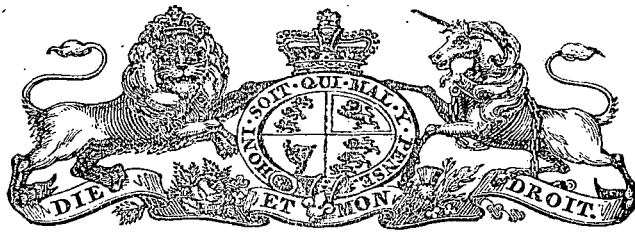


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MOUNT BISCHOFF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL:

REPORT FOR 1885.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



FIFTH Annual Report of the Mount Bischoff Provident Hospital for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

SIR,

At the close of another year the duty has again devolved on the Committee to submit you a concise account of the proceedings of the Institution, and they trust that the statement as laid before you will prove to be of a satisfactory nature.

Buildings and Improvements.—The chief item under this heading has been the erection, at a cost of £50 13s., of appliances for providing hot and cold water baths, which will be found of great service to the patients. An improvement in the shape of clearing that portion of the ground between the Hospital front fence and the road has also been effected, at a cost of £6, and adds not a little towards rendering the premises more attractive. In addition to the above-mentioned, several minor repairs and improvements have been effected to the premises.

The bedsteads as spoken of in last Report have since been received from England, and, as they are fitted with the latest improvements for Hospital use, have been found to answer their purpose admirably.

Medical.—During the year the Medical Officer has made 927 visits and held 1430 consultations. Of this number 33 were admitted as in-patients; but the Committee are happy to state that no deaths occurred in the Institution.

The system brought into force during last year of dieting patients still continues to work satisfactorily.

The number of subscribers is slightly in excess of last year, whilst the subscriptions show an increase of £13 17s. 2d. The Mount Bischoff Company continue to evince the greatest interest in the Institution, a donation of £100 having been received therefrom during the year. Other donations have been received, as follows:—Stanhope Company, £5; W. Ritchie, Esq., £5 5s.; His Excellency Sir George Cumine Strahan, £5; Hon. Wm. Moore, M.L.C., Hon. W. Hart, M.L.C., J. W. Norton-Smith, Esq., M.H.A., £2 2s. respectively; and from Messrs. A. Heaney, £2; C. Kent, W. Turnbull, £1; W. March, £1; J. Geaghan, £1; J. C. King, 10s.; and A. Alford, 10s. It is peculiarly gratifying to the Committee to be able to mention that amongst the list of donors are several who at one time or the other were indoor patients of the Hospital, thus demonstrating their appreciation of the benefits of the Institution. The Committee are deeply indebted to all those gentlemen who have so kindly assisted the funds of the Institution, the absence of which would have made a very perceptible difference in the receipts. Many thanks are also due to the various ladies and gentlemen who have assisted in entertainments in aid of the funds, the sums received from this source amounting to £29 12s. 6d. The Government subsidy has also been increased to £200 since 1883. The Church collections show a slight decrease on the previous year, the sums collected from the various Churches being as follows:—St. James's (Church of England), £6 5s. 3d.; Wesleyan, £3 16s. 6d.; Primitive Methodists, £3 4s. 3d.; St. Joseph's (Roman Catholic), £2 10s. 3d.; total, £15 16s. 3d., against £16 6s. 6d. of 1884. The Committee take this opportunity of returning their thanks to the clergy and congregations of the different Churches for their kind efforts.

Committee.—There has only been one change in the Committee during the year, viz., the election of Mr. Bloomer to the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Wilkinson.

There have been held 17 meetings of Committee, attended as follows:—A. A. Littler, W. Harris, 16; C. Sheedy, G. Dakin, 15; H. W. F. Kayser, T. F. Green, 14; J. Grose, R. W. Clarke, 13; W. Winter, 11; S. Vial, J. C. King, 9; T. Root, 7; M. Bloomer, 6; J. Quinton, 5; J. S. Roberts, 4.

