Average daily number of In-patients.....	79	93
Number of diets issued to Staff (Males)	2928	2920
Ditto (Nurses and Female Servants).....	11,655	12,222

2.

1. No. of Wards or Rooms for Patients			24
2. Aggregate capacity in cubic feet of ditto			132,812
3. No. of Beds	Males.	Females.	Total.
4. No. of In-patients at beginning of year.....	49	32	81
5. No. admitted during year.....	801	502	1303
6. No. discharged—			
(a.) Cured or relieved	721	459	1180
(b.) Incurable			
(c.) At their own request or on other grounds			
7. No. died.....	78	41	119
8. Remaining at end of year.....	51	34	85
9. Average No. during year.....	56	27	93
10. Total Number Diets of In- } Colonial Government }			33,976
patients chargeable to } Imperial Government }	—	—	
11. Cases treated during the year :—			
(a.) In-patients	850	534	1384
(b.) Out-patients	—	—	1865
12. Ages of In-patients :—			
(a.) Under 10 years.....	80	53	133
10 to 15 ditto	71	52	123
15 to 25 ditto	201	180	381
25 to 35 ditto	140	96	236
35 to 45 ditto	131	58	189
45 to 55 ditto	61	43	104
55 to 65 ditto	65	23	88
65 and upwards	101	29	130
TOTAL	850	534	1384
(b.) Average age of each In-patient :—		Years.	
Adults, both sexes.....		45	
Children, ditto		6	

13. Birthplaces of In-patients :—			
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....	Males.	Females.	Total.
England and Wales.....	616	472	1088
Ireland.....	146	29	175
Scotland.....	46	19	65
Other British Possessions.....	13	9	22
Foreign Countries.....	6	1	7
Birthplace unknown.....	23	4	27
	—	—	—
TOTAL.....	850	534	1384
14. Receipts and Expenditure :—			
Receipts.			
(a.) Government aid.....	£	s.	d.
(b.) Private Contributions.....	5089	12	6
(c.) Other Sources.....	1314	16	11
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	6404	9	5
Expenditure.			
(a.) Salaries and Allowances.....	} See detailed Statement.		
(b.) Provisions and Medical Comforts.....			
(c.) Erection and Repairs of Buildings.....			
(d.) Out-door Relief.....			
(e.) Miscellaneous.....			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	6404	9	5
NET EXPENDITURE.....	5089	12	6
(d.) Proportion of Net Expenditure :—			
Chargeable to	{ Colonial Government.....	—	—
	{ Imperial Government.....	—	—
(e.) Cost of each In-patient for year :—			
	Average Cost of Occu- pied Bed.	Average Cost per Patient.	
On Gross Expenditure.....	68 16 0½	4 13 8½	
On Net Expenditure.....	54 14 11	3 13 6½	

3. The following synopsis, embracing the total cost of every branch of the Hospital Service, will fully elucidate the entire working of the Institution :—

A.

Situations.	Yearly Salary.	Remarks.
House Surgeon	£ 300 0 0	Also quarters (unfurnished), fuel, and light. Ditto. Ditto.
Assistant House Surgeon and Dispenser...	200 0 0	
Secretary, House Steward, &c.....	240 0 0	
Clerical Assistant	130 0 0	Also rations, fuel, light, and uniform.
Mortuary Attendant	87 0 0	
Dispensary Attendant	78 0 0	
Wardsman	60 0 0	
Messenger and General Cleaner	60 0 0	
Cook	62 0 0	
Assistant Cook and Barber	55 0 0	
Day and Night Porters, £50 each	100 0 0	
Lady Superintendent	100 0 0	
Nurses (21).....	570 5 8	
Servants and Cleaners (7).....	180 6 10	Also a personal ration, furnished quarters, and uniform.
Cook (Nurses' Home)	39 4 1	
	£2261 16 7	

B.

	1896.	TOTAL.	1897.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	2295 5 11		2261 16 7	
Provisions	1844 19 4		2050 6 6	
Medical Comforts (Alcoholic Foods).....	164 19 10		116 18 6	
Fuel and Light.....	509 7 7		496 18 0	
Medicines and Surgical Appliances	347 5 7		368 15 3	
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery ...	365 13 10		319 7 7	
Advertising and Printing	34 9 6		36 13 6	
Funeral Expenses.....	35 8 0		43 10 0	
Washing	299 6 2		290 2 10	
Repairs to Buildings	172 17 8		157 15 1	
Removal of Ashes, &c.	8 15 0		6 0 0	
Petty Expenses.....	37 19 0		44 8 10	
Furniture	69 0 2		62 10 0	
Uniforms for Nurses and Attendants.....	74 0 0		43 14 9	
Commission on Collection of Fees	45 9 6		55 12 0	
Keeping Grounds in order, &c.	77 5 0		50 0 0	
Gross Expenditure	6382 2 1		6404 9 5	
<i>Credit.</i>				
For Medicines, &c. supplied to H.M. Gaol, £45, estimated cost of treating 1865 Out- patients at 2s. 6d., and credit taken for treatment of in-patients sent in from Dépôt, H.M. Gaol, and other Government Institu- tions, and medical attendance H.M. Gaol (£402 5s.).....	676 2 6		560 7 6	
Sums received from self-supporting Patients and other sources	611 16 7		754 9 5	
Net Expenditure .....	...	5094 3 0	...	5089 12 6

C.

TOTAL Cost of all Articles of Diet, including Stimulants and Extras, supplied to the General Hospital, Hobart, during the Year 1897. (The Diets of the Male Attendants and Nursing Staff are included in this Return.)

The items for 1896 are given for comparison.

Article.	Amount, 1896.		Article.	Amount, 1896.		Amount, 1897.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Arrowroot.....	3	11	0	Rice.....	12	5	0	11	13	4
Barley.....	1	11	6	Sago.....	11	7	6	12	5	0
Bread.....	151	6	8	Salt.....	1	15	0	2	2	0
Butter.....	175	12	11	Sugar.....	76	1	3	68	9	4
Cocoa.....	0	18	1	Tea.....	63	7	9	60	17	0
Coffee.....	1	17	6	Vegetables.....	38	10	8	44	15	1
Eggs.....	101	17	6	Sundries.....	28	19	2	28	13	0
Currants.....	3	17	6							
Fish.....	64	13	4		1844	19	4	2050	6	6
Fowls.....	15	6	0	Champagne.....	5	15	0	4	10	0
Flour.....	14	11	9	Wine.....	8	10	0	11	5	0
Fruit.....	24	7	8	Ice.....	54	5	10	37	11	7
Jam.....	35	12	6	Brandy.....	62	11	6	14	15	8
Jelly.....	1	15	9	Ale, bottled } ...	14	17	9	13	0	9
Lemons.....	0	3	0	Stout, ditto }	2	13	9	7	12	6
Meat.....	534	4	6	Whisky.....	16	6	0	28	2	0
Milk.....	433	10	6	Aerated waters..						
Maizena.....	6	15	0		164	19	10	116	18	6
Oatmeal.....	5	14	4		£2009	19	2	£2167	5	0
Pepper.....	0	17	6							
Potatoes.....	34	8	6							

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers during the past Year, with the figures for 1895 and 1896 given for comparison.

	ADMITTED.			DISCHARGED.			DIED.		
	1895.	1896.	1897.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1895.	1896.	1897.
January.....	99	123	136	90	88	105	11	10	11
February.....	126	114	122	87	105	98	9	13	11
March.....	110	110	146	88	103	131	9	11	16
April.....	103	94	107	105	90	101	12	8	11
May.....	89	87	80	71	78	104	7	11	11
June.....	84	102	91	93	98	82	7	12	8
July.....	105	97	107	90	84	100	11	9	9
August.....	89	103	97	91	92	85	5	7	11
September.....	94	97	89	95	104	70	4	7	5
October.....	58	99	98	69	83	104	9	8	6
November.....	84	86	107	79	89	95	4	6	4
December.....	87	114	120	70	87	105	5	9	16
TOTAL.....	1128	1226	1303	1028	1101	1180	93	111	119

Number remaining in Hospital on 1st January, 1897..... 81
Admitted during the year..... 1303

Total number treated..... 1384

Number discharged in 1897..... 1180
Number remaining on 1st January, 1898..... 85
Number died in 1897..... 119

1384

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1897.

		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>			ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.</i>			
	Chickenpox	1	—	Otitis, Otorrhœa	4	—	
	Scarlet Fever	9	—	Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose	3	—	
	Influenza	11	—	Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye	15	—	
	Diphtheria	39	4	Total Special Sense	22	—	
	Simple Continued Fever	33	—				
	Typhoid, Enteric Fever	131	10	ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of the Circulatory System.</i>			
	Total Miasmatic	224	14	Endocarditis, Valvular Disease	42	13	
				Pericarditis	1	—	
				Syncope	2	—	
II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.	ORDER 2.— <i>Diarrhœal Diseases.</i>			Aneurism	1	1	
	Diarrhœa	3	—	Senile Gangrene	1	—	
	Total Diarrhœal	3	—	Phlebitis	1	—	
				Varicose Veins	4	—	
	ORDER 5.— <i>Venereal Diseases.</i>			Others	11	—	
	Syphilis	18	1	Total Circulatory	63	14	
	Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra	27	—				
	Total Venereal	45	1	ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of the Respiratory System.</i>			
				Asthma, Emphysema	16	—	
	ORDER 6.— <i>Septic Diseases.</i>			Bronchitis	21	2	
Erysipelas	8	—	Pneumonia	48	11		
Pyæmia, Septicæmia	10	5	Congestion of Lungs	1	—		
Total Septic	18	5	Pleurisy	15	—		
III.—DIETIC DISEASES.				Total Respiratory	101	13	
	Hydatids	9	1				
	Others from animal parasites	2	—	ORDER 5.— <i>Diseases of the Digestive System.</i>			
	Total Parasitic	11	1	Stomatitis	1	—	
				Sore Throat, Quinsy	28	—	
	Intemperance { a. Chronic Alcoholism	32	—	Dyspepsia	13	—	
	{ b. Delirium Tremens	6	1	Diseases of Stomach	28	1	
	Total Dietic	38	1	Enteritis	11	1	
				Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine	1	1	
				Stricture of Strangulation of Intestine	1	1	
IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.				Hernia	5	—	
	Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatism of Heart	12	1	Fistula	1	—	
	Rheumatism	34	—	Peritonitis	5	1	
	Gout	2	—	Other Diseases of Liver	6	—	
	Cancer, Malignant Disease	48	13	Others	16	—	
	Tubercular Meningitis, Acute Hydrocephalus	4	4	Total Digestive	116	5	
	Phthisis	39	11				
	Other forms of Tuberculosis, scrofula, &c.	23	2	ORDER 6.— <i>Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.</i>			
	Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia	13	—	Diseases of Lymphatic System	3	—	
	Diabetes Mellitus	3	—	Bronchocele	2	—	
Others	2	—	Total Lymphatic	5	—		
Total Constitutional	180	31					
V.—DEVELOPMENTAL MENTAL.				ORDER 7.— <i>Diseases of the Urinary System.</i>			
	Old Age	11	3	Nephritis	15	6	
	Total Developmental	11	3	Uræmia	3	3	
				Calculus	4	—	
	ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>			Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate	17	2	
	Apoplexy	2	1	Total Urinary	39	11	
	Softening of Brain	1	1				
	Hemiplegia, Brain Paralysis	3	1	ORDER 8.— <i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>			
	Paralysis (undefined)	1	—	Ovarian Disease	7	1	
	Insanity (General Paralysis of Insane)	15	—	Diseases of Uterus and Vagina	32	—	
Chorea	5	1	Disorders of Menstruation	2	—		
Epilepsy	14	—	Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c.	16	—		
Tetanus	1	1	Total Generation	57	1		
Paraplegia, Diseases of Spinal Chord	7	—					
Others	35	—					
Total Nervous	84	5					

VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.		Cases.	Deaths.	VII.—VIOLENCE.	
ORDER 9.— <i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>				ORDER 1.— <i>continue'd.</i>	
Abortion, Miscarriage		13	2	Poison.....	3
Puerperal Mania		2	—	Bite of a Snake or Insect	1
Childbirth		1	—	Drowning	2
Total Parturition		16	2	Otherwise	2
ORDER 10.— <i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>				Total Accident.....	169
Caries Necrosis		14	1	ORDER 2.— <i>Homicide.</i>	
Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis.....		8	1	Murder and Manslaughter	1
Others.....		18	—	Total Homicide.....	1
Total Locomotion.....		40	2	ORDER 3.— <i>Suicide.</i>	
ORDER 11.— <i>Diseases of the Integumentary System.</i>				Cut, stab.....	3
Carbuncle		1	—	Poison.....	1
Phlegmon, Cellulitis.....		13	—	Total Suicide.....	4
Ulcer, Bedsore		18	—	Debility, Atrophy, Inanition	23
Eczema		4	—	Tumour	6
Others.....		9	—	Abscess.....	39
Total Integumentary.....		45	—	Not specified, or ill-defined.....	24
ORDER 1.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>				Total Ill-defined.....	92
Fractures, Contusions		109	4	TOTAL.....	1384
Gunshot Wounds.....		6	—		119
Cuts, &c		31	—		
Burn, Scald.....		15	4		

RETURN showing Number of Deaths within 72 hours after admission to Hospital.

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	ADMITTED.	DIED.
1	F.	43	Pneumonia	14 January	16 January
2	M.	80	Senility	16 January	19 January
3	M.	36	Ruptured Hydatid, Cyst of Liver	23 January	24 January
4	F.	34	Septic Peritonitis	28th January	29 January
5	M.	60	Delirium Tremens	7 February	8 February
6	F.	27	Chronic Gastritis	7 February	10 February
7	F.	20	Fracture of Skull	10 March	10 March
8	M.	2	Burns, Pneumonia	8 March	10 March
9	M.	43	Pneumonia	20 March	22 March
10	M.	21	Typhoid Perforation	23 March	25 March
11	M.	2	Diphtheria, Syncope	2 April	4 April
12	M.	11	Fracture of Skull	16 April	16 April
13	F.	34	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	25 April	27 April
14	M.	6	Broncho-Pneumonia	18 May	21 May
15	M.	73	Uræmia	29 May	30 May
16	M.	3	Broncho-Pneumonia	28 June	29 June
17	M.	9	Diphtheria	28 June	1 July
18	M.	25	Gunshot Wound of Thigh	7 July	7 July
19	M.	57	Septic Peritonitis	21 July	23 July
20	F.	35	Pneumonia	26 July	28 July
21	F.	3	Broncho-Pneumonia	4 August	4 August
22	F.	44	Septicæmia	18 August	20 August
23	F.	43	Intestinal Obstruction	21 September	22 September
24	F.	58	Morbus Cordis	27 October	30 October
25	F.	70	Morbus Cordis	8 November	8 November
26	M.	2	Burns	11 November	12 November
27	F.	7 mos.	Intussusception	29 November	1 December
28	M.	52	Incised Wound of Throat;	6 December	7 December
29	F.	22	Typhoid Fever	14 December	17 December
30	M.	16	Typhoid Fever	25 December	27 December

IN-PATIENTS.

Particulars of Deaths during the Year 1897.

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	F.	40	Septicæmia.	61	F.	48	Sarcoma of Uterus.
2	F.	43	Pneumonia.	62	M.	3	Meningitis.
3	M.	10	Septicæmia.	63	M.	43	Phthisis.
4	M.	80	Senility.	64	M.	60	Phthisis.
5	M.	6	Diphtheria.	65	M.	55	Malignant Disease of Abdomen.
6	F.	67	Chronic Bronchitis.	66	M.	29	Phthisis.
7	M.	36	Ruptured Hydatid Cyst of Liver.	67	M.	14	Pneumonia.
8	M.	45	Typhoid Perforation.	68	M.	3	Broncho-Pneumonia.
9	M.	55	Burns—Exhaustion.	69	M.	9	Diphtheria.
10	F.	34	Septic Peritonitis.	70	M.	50	Malignant growth of Abdomen.
11	M.	72	Cystitis Uræmia.	71	M.	25	Gunshot wound of Thigh.
12	M.	64	Morbus Cordis.	72	M.	55	Malignant growth of Larynx.
13	M.	60	Delirium Tremens.	73	F.	22	Ovarian Cyst.
14	F.	27	Chronic Gastritis.	74	M.	57	Septic Peritonitis.
15	F.	40	Phthisis Pulmonatis.	75	M.	17	Phthisis.
16	M.	57	Necrosis of Sphenoid—Septicæmia.	76	F.	35	Pneumonia.
17	M.	80	Morbus Cordis.	77	M.	30	Phthisis.
18	F.	85	Morbus Cordis.	78	F.	3	Broncho-Pneumonia.
19	F.	46	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	79	F.	15	Meningitis.
20	F.	10	Morbus Cordis.	80	F.	31	Phthisis.
21	M.	65	Senility.	81	F.	60	Morbus Cordis.
22	F.	18	Typhoid—Hæmorrhage.	82	F.	63	Malignant Disease of Abdomen.
23	M.	82	Senility.	83	M.	80	Morbus Cordis.
24	M.	16	Morbus Cordis.	84	M.	79	Cerebral Softening.
25	M.	52	Malignant Disease of Neck.	85	M.	23	Phthisis.
26	M.	40	Bronchiectasis.	86	F.	44	Septicæmia.
27	M.	18	Typhoid Perforation.	87	F.	14	Phthisis.
28	M.	27	Typhoid Perforation.	88	M.	71	Morbus Cordis.
29	F.	20	Fracture of Skull.	89	F.	28	Septicæmia.
30	M.	2	Burns—Pneumonia.	90	M.	25	Chronic Nephritis
31	F.	28	Typhoid Hæmorrhage	91	F.	43	Intestinal Obstruction.
32	M.	26	Tetanus.	92	M.	11	Tubercular Meningitis.
33	F.	27	Typhoid Hæmorrhage.	93	M.	80	Broncho-Pneumonia.
34	M.	57	Morbus Cordis.	94	M.	71	Malignant Disease of Liver.
35	M.	12	Rheumatism Endocarditis.	95	F.	13	Chorea.
36	M.	43	Pneumonia.	96	M.	63	Carcinoma of Pylorus.
37	M.	21	Typhoid—Perforation.	97	M.	83	Morbus Cordis.
38	M.	17	Suppurative Periostitis.	98	M.	41	Syphilis.
39	M.	39	Suppurative Nephritis	99	F.	55	Morbus Cordis.
40	M.	2	Diphtheria Syncope	100	M.	58	Necrosis of Femur—Septicæmia.
41	M.	4	Pneumonia.	101	F.	70	Morbus Cordis.
42	M.	36	Malignant Disease of Spermatic Cord.	102	M.	2	Burns.
43	M.	70	Chronic Cystitis.	103	F.	62	Paraplegia.
44	M.	11	Fracture of Skull.	104	F.	7 mos.	Intussusception.
45	M.	54	Malignant Disease of Liver.	105	M.	44	Chronic Nephritis.
46	F.	50	Pneumonia.	106	M.	2	Bright's Disease.
47	F.	15	Typhoid Syncope.	107	M.	52	Incised wound of Throat.
48	F.	34	Cerebral Hæmorrhage.	108	F.	24	Malignant Disease of Rectum
49	M.	14	Pneumonia.	109	F.	1	Diphtheria.
50	M.	82	Bronchitis.	110	F.	21	Phthisis.
51	M.	62	Chronic Nephritis.	111	F.	22	Typhoid Fever.
52	M.	57	Uræmia.	112	M.	32	Bright's Disease.
53	M.	77	Malignant Disease of Liver.	113	F.	2 mos.	Gastro-Enteritis
54	M.	78	Morbus Cordis.	114	F.	9	Meningitis.
55	F.	36	Suppurating Hydatid of Lung.	115	M.	60	Aneurism.
56	M.	23	Fracture of Skull.	116	M.	16	Typhoid Fever.
57	M.	45	Morbus Coxæ.	117	M.	82	Septic Cystitis.
58	M.	6	Broncho-Pneumonia.	118	M.	15	Morbus Coxæ.
59	M.	73	Malignant Disease of Rectum.	119	F.	26	Burns.
60	M.	43	Uræmia.				

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers for the Year 1897, with the figures for 1895 and 1896 for comparison.

	NEW OUT-PATIENTS.			CASUALTIES.			TOTAL ATTENDANCES.		
	1895.	1896.	1897.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1895.	1896.	1897.
January	102	116	84	46	41	53	419	427	353
February	83	114	84	28	26	57	389	482	344
March	87	85	111	28	27	44	375	464	424
April	77	102	94	41	33	39	371	440	349
May	91	139	98	33	21	28	411	474	399
June	87	151	96	28	25	44	425	605	432
July	115	150	145	28	24	31	492	590	510
August	119	107	123	32	53	54	442	555	497
September.....	121	129	99	23	49	54	453	536	439
October.....	115	107	105	27	37	57	442	387	495
November.....	113	103	122	31	42	46	424	393	542
December.....	98	95	130	34	57	67	411	443	521
TOTAL	1208	1398	1291	379	435	574	5054	5796	5305

DISPENSARY PATIENTS.

	1895.	1896.	1897.
Number of orders for medicine received from the Government			
Medical Officer attending the poor in their own homes	634	661	637
Number of prescriptions made up for the above	1046	964	923

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1897.

I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.	ORDER 1.—Miasmatic Diseases.		VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.	ORDER 3.—Diseases of the Circulatory System.		
	Chickenpox	5		Endocarditis, Valvular Disease	28	
	Influenza	33		Varicose Veins.....	10	
	Whooping Cough	2		Others	3	
	Simple continued Fever	21		Total Circulatory	41	
	Total Miasmatic	61		ORDER 4.—Diseases of Respiratory System.		
	ORDER 2.—Diarrhœal Diseases.			Laryngitis	6	
	Diarrhœa	25		Asthma, Emphysema	14	
	Total Diarrhœa	25		Bronchitis	167	
	ORDER 5.—Venereal Diseases.			Pneumonia	9	
Syphilis	23	Pleurisy	14			
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra	39	Total Respiratory	210			
Total Venereal	62	ORDER 5.—Diseases of the Digestive System.				
II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.	Thrush		1	Stomatitis	8	
	Others from vegetable parasites		1	Sore Throat, Quinsy	75	
	Hydatids.....		3	Dyspepsia	167	
	Others from animal parasites		35	Melœna	2	
	Total Parasitic.....	40	Diseases of Stomach	14		
III.—DIETIC DISEASES.	Starvation, want of Breast Milk.....		4	Enteritis	45	
	Intemperance, Chronic Alcoholism		6	Hernia	7	
	Total Dietic.....	10	Gallstones.....	2		
IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.	Rheumatism		32	Cirrhosis of Liver.....	2	
	Cancer, Malignant Disease		10	Other Diseases of Liver	5	
	Phthisis.....		37	Others	12	
	Other forms of Tuberculosis, Scrofula, &c... ..		6	Total Digestive	339	
	Anœmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythœmia.....		42	ORDER 6.—Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.		
	Others		3	Diseases of Lymphatic System.....	13	
	Total Constitutional.....	130	Bronchocele.....	8	Total Lymphatic.....	21
V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.	Cleft Palate, Hare-lip.....		1	ORDER 7.—Diseases of the Urinary System.		
	Old Age		5	Nephritis	4	
	Total	6	Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate	27	Total Urinary.....	31
VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.	ORDER 1.—Diseases of the Nervous System.		ORDER 8.—Diseases of the Organs of Generation.			
	Hemiplegia, Brain Paralysis	1	Ovarian Disease	6		
	Paralysis (undefined)	1	Diseases of Uterus and Vagina	38		
	Chorea	5	Disorders of Menstruation.....	23		
	Epilepsy	16	Pelvic Abscess.....	1		
	Paraplegia, Diseases of Spinal Cord.....	8	Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c.....	7		
	Others	31	Total Generation	75		
	Total Nervous.....	62	ORDER 9.—Diseases of Parturition.			
	ORDER 2.—Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.		Abortion, Miscarriage.....	4	Total Parturition	4
	Otitis, Otorrhœa.....	4	ORDER 10.—Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.			
Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose	13	Caries Necrosis.....	36			
Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye	31	Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis.....	2			
Total Special Sense.....	48	Others	3			
		Total Locomotion.....	41	ORDER 11.—Diseases of the Integumentary System.		
		Phlegmon, Cellulitis	17	Ulcer, Bedsore	44	
		Eczema	31	Others	42	
		Total Integumentary.....	134			

VII.—VIOLENCE.		ORDER I.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>		VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	
	Fractures, Contusions	242		Debility, Atrophy, Inanition	19
	Gunshot Wounds	3		Abscess	55
	Cuts, &c.	113		Not specified, or ill-defined	32
	Burn, Scald	24		Total Ill-defined, &c.	106
	Poison	4		TOTAL	1865
	Bite of a Snake or Insect	4			
	Otherwise	29			
	Total Accident	419			

LIST of Surgical Operations performed during 1897.

Nature of Operation.	No. of Cases.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.
Removal of Tumours:—				
Scirrhus of Breast	2	2	...	...
Adenoma of Mamma	1	1	...	...
Epithelioma of Neck	1	1	...	...
Epithelioma of Lip	10	10	...	...
Lipoma of Shoulder	2	2	...	...
Cystic Goitre	1	1	...	...
Amputations:—				
Thigh	1	...	...	1
Leg	1	1	...	...
Arm	1	1	...	...
Forearm	1	1	...	...
Fingers and Toes	12	12	...	...
Respiratory System:—				
Tracheotomy Oedema	1	..	1	...
Tracheotomy Diphtheria	4	3	...	1
Opening and draining Empyæma	1	...	1	...
Removing post nasal Adenoids	1	1	...	...
Circulatory System:—				
Cauterising Nævus	1	1	...	...
Excision Varicose Veins	4	4	...	...
Glandular System:—				
Removing Tubercular Glands, Neck	4	4	...	...
Mammary Abscess	1	1	...	...
Digestive System:—				
Radical cure of Hernia	3	3	...	...
Strangulated Hernia	4	...	4	...
Hæmorrhoid radical cure	3	3	...	...
Fistula in Ano	2	2	...	...
Polypus of Rectum	2	2	...	...
Abdominal Section-Intussusception	1	...	...	1
Nose:—				
Removing Nasal Polypi	1	...	1	...
Genito Urinary System:—				
Emmett's operation	1	1	...	...
Ovariectomy	1	...	...	1
Oöphorectomy	1	1	...	...
Curetting	22	22	...	...
Suprapubic Cystotomy	1	1	...	...
Excision of Vasa Deferentia	1	...	1	...
Circumcision	11	11	...	...
Bones and Joints:—				
Excision of Hip-joint	1	...	...	1
Ditto Knee-joint	2	1	1	...
Ditto Astragalus	1	1	...	...
Drilling Bone	6	3	3	...
Abscess in Knee-joint	1	...	1	...
Excision Ribs, Empyæma	1	1	...	...
Osteotomy Tibiæ	1	...	1	...
Talipes, Fitzgerald's Operation	3	3	...	...
Wiring Patella	1	1	...	...
Necrosis of Femur	1	...	1	...
Ditto of Jaw	2	...	2	...
Ditto of Tibia	2	...	2	...
Ditto of Ocalcis	1	1	...	...
Ditto of Tarsal Bones	1	...	1	...

Nature of Operation.	No. of Cases.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.
Exostosis of Lower Jaw	1	1	...	...
Trephining and elevating compound fracture of Skull	3	2	...	1
Removal of Bursa Patella	1	1	...	...
Incisions :—				
Exploratory.....	3	...	3	...
Exploratory Laparotomy	2	...	1	1
Abscess	15	15	...	...
Eye :—				
Removing Eyeball... ..	1	1	...	...
Extraction of Cataract	2	...	2	...
Opening Lacrymal Duct	2	2	...	...
Removing foreign body from lens	1	...	1	...
Operation for entropion	1	1	...	...
Miscellaneous :—				
Hydatid on the Lung.....	1	...	...	1
Hydatid on the Liver (Laparotomy)	5	5	...	...
Hydatid on the Liver (Aspiration)	1	...	1	...
Plastic Operation on Eyelid	1	1	...	...
Ditto Face	1	1	...	...
Ditto Hand.....	1	1	...	...
Gunshot Wound of Hand.....	1	...	1	...
Suturing Tendons and Nerves of Forearm	1	1	...	...
Scraping Sinuses in Hip	1	...	1	...
TOTALS	173	135	30	8

Examinations under anesthetics	17
Passive movement under ditto	2
Total general anesthetics for all causes	176

The following Return shows the gross Expenditure on the General Hospital for the 18 years over which it extends; but it should be remarked that the amount includes £5000 or upwards for repairs and alterations to buildings during the same period :—

YEAR.	PATIENTS ADMITTED.	PATIENTS DISCHARGED.	PATIENTS DIED.	PATIENTS REMAINING 31st DECEMBER.	GROSS COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.
					£ s. d.
1880.....	1054	945	104	80	6323 6 4
1881.....	941	873	98	50	6077 7 5
1882.....	991	887	107	59	5733 6 10
1883.....	1065	957	101	71	6760 4 6
1884.....	946	848	101	68	7162 4 1
1885.....	891	784	92	83	6999 8 2
1886.....	1010	902	109	78	7053 9 9
1887.....	1209	1051	155	81	8451 16 8
1888.....	1077	936	131	91	7820 4 2
1889.....	922	822	118	91	8072 6 7
1890.....	1093	988	103	75	8105 3 3
1891.....	1379	1249	148	57	8199 17 3
1892.....	1143	1011	123	66	7945 3 4
1893.....	1166	1072	99	61	6593 19 5
1894.....	1124	1032	93	60	6373 13 11
1895.....	1128	1028	93	67	6098 0 11
1896.....	1226	1101	111	81	6382 2 1
1897.....	1303	1180	119	85	6404 9 5

NOTE.—The receipts from self-supporting patients and other sources are not deducted in any of these years.

D. MACMILLAN, *Chairman Board of Management.*
General Hospital, Hobart, 11th February, 1898.