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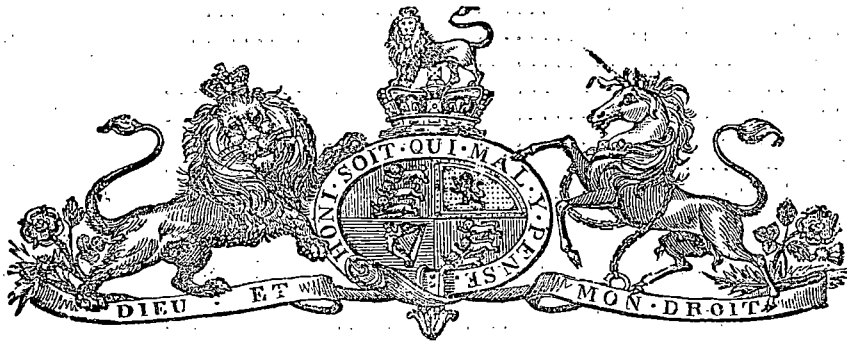
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GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1869.

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## LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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*ANNUAL REPORT for 1869.*

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THE Board of Management of the Launceston General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year 1869.

The number of Patients treated was less during the past year than for several previous years.

This diminution was caused by the increased accommodation for chronic incurable cases afforded at the Invalid Depôt, Patterson-street,—it having been necessary previous to the formation of that Institution to admit such cases into Hospital.

In consequence of the decrease in the average daily number of Patients, the cost for each Patient was somewhat higher, although the total expenditure was less,—the same staff, fuel, light, &c. being necessary for the smaller as for the larger number of Patients.

The amount received for Self-supporting Patients was greater than in any previous year,—owing principally to subscriptions received from Messrs. Overend & Robb, for the treatment of men engaged in the construction of the Railway when sick or wounded.

With deep regret the Board have to record the death during the past year of one of their oldest Members. From the first formation of the present Board, up to the time of his death, Mr. Sherwin held the position of Chairman; and during that long period his exertions on behalf of the Institution were most zealous and untiring. But not in connection with the Hospital alone was Mr. Sherwin's large-hearted charity manifested. In every movement having for its object the amelioration of the condition of the working classes he took a prominent part; and in his death the poor of Launceston have to mourn the loss of one of their kindest benefactors.

The Board have much pleasure in here recording their appreciation of the gratuitous services of the honorary consulting Surgeons, Drs. Miller and Wigan. On all occasions where those services were required they were rendered with the greatest promptitude; and the Surgeon-Superintendent has, in many instances, been indebted to them for most valuable assistance.

JOHN CROOKES, *Chairman.*  
JOHN T. SALE.  
JOHN MURPHY.  
H. DOWLING.  
W. S. BUTTON.  
JAMES ROBERTSON.  
ALEX. WEBSTER.

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*EXPENDITURE on account of the Launceston General Hospital for 1869.*

	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	822	10	0
Provisions and medical comforts.....	884	14	7
Clothing, bedding, and stores .....	150	0	0
Fuel and light .....	327	18	8
Stationery .....	5	19	0
Medicines and instruments.....	100	0	0
Funeral expenses .....	125	6	0
Water-rate .....	30	0	0
Rent and Taxes.....	85	8	0
	<u>£2531</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>
Cash paid into Treasury, received from Self-supporting Patients....	270	18	9
Net expenditure.....	<u>£2260</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>

No. of Diets issued to Patients, 23,939.

No. of Diets issued to Attendants, 4380.

Daily cost of each Patient, about 1s. 10½d.

Yearly cost of each Patient, about £34 10s.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon-Superintendent.*

*REPORT of the Surgeon-Superintendent of the Launceston General Hospital for the Year 1869.*

DURING the year 1869 there were admitted into the Hospital 365 Patients, of whom 285 were males, and 80 females.

There remained under treatment at the close of 1868, 67 Patients; so that the total number treated during the year was 432: of these 319 were discharged cured or relieved, 61 died, and 52 remained under treatment at the commencement of 1870.

Of the total number of deaths, 19 occurred within the first week after admission; viz.—7 on the first day, 1 on the second, 6 on the fourth, 1 on the fifth, 1 on the sixth, and 3 on the seventh.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years .....	3
From 20 to 30 .....	8
30 to 40 .....	11
40 to 50 .....	15
50 to 60 .....	11
60 to 70 .....	9
70 to 80 .....	3
80 to 90 .....	1
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Of the Patients admitted, 52 were Self-supporting, 7 were wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 306 were Colonial Paupers.

The sum of £270 18s. 9d. was received for Self-supporting Patients during the year.

The average daily number of Patients during the year was 65½; and the cost per head a fraction over 1s. 10½d.

The cases treated during 1869 were :—

	<i>In-door Cases.</i>	<i>Out-door Cases.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	62	140	202
brain and nervous system.....	34	32	66
heart and blood-vessels.....	19	22	41
eyes.....	10	30	40
skin.....	6	72	78
bones and joints.....	14	12	26
digestive system.....	24	120	144
urinary organs.....	9	10	19
Fevers.....	14	4	18
Dropsies.....	1	—	1
Rheumatic affections.....	42	41	83
Venereal affections.....	27	56	83
Abscesses and ulcers.....	24	61	85
Wounds and injuries.....	84	52	136
All other diseases.....	62	102	164
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1186</b>

The diseases and injuries which proved fatal were :—

Disease of the heart.....	9
Pulmonary consumption.....	6
Apoplexy.....	4
Old age and debility.....	5
Malignant disease of stomach.....	3
Disease of the brain.....	4
Pneumonia.....	3
Inflammation of uterus.....	1
Disease of pancreas.....	1
Disease of kidney.....	2
Disease of bladder.....	1
Disease of liver.....	1
Fractures and contusions.....	4
Sun-stroke.....	1
Diarrhœa.....	2
Dysentery.....	1
Amputation.....	1
Epilepsy.....	1
Malignant tumor.....	4
Rheumatism.....	1
Typhoid fever.....	1
Caries.....	1
Hœmoptysis.....	1
Spinal disease.....	1
Struma.....	1
Enteritis.....	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>61</b>

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon-Superintendent.*