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NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS:

REPORT FOR 1883.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*ANNUAL REPORT of the NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION for the Year 1883.*

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*Charitable Institution, New Town, 11th March, 1884.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to present the fourth Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the year 1883.

I am happy in reporting that the additions made to the Male Division have very much added to the comfort and convenience of the inmates, and have enabled me to a certain extent to classify many of the cases and ailments which were before distributed over the Institution.

The cost of maintenance for each inmate for the year amounts to £13 4s. 10d., being 8½d. per diem. This is slightly in advance of last year, and may to a great extent be accounted for by a larger issue than formerly of clothing, bedding, and other stores, rendered necessary by the wear and tear of the old supplies from the Brickfields. The amount expended upon repairs has also added considerably to the cost.

In reference to the remarks in my last report upon the defective water supply of the Institution, I am glad to state this serious defect will shortly be remedied, a vote of £300 having been sanctioned to defray the cost of building a new reservoir, &c. I am also pleased to inform you that tenders are called for to fit part of the Institution for the increased Hospital accommodation rendered necessary by the many helpless persons now in the Institution.

Latterly the stamp of people who have received orders for admission are totally unfitted from age and their own infirmities to fill the position of attendants, consequently during the year I have experienced the greatest difficulty in finding inmates (males and females) fitted to take charge of the hospital wards, which contain many sick and bedridden cases. There are a great number of chronic complaints where kind nursing is indispensable, particularly in cases of those who are in themselves perfectly helpless and require lifting and assistance on all occasions when a change of position is necessary. Eventually it will be found that a better class of attendants will be an advantage.

In the attached returns you will observe that the numbers are less than any previous year.

Detached parties are, as formerly, located at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery and Government Farm, New Town.

The health of the inmates, considering the number of shattered constitutions, is surprising, proving the favourable position of this locality. The death-rate, viz., 109 males and 24 females, at the average age of 73 years, explains itself.

The conduct of the inmates for the past year, taken generally, has been good.

I have again to thank the proprietors of the *Mercury*, *Church News*, *Catholic Standard*, and *People's Friend*, and many others, for their very great kindness in supplying papers for the use of the inmates.

The chaplains of the Institution, the clergy of dissenting denominations, laymen, lady visitors, and others have been unremitting in their endeavours to advance the spiritual welfare and the general comfort of the inmates.

The officers of both divisions have performed their duties during the year to my entire satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

**EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1883.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	...			1062	0	8	By fees received for maintenance, sale of			
Contingencies—							road metal, &c.....	100	2	1
Provisions and medical							Net cost .....	8501	19	11
comforts .....	5138	17	1							
Medicine .....	171	7	8							
Clothing, bedding, stores,										
and stationery .....	1150	17	8							
Fuel and light .....	509	0	6							
Miscellaneous, including										
funeral expenses .....	203	1	0							
Repairs and alterations to										
buildings.....	366	11	5							
				7539	15	4				
TOTAL.....	...			£8601	16	0	TOTAL.....	£8601	16	0

Produce of Garden—71,928 lbs. vegetables, valued at £150 14s. 8d.

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**COMPARATIVE Return of Ages of Inmates for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883.**

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Number of Deaths .....	98	23	76	20	94	35	109	24
Average age of those who died.....	71½	69	72½	66½	74	72	73	70
Oldest.....	97	86	85	90	91	91	94	92
Youngest .....	37	34	45	16	28	19	54	53
Average age of those remaining 31st								
December .....	68½	66	68	60	69	60	69½	60½
Average age of Males and Females com-								
bined, 31st December .....	66½		66		66		73	
Oldest.....	89	93	91	88	91	90	92	89
Youngest .....	12	16	29	15	18	8	20	9

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*COMPARATIVE Strength Return for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883.*

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.	
	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.
No. of Inmates, 1st January .....	408	151	408	157	420	175	422	168
Admitted during the year .....	491	116	481	150	543	187	575	201
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>369</b>
Discharged during the year .....	393	87	393	112	447	159	475	168
Died during the year .....	98	23	76	20	94	35	109	24
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>REMAINING 31ST DECEMBER .....</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>177</b>

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*COMPARATIVE Statement of the average Daily Number of Inmates, and Expenditure, for the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883.*

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.	
	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.
New Town.....	569	£ 6749 0 4	611	£ 6965 18 5½	577	£ 7440 3 1½	642	£ 8501 13 11
Brickfields .....	134½	1577 8 2	119½	1394 4 5¼	89	1053 15 7½		
	703½	8326 8 6	730½	8360 2 11	666	8493 18 8	642	8501 13 11
Per diem .....	7½d.		7½d.		8½d.		8½d.	
Per annum .....	£11 16s. 8½d.		£11 8s. 11¼d.		£12 15s. 0¾d.		£13 4s. 10d.	

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