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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1874.

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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1874.

I HAVE the honor to lay before the Government the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1874.

The number of Hospital cases treated in 1874 was thirty-five less than in the preceding year, and the mortality was greater by 16.

The fees received from paying patients exceeded those received in 1873 by £75.

Since the removal of the patients from the old Hospital for Females to wards in the main Building, a sufficient period has elapsed for a fair estimate to be formed of the capabilities of that building as to accommodation for both sexes. The daily average number of Patients treated in each year has been about 80; and as there are upwards of 100 beds available, there can now be no doubt that the space is amply sufficient for all cases (male and female) requiring Hospital treatment.

Towards the middle of the year a change was made in the Hospital Staff. It was considered desirable that the Surgeon Superintendent should visit, as Medical Officer, all the Charitable Institutions, and also such of the out-door poor as were suffering from disease which prevented their attendance at the Dispensary.

As the carrying out of this arrangement necessitated his being absent from the Hospital during the greater part of the day, a Resident Surgeon was appointed, who, in addition to his Hospital duties, undertook those of Dispenser.

In consequence of the increase in the number of Invalids admitted to the Depôts, and prescriptions from out-door patients coming in at all hours, the Resident Surgeon found it impossible to perform satisfactorily the combined duties; he therefore applied to the Government for assistance, and the late Dispenser was re-engaged.

During the last months of the year the Hospital was thoroughly cleansed, painted, and re-colored. This item being included in the general expenditure, increases the cost per diem for each patient.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1874 was £3428 14s. 3d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1513	0	11
Provisions	1270	0	0
Medical comforts	146	5	10
Medicines and Surgical Instruments (estimated)	200	0	0
Fuel and light	253	1	4
Clothing, bedding, &c.	123	12	8
House allowance	82	12	3
Repairs to buildings	218	18	7
Stationery	6	9	0
Washing.....	72	19	8
Funerals.....	103	4	0
Travelling expenses	50	0	0
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For Medical Attendance and Medicines supplied to other Establishments*	£300	12	6
Cash received from Self-supporting Patients	310	17	6
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	611	10	0
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	£3428	14	3
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Number of Diets to Patients	28,733		
Ditto to Attendants.....	6710		
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	35,443		
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Daily average number of Patients in Hospital was about 78½.

Average cost, per diem, 2s. 4½d.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent.

DURING the past year there were admitted into Hospital 949 Patients, of whom 647 were males and 302 females.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year, 65; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1874, was 1014. Of these, 841 were discharged, 110 died, and 63 remain under treatment.

Eight persons died on the day of admission, 6 on the day after, 7 on the second day, 3 on the third, 2 on the fourth, 2 on the fifth, and 2 on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	12
From 20 to 30 years	7
" 30 to 40 years	5
" 40 to 50 years	15
" 50 to 60 years	22
" 60 to 70 years	30
" 70 to 80 years	14
" 80 to 90 years	4
Upwards of 90 years	1
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	110
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Of the Patients admitted, 139 were self-supporting, 25 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 785 were Colonial Paupers.

The number of Out-Patients treated during the year was 3505; the number of prescriptions was 6059.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

* *Viz.*—The Queen's Asylum for Children, New Town; the Female Invalid Depôt, New Town; the Brickfields Pauper Depôt; the Cascades Pauper Depôt; the Gaols, Houses of Correction, and Reformatory for Boys.

RETURN showing the Diseases treated in the General Hospital during the Year 1874.

CLASS OF DISEASES.	NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED.			DIED.
	<i>In Hospital.</i>	<i>Out-Patients.</i>	TOTAL.	
Stomach and Bowels.....	38	504	542	5
Lungs	120	687	807	25
Eyes	29	68	97	—
Brain and Nervous System	78	31	109	10
Skin.....	15	197	212	—
Liver	7	11	18	5
Abscesses and Ulcers	106	167	273	6
Rheumatic Affections	82	409	491	—
Wounds and Injuries.....	189	282	471	13
Venereal Affections	52	117	169	—
Fevers	25	28	53	2
Dropsies	11	24	35	6
Other Diseases.....	262	980	1242	38
TOTAL.....	1014	3505	4519	110

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*