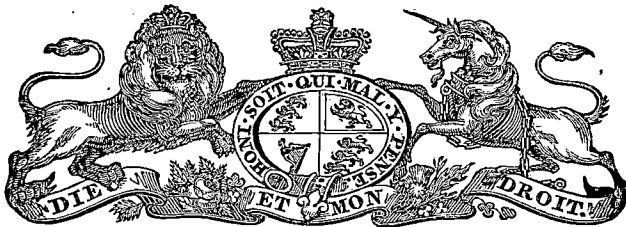


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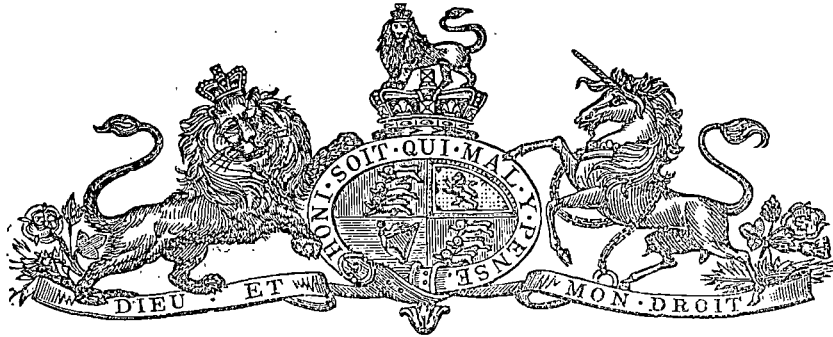
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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



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*To His Excellency SIR ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON,
Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of
Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE have the honor to submit our Annual Report of this Institution for the year 1888, in accordance with the Acts of 22nd Vict. No. 23, and the 46th Vict. No. 35.

2. On the 1st of January there were 56 patients in the Hospital, and during the year one was admitted, one discharged, and one died, leaving 55 remaining on the 31st December, the eldest of whom is 87, and the youngest 27 years of age, the average ages being 60½ years.

3. The general health of the patients during the year was good, and none but the ordinary ailments to which the aged are subject, and those of a chronic nature, needed treatment.

4. The number of patients who are regarded as capable of performing any work has diminished to about 15, and to these only such employment is given as is consistent with their inclinations and amusement, or necessary to their health. The others take exercise in the recreation ground in suitable weather, and they appear to enjoy the change.

5. Amusements have been provided in the form of skittles, dominoes, and books for those who care to read. The Garrison Band, under the direction of Mr. Bates, gave the patients a musical entertainment, which was much appreciated, and for which our thanks are due.

6. Our visits of inspection, which numbered 12 during the year, satisfied us that the Institution is properly managed, and that the patients have been treated with forbearance and consideration. No instance of harsh or improper treatment has been brought under our notice.

7. During the year a change has been made in the staff of attendants. The services of Mr. Muirhead, Head Attendant, were dispensed with, and his duties were transferred to the Surgeon-Superintendent, who appears to have made satisfactory arrangements for their fulfilment by himself and others of the staff. The division of responsibility which formerly existed has therefore ceased, with, we think, advantage to the Institution.

8. The stores and provisions have been duly inspected on each of our visits, and, as a rule, we have been satisfied with the quality of the food, &c. supplied. We have also been present whilst the patients were at their meals, and consider the serving of them and the scale of diet satisfactory.

9. The buildings are unsuitable for the purposes for which they are used; their situation, especially during the winter months, is cheerless, depressing, and not conducive to cure. It would be advantageous and economical to the Government were the inmates of this Institution removed to the contemplated new buildings at New Norfolk so soon as they are ready. The necessity for additional and improved accommodation there has already been brought under notice.

10. We append the customary returns of the number of patients, with admissions, discharges, deaths, funds their maintenance are borne upon, and their total cost during the year, the cost of each patient for the year 1888 being £36 7s. 11½d.

We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servants,

C. E. BARNARD, M.D., }
F. W. MITCHELL, } *Official Visitors.*
THOS. GRAY, M.B. Ed. }

27th April, 1889.

A.

RETURN of the Number of Patients in the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, during the Year, with Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths; their Religion, and the Funds upon which they were borne.

No. on 1st January.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Religion.		Funds.		No. on 31st December.
				Protestant.	Roman Catholic.	Colonial.	Imperial.	
56	1	1	1	33	22	22	33	55

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B.

RETURN of Deaths in the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, during the Year ending 31st December.

No. of Register.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.
58	12th October.	Cancer of Liver.	73

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C.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, for the Year 1888.

Salaries	£	s.	d.
Provisions	908	4	11
Medical Comforts	640	0	0
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	5	0	0
Fuel and Light	193	11	9
Medicines	196	3	6
Interments	6	0	0
Attendants' Uniforms	1	16	6
Miscellaneous	15	0	0
Repairs and Alterations.....	4	7	6
	68	0	0
	£2038		4 2

Average daily numbers—Colonial, 23 ; Imperial, 33.

Amount chargeable to Colonial Funds	£	s.	d.
Ditto, at £32 per head, to Imperial Funds	982	4	2
Cost per head	1056	0	0
	36	7	11½

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