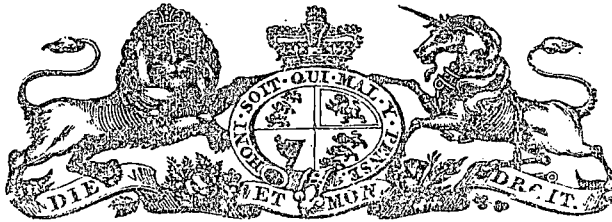


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THE Commissioners have the honor to present their Fourth Annual Report of the Institution under their control.

2. Since their last Report several improvements and alterations have been effected in the Buildings, although not to the extent anticipated.

A verandah, 202 feet long and 10 feet wide, attached to the main building in the Female Division, has been completed.

A day-room, 49 feet long by 23 feet wide and 22 feet high, with an open roof and two fire-places, has been added to the building appropriated to the worst class of Female Patients, which has greatly enhanced the comfort and improved the condition of its inmates. A large airing ground is about to be attached to this room, making a very desirable improvement both for health and recreation.

The quarters formerly occupied by the Head Keeper have been converted into a separate apartment for the Idiot Boys now in the Institution, who are under the charge of a man and his wife.

The narrow street dividing the Hospital grounds on the north side has been closed by authority of an Act of Parliament, and thus enabled the Commissioners to improve and extend the accommodation so urgently required, by erecting the day-room before referred to.

A block of land of about 10 acres, adjoining the Hospital ground, has been purchased and added thereto, at a cost of £100.

The sum of £300, voted by Parliament, has been expended in alterations and repairs to the Superintendent's quarters, which are now in a complete state of repair.

3. Other alterations, which the Commissioners deem not less essential to the improvement of the Establishment than those already effected, are still in contemplation, as adverted to in their last Annual Report,—such as a large room or hall, to be used for various purposes, including Divine Worship, a new kitchen and bakehouse, (the old one to be converted into a bath-room, now much required), the present latrines and farm-yard to be removed, and the further extension of the Hospital grounds by purchase of the adjoining lands, the cost of which would soon be covered by the production of vegetables, &c. at present supplied by contract. For these purposes a sum of £5000 would be required, and which, it is earnestly hoped, Parliament will vote during the ensuing Session.

4. The condition of the Patients has been that of progressive improvement in their general demeanour,—coercion, except short periods of seclusion, is unknown; and the Commissioners are gratified in noticing the satisfactory results of the mild system of treatment now in operation.

5. The various means of recreation adverted to in the Report of last year have been continued, such as pic-nics in the bush, walks in the country for those who could be trusted, winter evening readings, weekly dances, various dramatic performances, music, &c., &c., all of which have been much enjoyed. An organ adapted both for sacred and other music has been supplied, and is a source of much pleasure to the Patients.

6. The supply of provisions by contract has been of invariably good quality.

7. The Commissioners are glad to have it in their power to report a considerable decrease in the number of admissions as compared with previous years, as also an increase in the percentage of recoveries, while the deaths are in greater proportion, several Patients of advanced age having died during the year.

8. Twenty-two of the Patients, maintained at the expense of the Imperial Government, have been transferred to the Lunatic Depôt, Port Arthur, by order of His Excellency the Governor.

9. Out of 17 Patients discharged, recovered, or improved, 6 were admitted during the year, and 11 in 1861: 13 months being the longest period of any Patient's detention.

10. Those Patients who are able or who could be induced to work have been usefully employed, as usual, about the Establishment gardening, &c.; and the Female Patients perform a considerable amount of needlework, besides the washing of the whole Establishment.

11. The average daily cost of each Patient has been about 1s. 10d. The whole annual cost of the Establishment £7800. Of the above amount, £712 1s. 7d. was contributed by Paying Patients, and £2375 by the Imperial Government.

12. The total number of Patients treated during the year was 267, and the average daily number 232.

The number of Patients maintained by the Colony was 146, and by the Imperial Government 71; paying fees 15.

13. The conduct of the Officers and Staff of the Institution has been highly satisfactory, with one exception; in which the Commissioners felt it their duty to recommend the dismissal of an Under Keeper, for permitting a Patient to be ill-treated.

Returns are appended of—1st. Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths; 2nd. Of Articles of Clothing, &c. made and repaired.

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*RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths in the HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE at NEW NORFOLK, showing the per-centage of Discharges and of Deaths during the Year 1862.*

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	DISCHARGES. RECOVERED.			DEATHS.			RATE PER CENT. OF RECOVERIES.		RATE PER CENT. OF DEATHS.	
				Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.	On Admissions.	On Total treated.
Remaining 31st December, 1861 ...	132	107	239										
Admitted during the year 1862 ...	18	10	28	7	10	17	11	9	20	60.20	6.88 357	71.12	7.131 337
TOTAL .....	150	117	267										
Transferred to Port Arthur.....	22	—	22										
Remaining 31st December, 1862 ...	110	98	208										

G. F. HUSTON, *Superintendent and Medical Officer*.

*RETURN of Articles of Clothing, &c., made and repaired by the Patients in the HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE at NEW NORFOLK, from 1st January to 31st December, 1862.*

	MADE.		REPAIRED.	
	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>
Boots, men's, pairs.....	6	—	243	—
Boots, women's, pairs .....	1	—	4	—
Blouses, linen .....	—	—	—	—
Blouses, serge .....	—	15	—	8
Bolster cases .....	—	—	4	—
Caps, women's .....	—	142	—	—
Chemises, striped .....	—	177	—	40
Drawers, flannel, pairs .....	—	31	—	57
Frocks, linen, men's .....	—	—	24	13
Dresses, ticking .....	—	—	—	15
Jackets, blue cloth, men's .....	20	—	234	—
Jackets, cotton .....	—	140	—	30
Jackets, serge .....	—	—	—	50
Palliasses .....	49	—	—	—
Petticoats, serge .....	—	—	—	63
Pillow cases .....	—	100	—	—
Rugs, woollen.....	—	—	4	—
Rugs, Osnaburg quilted.....	4	6	—	—
Shirts, cotton, men's .....	—	196	6	550
Shoes, men's, pairs.....	3	—	51	—
Shoes, women's, pairs .....	—	—	31	—
Stockings, men's, pairs .....	—	—	—	718
Stockings, women's, pairs .....	—	40	—	60
Sheets .....	—	—	—	50
Trowsers, fustian, men's, pairs .....	140	—	307	—
Trowsers, tweed, men's, pairs .....	—	5	167	—
Trowsers, linen, men's, pairs.....	—	—	32	4
Waistcoats, flannel, men's .....	—	116	16	94
Waistcoats, blue cloth, men's .....	—	—	153	—
Shirts, flannel, boys' .....	—	4	—	—
Towels.....	—	—	—	7

G. F. HUSTON, *Superintendent and Medical Officer.*