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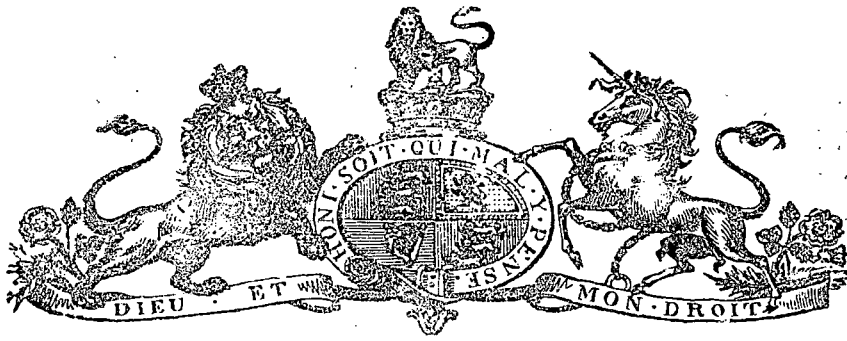
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

REPORT FOR 1875.

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Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st January, 1876.

To His Excellency **FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, C.M.G., Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE number of Patients in the Hospital at the close of 1875 again shows a slight decrease below that of the previous year.

The general health of the inmates, and the result of their treatment, have not been less satisfactory than in former years; while the order and quiet, by which the Institution has long been distinguished, with an almost entire absence of personal restraint, have been maintained unimpaired.

The cost of maintaining the Establishment has been slightly increased in consequence of some rise in the price of provisions, and has amounted to £7394, being at the rate of 1s. 6d. per diem for each Patient.

Of this amount the sum of £1326 8s. 0d. has been refunded by self-supporting Patients, to which a small sum from other sources, as shown in the Return, has been added.

The labour of the Patients on the farm and in the garden has, as usual, greatly contributed to reduce the cost of their maintenance,—the value of the milk produced during the year alone having exceeded £300.

A further very considerable saving of expenditure has been effected by the Patients and attendants in executing numerous important repairs on the premises.

The Buildings are generally in a satisfactory condition; but some repairs, which cannot be undertaken by the inmates, will shortly require the attention of the Department of Public Works.

For some years past a growing difficulty has been experienced in obtaining persons of suitable character and qualifications as attendants, both male and female, on whom so much of the efficiency of the Establishment and the comfort of the Patients depend, and in retaining in the service of the Institution those who have performed for various periods the duties of their office in a satisfactory manner and proved themselves deserving of confidence.

This difficulty the Commissioners believe can only be overcome by granting a reasonable increase of remuneration to the servants of the Hospital, such as has already been strongly pressed on the attention of the Government but has not yet been assented to.

The Commissioners desire again to place on record their warm approval of the manner in which the Superintendent and Medical Officer of the Institution has continued to perform the important duties of the office which he has now filled for a period of 20 years to their entire satisfaction.

With the general conduct of the officers and servants of the Hospital under his control during the past year the Superintendent speaks in approving terms.

The usual Returns are appended to this Report, affording all necessary information respecting the Hospital for the past year:—

- No. 1. Return of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths of Patients.
- No. 2. Return of the duration of disease in Patients on admission, and the result, for the year 1875.
- No. 3. Return of Patients who died in the Hospital, with period of detention, during the year 1875.

- No. 4. Return of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by Patients.
 No. 5. Return of Mechanical Work performed by Patients.
 No. 6. Return of Farm Account Sales.
 No. 7. Return of the Cost of the Hospital for the Insane.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient and humble Servants,

R. OFFICER, *President.*
 JNO. A. MOORE.
 W. S. SHARLAND.
 HENRY BUTLER.
 W. TARLETON.
 FRED^K. M. INNES.
 HENRY HUNTER.
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 A. RIDDOCH.
 ROB. CAR READ.

No. 1.

RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, and Re-admissions in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, showing the per-centage of Discharges and Deaths from 1st January to 31st December, 1875.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
<i>Admissions.</i>			
Remaining 31st December, 1874.....	131	136	267
Admitted during the year 1875	17	22	39
Total.....	148	158	306
Remaining 31st December, 1875	127	135	262
Average number resident, 1875.....	—	—	265
<i>Discharges.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year	5	6	11
Of previous admissions	3	5	8
Total.....	8	11	19
<i>Deaths.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year.....	3	1	4
Of previous admissions	10	11	21
Total.....	13	12	25
<i>Re-admissions</i> of those discharged during the year	—	—	—

Rate per cent. of Recoveries.

On Admissions

48 $\frac{28}{39}$

On total treated.....

6 $\frac{12}{153}$

Rate per cent. of Deaths.

On Admissions

64 $\frac{4}{39}$

On total treated.....

8 $\frac{26}{153}$

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No. 2.

RETURN showing the Duration of Disease in Patients on Admission, and the Result, for the Year 1875.

No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Duration of Disease on Admission.			Discharged relieved or recovered.	Died.	Present Condition.
		Years.	Months	Weeks.			
855	January 7	..	3	..	May 29		
856	9	..	..	1	Feb. 3		
857	19	..	..	4	..	..	Unimproved.
858	22	Ten	days.	..	Feb. 3		
859	February 3	17	..	..	..	June 26	
860	20	From	infancy.	..	..	..	Unimproved.
861	20	Not	stated.	..	..	..	Improved.
862	20	..	..	1	April 9		
863	March 1	..	1	..	June 2		
864	16	Unk	nown.	..	June 5		
865	16	..	..	4	Dec. 31		
866	27	..	..	2	..	Dec. 2	
867	April 6	Not	stated.	..	..	May 24	
868	May 8	..	..	2	August 3		
869	June 3	..	3	..	August 2		
870	21	Unk	nown.	..	..	..	Unimproved.
871	21	Unk	nown.	..	..	August 4	
872	21	18	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
873	23	Unk	nown.	..	..	..	Improved.
874	July 2	Many	months.	..	..	..	Unimproved.
875	10	Unk	nown.	..	..	..	Improved.
876	August 24	..	2	..	Dec. 20		
877	27	..	..	1	Oct. 19		
878	28	..	1	..	..	..	Convalescent.
879	31	Not	stated.	..	..	..	Unimproved.
880	September 10	..	3	..	..	..	Convalescent.
881	16	..	3	..	..	..	Improved.
882	21	Unk	nown.	..	..	..	Improved.
883	21	Unk	nown.	..	..	..	Unimproved.
884	October 2	..	..	2	..	..	Improved.
885	6	Unk	nown.	..	..	..	Improved.
886	7	5	..	..	..	..	Improved.
887	7	2	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
888	16	1	6	..	..	..	Improved.
889	November 15	..	..	2	..	..	Unimproved.
890	15	14	..	..	..	..	Improved.
891	15	..	3	Convalescent.
892	19	Not	stated.	Unimproved.
893	December 3	..	2	Unimproved.

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No. 3.

RETURN of Patients who died in the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, and Period of Detention, from 1st January to 31st December, 1875.

No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Age.	Remarks.
126	8. 2. 56.	20. 1. 75.	83	Natural decay and liver disease.
107	1. 11. 54.	24. 1. 75.	55	Apoplexy.
848	2. 11. 74.	18. 3. 75.	26	Congestion of brain.
740	30. 5. 72.	7. 4. 75.	11	Marasmus.
80	8. 11. 51.	30. 4. 75.	56	Disease of liver and dropsy.
176	19. 11. 57.	18. 5. 75.	45	Phthisis.
12	4. 7. 40.	23. 5. 75.	65	Softening of brain.
867	6. 4. 75.	24. 5. 75.	48	Heart disease.
843	19. 10. 74.	2. 6. 75.	45	Softening of brain. Abscess in lung.
738	24. 4. 72.	12. 6. 75.	27	Disease of lungs.
703	14. 7. 71.	15. 6. 75.	42	Disease of brain.
859	3. 2. 75.	26. 6. 75.	17	Ditto.
830	25. 7. 74.	19. 7. 75.	67	Ditto.
140	17. 7. 56.	22. 7. 75.	75	Ditto and natural decay.
871	21. 6. 75.	4. 8. 75.	69	Abscess of leg and thigh. Blood poisoning.
817	11. 3. 74.	16. 8. 75.	76	Natural decay.
800	21. 11. 73.	21. 8. 75.	47	Disease of brain.
490	8. 1. 66.	24. 8. 75.	57	Disease of brain and liver.
150	26. 3. 57.	12. 9. 75.	70	Ditto and natural decay.
798	8. 11. 73.	12. 9. 75.	51	Disease of brain.
423	25. 3. 64.	29. 9. 75.	43	Ditto and lungs.
597	22. 3. 69.	9. 10. 75.	46	Apoplexy.
841	9. 10. 74.	12. 10. 75.	76	Ditto.
866	27. 3. 75.	2. 12. 75.	40	Abscess of lungs.
604	14. 4. 69.	9. 12. 75.	76	Natural decay.

ANALYSIS OF AGES AT DEATH.

Sex.	Under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	TOTALS
Males ...	1	5	2	1	4	13
Females .	1	2	..	3	2	2	1	1	..	12

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No. 4.

RETURN of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by the Patients in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, from 1st January to 31st December, 1875.

Articles.	Made.		Repaired.		Articles.	Made.		Repaired.	
	By Males.	By Females.	By Males.	By Females.		By Males.	By Females.	By Males.	By Females.
Aprons, women's .....	..	227	..	..	Miscellaneous "small articles" ..	..	10	274	7
Boots, men's, pairs	1	..	178	..	Palliassees .....	..	..	..	..
Boots, women's, ditto	4	..	27	..	Rugs and counterpanes .....	..	..	..	6
Boots, children's, ditto	3	..	18	..	Sheets .....	..	..	..	66
Blinds, window .....	..	7	..	6	Shirts, men's .....	..	358	..	780
Blouzes, boys' .....	..	16	..	16	Shoes, men's, pairs .....	..	..	..	91
Cases, pillow and bolster .....	..	111	..	30	Shoes, women's, ditto	1	..	..	93
Caps, women's .....	..	24	..	..	Shifts .....	..	157	..	..
Coats, blue and tweed	2	..	101	..	Slippers, pairs	3	..	..	..
Dresses, print, coburg, tweed .....	..	211	..	..	Stockings, pairs .....	..	..	..	200
Dresses, ticking .....	..	..	..	..	Socks, pairs .....	..	..	..	568
Dresses, winsey .....	..	..	..	..	Towels, hand and round .....	..	70	..	..
Dresses, serge .....	..	14	..	..	Trousers, fustian, pairs	96	..	1058	..
Drawers, cotton and flannel, pairs .....	..	..	..	68	Trousers, tweed, ditto	14	..	168	..
Frocks, linen, men's .....	..	..	346	..	Trousers, linen, ditto .....	..	..	55	..
Gowns, night .....	..	..	..	..	Table cloths .....	..	28	..	4
Jackets, blue cloth .....	..	..	284	..	Vests, flannel .....	..	40	..	14
Jackets, serge and tweed, women's .....	..	5	..	..	Vests, tweed, fustian, cloth	3	..	209	..
Jackets, cotton	146	Petticoats, flannel and serge	66
Jackets, canvas, men's	9	8	11	..	Rugs, quilted	6
Mattresses					

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No. 5.

RETURN of Work performed by Patients in co-operation with the Carpenter and Painter in the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, during the Year 1875.

New Work, Carpenter.—Steps to barn verandah ; 2 cart wheels ; tank to workroom ; pigstye enlarged ; 6 covers to night-tubs ; frame for quilting rugs ; 2 12-ft. forms ; 2 covers to man-holes ; 2 step-ladders ; frames and dumb windows to lavatory and bath-room ; 2 seats to latrines ; 1 folding clothes-horse ; 1 shute for mill-race ; door frame and fixing, 6 and 7 ward ; 1 table, 10 feet, No. 6 ; frame for map ; 3 cells floored ; 3 wheels for barrows ; large wood squares for back windows and fixing ; bagatelle table covered ; new floor to private latrine ; sundry wood mauls, and handles for axes, mauls, rakes, mops, hay forks, &c. ; 17 coffins made.

Bricklayer.—Setting coppers, wash-house ; building fire-place for still ; building in fountain ; boys' chimney heightened ; drains throughout cleaned and repaired ; fire-places throughout.

Repairs.—Shingles sundry roofs ; sundry wheel-barrows, chairs, forms, tables, ladders, close stools, &c. ; frame to kitchen door ; steps to back verandah ; cart wheels, &c. ; wringing machine ; gates to new building and cells ; gates to ladies' cottage, and saddle-boards, flooring, new building ; window sashes ; gate, wash-house yard ; latrines, Male and Female Divisions ; horse stable ; drying frames, sundry ; wood boxes ; garden, farm, and home fences ; fences, Dr. Huston's quarters ; drains and covers throughout ; general repairs throughout the whole establishment.

Plummer, Painter, and Glazier.—Water pipes and taps throughout; No. 6 and 7 ward and front verandah; corridor, 15 rooms; 3 wards and passages in back Division; needle-room; 6 bed-rooms and passages; verandah and windows; 2 sub-matrons' quarters painted throughout; skylights and 101 windows repaired.

Whitewashing and Colouring.—14 rooms; 10 wards in back Division; cow-man's hut; 2 rooms, new building; large mess-room, females; roof of front verandah; needle-room and 6 bed-rooms; outside walls, back Division, pointed and coloured; all places throughout establishment where required.

Distillation.—3 gallons blue gum oil.

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No. 6.

RETURN of Farm Account Sales, Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1875.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Description.</i>	<i>Weight.</i>	<i>Price.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
1875.				£ s. d.
March 19th	8 pigs.....	At auction.	By Roberts & Co.	16 0 0
September 1st	8 ditto	13 3 0
December 22nd	12 ditto	10 4 6
				£39 7 6

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No. 7.

THE Cost of the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, for the Year 1875.

	<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Salaries		2657	3	1
Allowances		12	0	0
Provisions, including Medical Comforts, &c.....		2927	14	9½
Fuel and Light		464	12	5
Bedding, Clothing, Stores, &c.		1036	9	8
Stationery		13	13	10
Medicines		27	19	1
Advertising		4	8	0
Incidental Expenses		22	3	4½
Conveyance of Stores		68	19	11
Coroner's Inquests		1	7	0
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners		61	15	0
Funerals		3	7	6
Repairs to Buildings, &c.		93	3	11
		7394	17	7
	<i>Cr.</i>			
Fees for self-supporting Patients, £1326 8s., and for Patients' labour, Washing, and sale of pigs, £54 8s. 11d.....		1380	16	11
		£6014	0	8

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