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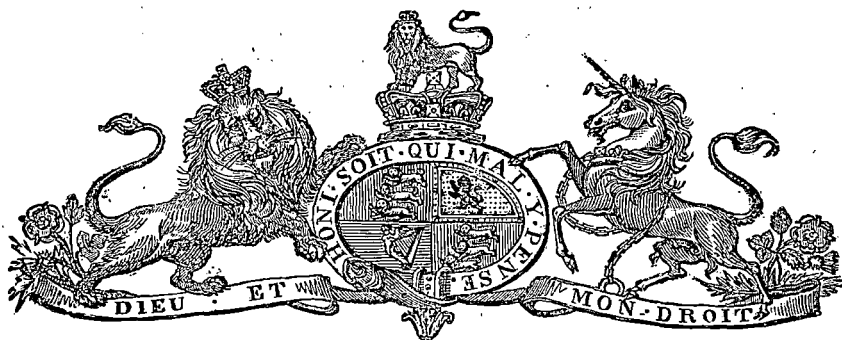
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1867.

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LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1867.

THE Board of Management of the General Hospital, Launceston, have the honor to lay before the Government their Annual Report for 1867.

During the past year the average daily number of Patients was slightly in excess of that for 1866, and the cost for their maintenance was reduced from 1s. 10½*d.* to 1s. 8*d.* per diem.

The payments received from Self-supporting Patients exceeded those of 1866 by about 50 per cent.

The number of Out-Patients having annually increased, and the Board believing that many persons receive recommendations for relief at the Dispensary who are in a position to pay a private Practitioner, requested the sanction of the Government to refer all cases to the Police for enquiry.

In pursuance of this object a weekly return of persons applying for relief is furnished to the Superintendent of Police, and the enquiries made by him will no doubt prevent in great measure the abuses to which this department of the Institution has been subjected.

In conclusion, the Board would remark that the greatest economy consistent with the welfare of the Patients is exercised in the management of the Establishment.

The yearly cost for the maintenance of a Patient, as shown by the Financial Statement appended, is a little over £30, an expenditure which will bear favourable comparison with that of any Hospital in the British Dependencies.

ISAAC SHERWIN, *Chairman.*
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EXPENDITURE on account of the Launceston General Hospital for 1867.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	897	14	0
Provisions and medical comforts	1228	1	6
Clothing, bedding, and stores	205	0	4
Fuel and light	325	12	9
Stationery	2	3	0
Water	30	0	0
Medicines	231	6	10
Rent and Taxes	85	0	0
Funerals	172	16	0
Painting and Repairs	41	13	7
	£3219	8	0

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	£	s.	d.
Cash paid into Treasury for Self-supporting Patients	128	12	8
Medicines for Out-Patients	78	1	6
	206	14	2
	£3012	13	10

No. of Diets issued to Patients, 36,172.

No. of Diets issued to Attendants, 4380.

Daily cost of each Patient, 1s. 8d. nearly.

Yearly cost at above rate, £30 8s. 4d.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.**REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent of the Launceston General Hospital for the Year 1867.*

DURING the year 1867 there were admitted into the Hospital 397 Patients, of whom 305 were males, and 92 females; 349 were Hospital cases, and 48 were Invalids.

There were remaining under treatment at the close of 1866, 96 Patients; so that the total number treated during the year was 493, of whom 232 were discharged cured, 61 relieved, 44 incurable, 71 died, and 85 remained.

Of the total number of deaths 22 occurred within the first week after admission into Hospital; viz., 3 on the first day, 2 on the second, 8 on the third, 2 on the fourth, 4 on the fifth, and 3 on the seventh.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	2
From 20 to 30	2
30 to 40	6
40 to 50	17
50 to 60	14
60 to 70	15
70 to 80	12
80 to 90	2
90 to 100	1
TOTAL	71

Of the Patients admitted, 49 were Self-supporting, 13 were wholly or in part charged to Imperial Funds, and 335 were Colonial Paupers.

The sum of £120 3s. was received from Paying Patients during the year.

The average daily number during the year was 99½, and the daily cost per head, 1s. 8d.

The cases treated during 1867 were :—

	<i>In-door Cases.</i>	<i>Out-door Cases.</i>	<i>Totals.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory organs.....	56	158	214
brain and nervous system	39	46	85
heart and blood-vessels.....	7	9	16
eyes	24	25	49
skin.....	8	129	137
bones and joints.....	28	12	40
digestive system.....	40	187	227
urinary organs	16	14	30
genitals	11	7	18
Fevers	7	27	34
Dropsies	4	4	8
Rheumatic affections	43	49	92
Venereal affections	16	45	61
Abscesses and ulcers	33	71	104
Wounds and injuries	53	56	109
All other diseases	108	202	310
	493	1041	1534

The diseases and injuries which proved fatal were :—

	CASES.
Asthma	2
Infirmity of age	13
Paralysis	9
Chronic bronchitis	1
Acute bronchitis	3
Chronic hepatitis.....	5
Disease of hip joint	1
Tetanus	2
Anasarca	2
Apoplexy	2
Chronic gastritis.....	1
Cystitis.....	1
Organic disease of heart	5
Granular degeneration of kidney	1
Typhoid fever	1
Abscess.....	2
Pulmonary consumption	2
Compound fracture of leg	1
Compound dislocation of ankle	1
Fracture of skull.....	1
Pneumonia	5
Dysentery	1
Diarrhoea.....	2
Burns	2
Senile gangrene	2
Jaundice	1
Cancer	1
Carbuncle.....	1
TOTAL.....	71

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