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**MOUNT BISCHOFF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL:**

**REPORT FOR 1882.**

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*SECOND Annual Report of the MOUNT BISCHOFF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.*

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Your Committee have much pleasure in presenting to you the Second Annual Report, and in doing so, cannot refrain from expressing their satisfaction at the support the Institution has received throughout the year.

The Institution has proved itself an inestimable boon, not only to the residents of the district, but also to persons residing at a distance on the gold-fields and elsewhere; as, out of the twenty-six persons who were admitted during the year, three were brought from the Pieman, one from Long Plain, and one from Emu Bay.

Various improvements have been carried out by your Committee during the past year, and were made, as far as practicable, commensurate with the several wants of the Institution.

The accommodation provided by the original building proving quite inadequate to meet the increasing demand, your Committee took steps to build a new wing (mention of which was made in last Report), at a cost of £271 17s. 2d. This consists of a ward and committee-room, which latter, however, may, if occasion require it, be converted into an additional ward.

Two verandahs, one at the front and one at the rear of the building, have been erected, at a cost of £38 18s. 8d.

A well has also been sunk on the premises to provide for a better supply of water than had hitherto been obtained, and will prove of great advantage in case of an outbreak of fire.

The grounds of the Hospital have been partially fenced off; the remaining portion will be finished, if possible, during the ensuing year.

An extra quantity of furniture and bedding has been procured to meet necessary requirements.

Other improvements are in contemplation, but, until such time as sufficient funds are in hand, will have to be withheld.

The persons originally appointed to act as nurse and wardman resigned their positions on the 28th June last. Applications were immediately invited to fill the vacancy of nurse, and Mrs. E. Pritchard was appointed out of five applicants, at a salary of 14s. per week, with quarters and fuel, and the sum of 2s. 6d. per day for any extra assistance if such were required. It may be safely said that the appointment has given general satisfaction.

On the 1st April last, Dr. J. M'Call was appointed Medical Officer to the Institution, at a salary of £30 per annum.

Your Committee, seeing the advantages derivable from the insuring of property, determined to effect an insurance on the buildings and furniture of the Institution, and to that end have taken out a policy on the Mutual Fire Insurance Company to the amount of £500, divisible as follows:—Buildings, £450; furniture, £50; total, £500.

Several changes have taken place in the *personnel* of the Committee since they assumed office in February last.

Shortly after the election in the same month, Mr. R. Bailey was elected *vice* Mr. C. Wilkinson, resigned. The other changes made since are as follows:—

In May—Dr. M'Call *vice* Dr. Stewart, resigned; and Mr. J. Grant *vice* Mr. J. Fairfield, resigned.

In August—Mr. T. Green *vice* Mr. G. Corfield, resigned.

In September—Mr. J. Bray *vice* Mr. J. Grant, resigned.

In October—Mr. A. A. Littler *vice* Mr. W. M'Kenzie, deceased.

Your Committee have held 19 general and 4 special meetings during the year, which have been attended as follows:—W. Harris, 23; J. Quinton, 21; A. Hilder, H. W. F. Kayser, C. Sheedy, 20; J. Whitehouse, 17; H. G. D. Hills, 15; R. Bailey, F. Alford, 7; W. M'Kenzie, 5; J. Fairfield, T. Green, J. M'Call, 4; J. Grant, A. A. Littler, 3; J. Bray, 2.

The number of subscribers up to date is 260, contributing a sum of £187 14s. 9d., as against 154 of last year, with a sum of £106 19s.

Donations, for which many thanks are due, have been received from the Mount Bischoff and Stanhope Companies; viz.—£50 and £5 respectively, besides several smaller sums from private sources.

A concert was held in the month of July last, which resulted in the sum of £24 10s. being handed over towards the funds of the Institution; and thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted.

To the Clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic, and Primitive Methodist Churches in Waratah must be awarded all praise for the energy they have displayed in helping the funds of the Institution, by setting aside one Sabbath in the year, known as the "Hospital Sunday," the proceeds of the collections being handed over to the Hospital.

The amounts collected were £5 12s., £3 10s., and £3 0s. 9d. respectively; total, £12 2s. 9d.

The number of patients admitted into the Hospital during the year, as already stated, is twenty-six; a large proportion of whom were suffering from accidents received from their work, the remainder principally suffering from rheumatism, severe colds, and other diseases incidental to the climate. One death only has occurred during the year, the remainder of the patients being discharged on the order of the Medical Officer.

Your Committee would deem this Report incomplete if no allusion were made to the death of a fellow-member,—viz., the late William M'Kenzie,—whose decease took place on the 23rd February last, at the Hospital. He was always distinguished for the interest and zeal he manifested in promoting the welfare of the Hospital; he acting as the first in the capacity of nurse, and, as a singular coincidence, his was the first death which occurred in the Institution.

Your Committee wish to thank Messrs. F. A. Horne and E. R. Ash for the very able manner in which they have discharged their duties as Auditors to the Institution.

The retiring Members of Committee are Messrs. H. G. D. Hills, A. Hilder, W. Harris, J. Bray, T. F. Green, and J. Quinton, all of whom, however, are eligible for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. Horne and Ash, also retire, but are still eligible for re-election.

H. W. FERD. KAYSER, *President*.  
WM. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

*BALANCE Sheet, Mount Bischoff Provident Hospital, Year ending 31st December, 1882.*

Dr.		£ s. d.	Cr.		£ s. d.
Dec. 31.—Balance from 1881.....		254 17 2	Refunded to late Treasurer, to error in bank-		
Subscriptions .....		187 14 9	ing account, 1881.....		13 2 0
Donations .....		76 17 6	Building new wing .....		271 17 2
Benefits .....		24 4 0	General improvements .....		85 10 3
Paying patients .....		22 8 10	Furniture .....		38 3 2
Church collections .....		12 2 9	Salaries .....		121 13 0
Collection-boxes .....		4 10 9	Wages .....		1 4 0
Wardsman's earnings.....		23 1 4	Groceries .....		19 2 4
			Meat .....		12 15 5
			Bread .....		2 3 5
			Milk .....		6 14 7
			Medicines .....		2 18 1
			Porter .....		3 0 0
			Firewood .....		10 3 6
			Soft goods .....		6 19 7
			Telegrams .....		5 6 8
			Stationery .....		6 1 5
			Printing, advertising, &c.....		6 17 10
			Collector's commission .....		7 0 6
			Storage and forwarding.....		0 2 6
			Insurance premium.....		2 16 3
			Hospital seal.....		0 19 0
			Interest on overdraft .....		1 17 0
Cheque outstanding, No. 89.....£10 16s. 1d.)		605 17 1			
" " No. 91.....£2 0s. 0d.)		12 16 1			
Balance as per bank pass-book.....		7 14 6			
		<u>£626 7 8</u>	TOTAL.....		<u>£626 7 8</u>

Examined and found correct,

E. R. ASH,  
 FRED. A. HORNE, } *Auditors.*

9th January, 1883.

*TABULAR Statement of the Cases treated in the Mount Bischoff Provident Hospital from 1st January to 31st December, 1882.*

<i>Diseases.</i>	<i>Cases treated in Hospital.</i>	<i>No. of Deaths in Hospital.</i>
Stomach and Bowels .....	1	—
Lungs .....	2	—
Liver .....	1	—
Eyes .....	1	—
Brain and Nervous System .....	2	—
Abscesses and Ulcers .....	2	—
Rheumatic Affections .....	2	—
Fevers .....	2	—
Wounds and Injuries .....	7	1
Erysipelas.....	1	—
Mumps .....	2	—
Congestion of Kidney .....	1	—
Fractured Patella .....	1	—
Fracture of Skull.....	1	—
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J. M'CALL, M.B., C.M., *Medical Officer.*