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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1887.

SIR,

IN accordance with the Rules of the Hobart General Hospital, I have the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report, containing such tabulated and other information as will, I trust, fully exhibit the working of that Institution during the past year.

2. Twenty Board and ninety-nine Committee meetings were held during the year, at all of which the attendance of Members was, without exception, good; while during the same period the Honorary Medical Staff made about twelve hundred and fifty visits to the wards of the Hospital.

3. The annual cost of each occupied bed in 1878 was £82 14s. 5d.; in 1879, £72 13s. 6½d.; 1880, £64 6s. 0½d.; 1881, £68 11s. 1d.; 1882, £68 3s. 6d.; 1883, £68 11s. 10d.; 1884, £68 3s.; 1885, £67 15s.; 1886, £68 12s. 5d., and for the past year, £73 6s. 9d.

4. It is satisfactory to note that during the past few years the amount of money received from patients who were able either in whole or in part to pay for their maintenance in Hospital has shown a steady upward tendency. In 1882, £222 16s. 11d. was collected; in 1883, £470 1s. 2d. was collected; in 1884, £593 5s. 8d. was collected; in 1885, £613 8s. was collected; in 1886, £789 12s. 3d.; and for the past year £844 has been collected.

5. The new Hospital for the treatment of infectious and other diseases, completed and opened for the reception of patients in the month of April, 1884, continues to give great satisfaction; its adaptation to the objects for which it was designed appearing to be as perfect as could be desired.

6. In furtherance of the views entertained by the Board of Management, and fully participated in by the Government,—namely, the desirability of securing ample space for the present and future requirements of the General Hospital,—an additional allotment of land was purchased fronting on Campbell-street, the Government thus acquiring possession of the entire square, with the exception of one strip of property fronting on Liverpool-street. That it is desirable to secure the whole square for Hospital purposes admits of no doubt; and keeping in view the permanent character of the buildings already erected, and the vast improvements thereby effected within the last few years, no further argument is needed to urge the consideration of this matter on the attention of Government. In 1885 plans were submitted to the Government, and approved, for the erection of a block of buildings on a portion of the Campbell-street ground. This block was to consist of a morgue suitable for the wants of the city and the Hospital, also a suite of separate apartments for the control and observation of females suffering from mental derangement, also accommodation for ambulance, &c., together with rooms intended for storage purposes, and a covered airing-court for convalescents. A contract was accepted by the Government for this work in the beginning of the year, and the whole is now completed and ready for occupation, thus supplying a want long and painfully experienced.

7. During the past year many improvements of importance have been effected. But while noting with satisfaction the progress thus achieved, it must not be forgotten that much yet remains to be done. Old buildings have to be removed, boundary fences erected, grounds levelled, laid out, and planted, and, above all immediate wants, that of a new kitchen is the most pressing; second to that, and of equal importance, is the erection of a suitable block of buildings, with airing-court, for the control and management of males suffering from mental derangement. The present accommodation for this class of patients is not only defective in many respects, but, in the now altered state of things, badly placed on the grounds, and with only a very limited space for airing and recreation purposes; and now that ample space is available on the newly acquired ground, no time should be lost in remedying this very serious evil—a blot, in fact, which, notwithstanding all our modern improvements, still exhibits a painful connecting link with the cell system of the past. Under these circumstances it is evident that more money will have to be provided. I therefore take the liberty to express an earnest hope that the Government will urge on Parliament the necessity for such additional supplies as will enable these works to be carried out.

8. The number of patients under treatment during the year has been much larger than during the preceding year, but this is entirely due to the greater number of typhoid fever cases admitted. The death-rate, which was 9.9 per cent. last year, has risen to 12; but, of the total deaths, 18 per cent. died within 48 hours of admission.

9. The department of out-patients shows a larger number of attendances than during the year 1886, the increase being over 1000. This includes minor accidents and casualties of all kinds; and if the number of orders for medicine received from the Government Medical Officer attending the poor in their own homes, and from practitioners prescribing gratuitously be added, it may be reckoned that over 2000 individuals have received the benefits of this department.

10. The total number of typhoid fever cases has been 305, which is far in excess of any previous year. The Hospital has never been without typhoid cases in its wards during the year,—the lowest number at any one time being 9, and the highest 74. The death-rate among typhoid fever cases has been 12 per cent., but a third of the cases died within a week of admission; thus showing that they were not admitted until an advanced stage of the disease had been reached, and that their chances of recovery had consequently been diminished.

11. I now append a comparative statement of certain statistics of 1886 and 1887:—

	1886.	1887.
Number of diets issued to in-patients	28,093	34,188
Average stay in Hospital of each patient	25·7 days	26·56
Average daily number of in-patients	76·96	93·67
Number of diets issued to staff	3285	3285

12. The following Synopsis, comprehending the total cost of every branch of the Hospital Service, will fully elucidate the entire working of the Institution:—

A.

Situations.	Yearly Salary.	Remarks.
	£ s. d.	
House Surgeon	350 0 0	Also quarters, fuel, and light.
Assistant House Surgeon	250 0 0	Ditto.
Secretary, House Steward, &c.	250 0 0	Ditto.
Day and Night Porters, £50 each	100 0 0	
Gardener, £57 4s.; Cook, £60	117 4 0	
Wardsman, £91 5s.; Bathman, £65 4s.	150 9 0	
Barber	13 0 0	Also rations, quarters, fuel, and light.
Cook's Assistant	35 0 0	
Dispensary Attendant	27 7 6	
Messenger	82 2 8	
Lady Superintendent	150 0 0	Also a personal ration, quarters.
Nurses	610 0 0	
Servants and Cleaners (11)	275 0 0	
Cook and Laundress, £30 each	60 0 0	
Registrar Benevolent Society	52 10 0	For investigating the circumstances of the out-door patients.

RECAPITULATION.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries of Officers, including the Lady Superintendent....		1000 0 0	
Ditto of Nursing Staff, Extras		788 16 8	
Ditto Female Servants		343 0 0	
Ditto Male ditto		551 19 2	
			2683 15 10
Allowances	..		52 10 0

B.

	1886.	TOTAL.	1887.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	2921 16 3		2683 15 10	
Allowances	72 9 4		52 10 0	
Provisions and Medical Comforts	2136 11 0		2880 8 0	
Fuel and Light	215 10 0		452 11 11	
Medicines and Surgical Appliances	534 16 7		683 19 7	
Clothing, Bedding, and Stores	275 8 11		544 15 4	
Stationery	450 17 2		431 8 11	
Funeral Expenses	23 0 2		26 4 8	
Washing	65 14 6		80 16 0	
Repairs to Buildings	265 1 9		308 4 9	
Cleansing, &c.	338 6 11		125 0 0	
Petty Expenses	19 10 0		21 15 0	
Advertising	19 9 2		34 5 0	
Furniture	20 7 8		16 17 0	
Uniform for Nurses	179 13 0		—	
Commission on Collection of Fees	52 1 4		33 4 8	
	62 16 0		76 0 0	
For Medicines, &c. supplied to other Establishments	7053 9 9		8451 16 8	
Sums received from self-supporting Patients and other sources	50 0 0		74 0 0	
	801 12 3		844 3 3	
Net Expenditure	...	6201 17 6	...	7533 13 5

TOTAL Cost of all Articles of Diet, including Stimulants and Extras, supplied to the General Hospital, Hobart, during the Year 1887. (The Diets of the Male Attendants and Nursing Staff are included in this Return.)

The items during 1886 are given for comparison.

Article.	Amount, 1887.	Amount, 1886.	Article.	Amount, 1887.	Amount, 1886.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d. £ s. d.	£ s. d. £ s. d.
Bread	178 15 6	132 19 10	Sausages	11 16 8	3 12 8
Milk	726 4 10	363 11 0	Preserved Milk.	41 3 6	11 5 0
Meat	800 13 5	516 1 6	Fruit	32 6 4	.. ..
Potatoes	42 18 4	34 7 1	Fowls	27 14 2	12 5 0
Butter	232 14 7	181 6 3	Jelly	40 5 0	2 5 6
Rice	20 11 3	22 16 2	Biscuits .....	.. ..	1 3 2
Oatmeal	10 13 4	13 2 6	Lemons	0 17 4	1 4 0
Oysters	10 9 9	.. ..	Tea	52 17 11	26 6 1
Tapioca	2 6 6	.. ..	Sugar	89 16 4	32 12 2
Fish	128 4 0	80 16 6	Flour	7 1 11	1 5 8
Vegetables	48 8 2	25 1 2	Provisions for	.. ..	.. ..
Allspice	0 7 0	0 10 6	Nurses and Fe-	93 1 0 (Jan.&Fb.)	551 13 0
Barley	5 15 6	3 10 0	male Servants	.. ..	2 1 6
Cocoa	7 0 0	8 15 0	Sundries, Car-	.. ..	2154 17 0
Coffee	4 0 0	2 5 4	tage of Pro-	.. ..	.. ..
Eggs	220 11 3	98 10 8	visions, &c. ...	2880 8 0	.. ..
Jam	7 15 0	3 13 4	Champagne	135 6 0	5 8 0
Maizena	4 14 9	1 0 2	Wine, Port	106 17 3	34 5 2
Mustard	0 5 3	0 9 9	Gin	0 19 0	0 15 0
Pepper	0 16 0	0 16 0	Brandy	46 18 3	30 1 9
Sago	3 8 1	1 5 0	Ale, dandelion..	27 10 0	.. ..
Salt	1 19 4	1 9 0	Ale, bottled ...	34 9 4	82 7 6
Vinegar	0 6 8	0 4 8	Stout, bottled ..	.. ..	1 10 0
Sugar, white,	.. ..	0 16 3	Whisky	3 16 6	37 4 0
(special) .....	.. ..	11 6 8	Aerated Waters.	40 5 0	5 12 7
Bacon	22 1 4	0 3 6	Ice	56 10 7	.. ..
Raisins .....	.. ..	0 2 9		452 11 11	197 4 0
Currants .....	.. ..	2 1 8		£3332 19 11	£2352 1 0
Tobacco .....	.. ..	2 1 0			
Arrowroot	2 8 0	.. ..			

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers during the past Year, with the figures for 1886 given for comparison.

	ADMITTED.		DISCHARGED.		DIED.	
	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.
January	79	106	78	85	3	9
February	78	92	65	79	11	12
March	84	144	76	93	15	10
April	72	103	78	108	7	23
May	76	105	62	85	7	16
June	81	107	74	96	12	17
July	87	89	69	90	10	11
August	68	89	72	74	11	12
September	108	92	67	79	6	8
October	89	100	87	96	10	13
November	96	76	97	81	10	11
December	92	106	77	85	7	13
TOTAL	1010	1209	902	1051	109	155

Number remaining in Hospital on 1st January, 1887..... 78

Admitted since..... 1209

Total patients treated..... 1287

Number discharged during 1887..... 1051

Number died during 1887..... 155

Number remaining in Hospital on 1st January, 1888..... 81

1287

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1887.

<i>Miasmatic Diseases—</i>		<i>Constitutional Diseases—continued.</i>	
Chicken Pox.....	1	Hæmoptysis.....	6
Measles	1	Tuberculosis.....	1
Røtheln	1	Purpura	2
Scarlatina	5	Anæmia	16
Diphtheria	35	Chlorosis	4
Mumps.....	4	Scrofula	2
Simple Fever	1		
Influenza	1	<i>Total Constitutional</i>	<i>143</i>
Enteric Fever	298		
<i>Total Miasmatic.....</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>Developmental Diseases—</i>	
<i>Diarrhœal Diseases—</i>		Talipes	1
Diarrhœa	15	Harelip.	2
Dysentery	3	Other malformations	1
<i>Total Diarrhœal</i>	<i>18</i>	Old Age	13
<i>Malarial Diseases—</i>		<i>Total Developmental</i>	<i>17</i>
Ague	1	<i>Diseases of Nervous System—</i>	
<i>Total Malarial</i>	<i>1</i>	Meningitis	3
<i>Venereal Diseases—</i>		Cerebral Abscess.....	2
Syphilis	4	Apoplexy	4
Gonorrhœa	1	Paralysis	1
Stricture of Urethra	10	Insanity	41
Urinary Fistula	3	Aphasia	2
<i>Total Venereal</i>	<i>18</i>	Epilepsy	10
<i>Septic Diseases—</i>		Chorea	2
Erysipelas	6	Hysteria	6
Septicæmia	1	Tetanus	1
Puerperal Pyæmia	3	Sunstroke.....	2
<i>Total Septic</i>	<i>10</i>	Hemiplegia	4
<i>Parasitic Diseases—</i>		Cephalalgia	4
Tape-worms	1	Diphtheritic Paralysis.....	2
Other intestinal worms	1	Neuralgia.....	7
Hydatid	6	Nervous Debility	1
<i>Total Parasitic</i>	<i>8</i>	Diseases of Spinal Cord.....	3
<i>Effects of Poison—</i>		Eye Diseases	18
Snake-bite	2	Ear Diseases	1
Vegetable poison.....	1	<i>Total Nervous.....</i>	<i>114</i>
Inorganic poison.....	3	<i>Diseases of Circulatory System—</i>	
<i>Total Poison</i>	<i>6</i>	Pericarditis	2
<i>Dietic Diseases—</i>		Valvular Heart Diseases.....	11
Delirium Tremens.....	4	Other Organic Diseases.....	6
Alcoholic Coma.....	2	Phlebitis	1
Chronic Alcoholism.....	51	<i>Total Circulatory</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Total Dietic</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>Diseases of Respiratory System—</i>	
<i>Constitutional Diseases—</i>		Laryngitis	3
Rheumatic Fever	6	Bronchitis	40
Rheumatism	36	Pleurisy	10
Osteo-Arthritis	1	Empyema	4
Lupus	3	Pneumonia	72
Sarcoma	2	Lung Congestion.	1
Epithelioma	10	Asthma	2
Scirrhus	11	Emphysema.....	2
Other new growths.....	3	Pleuro-pneumonia	5
Phthisis	47	Other Lung Diseases.....	2
		Croup	9
		<i>Total Respiratory</i>	<i>134</i>
		<i>Diseases of Digestive System—</i>	
		Tonsillitis.....	9
		Gastritis	27
		Enteritis	1
		Ulceration of Intestines.....	2
		Stomach Diseases	6
		Peritonitis	3

Digestive System—continued.

Hernia	9
Colic.....	2
Piles.....	4
Constipation	5
Cirrhosis of Liver	7
Jaundice	2
Liver Diseases.....	12
<i>Total Digestive</i>	89

Diseases of Urinary System—

Acute Nephritis	2
Bright's Disease	10
Cystitis.....	9
Chronic Cystitis	2
Prostate Gland Diseases.....	3
Bladder Diseases.....	2
Extravasation of Urine	1
Hæmorrhage in Kidney.....	1
Calculus in Bladder	2
<i>Total Urinary</i>	32

Diseases of Generative System—

Varicocele	1
Hydrocele	1
Orchitis	3
Misplacement of Uterus.....	4
Ulceration of Uterus	3
Diseases of Uterus.....	3
Leucorrhœa	1
Diseases of Ovaries.....	4
Disorders of Menstruation	2
Extra-uterine Pregnancy	1
Parturition	1
Pelvic Cellulitis	2
Diseases of Parturition	6
<i>Total Generative</i>	33

Diseases of Locomotive System—

Synovitis	8
Bursitis	4
Ganglion	1
Periostitis	3
Ostitis	1
Necrosis	6
Caries	1
Loose Cartilage	1
Morbus Coxæ	1

Locomotive System—continued.

Joint Diseases.....	16
Spinal Curvature.....	3
<i>Total Locomotive</i>	45

Diseases of Integumentary System—

Boils.....	2
Carbuncle	2
Cellulitis	1
Whitlow	1
Ulcer	34
Abscess.....	8
Skin Diseases	8
<i>Total Integumentary</i>	56

Accident or Negligence—

Fracture—Skull	6
Clavicle	4
Ribs	5
Lower Jaw	2
Humerus	3
Femur	13
Tibia and Fibula	8
Fibula.....	10
Patella	1
Compound and Crushes ..	5
Rupture of Bladder	1
Contusions	25
Cut or Torn Wounds	13
Gunshot Wounds	2
Burns and Scalds	12
Animal Bite.....	1
Concussion	5
Sprain	4
Dislocations	7
Ditto, Compound.....	1
Foreign Bodies	2
Injuries of Eye	2
Wounds of Joints	1
<i>Total Accidental</i>	133

Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes—

Dropsy	2
Debility	5
Tumour	6
Unspecified Causes.....	5
<i>Total Ill-defined</i> ..	18

TOTAL ALL CAUSES..... 1287

IN-PATIENTS.

Particulars of Deaths during 1887.

NUMBER.	MALE OR FE- MALE.	AGE.	DAYS IN HOSPITAL.	POST MORTEM MADE OR NOT.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	M	21	5	Yes.	Enteric fever—Pneumonia.
2	F	43	13	—	Acute Phthisis—Nephritis.
3	M	14	47	Yes.	Morbus cordis—Pericarditis.
4	M	72	12	—	Stricture—Cystitis—Exhaustion.
5	M	9	1	—	Sunstroke.
6	M	73	9	—	Cirrhosis—Senile decay.
7	M	70	7	—	Senile decay.
8	M	37	5	—	Enteric fever—Hæmorrhage.
9	M	38	0	—	Enteric fever.
10	M	18	39	Yes.	Morbus cordis—Epilepsy—Pneumonia.
11	F	21	15	—	Hydatid of lung.
12	F	71	15	—	Enteric fever—Syncope.
13	F	12	11	—	Diphtheria.
14	M	31	5	—	Erysipelas—Meningitis.
15	F	31	35	—	Puerperal Septicæmia.
16	M	69	12	Yes.	Cancer of liver.
17	F	32	16	—	Phthisis.
18	M	37	0	—	Acute Pneumonia.
19	M	$3\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	Croup.
20	F	25	14	—	Enteric fever—Pneumonia.
21	M	36	0	Yes.	Wound of neck—Severed jugular vein.
22	F	28	20	—	Enteric fever—Perforation.
23	M	26	4	—	Enteric fever.
24	M	32	12	—	Phthisis.
25	M	45	3	—	Pneumonia.
26	M	80	0	—	Senile decay.
27	F	27	5	—	Enteric fever—Pneumonia.
28	M	76	0	—	Pneumonia—Senilis.
29	F	21	1	—	Enteric fever.
30	M	14	5	—	Enteric fever.
31	F	10	1	—	Croup.
32	M	26	8	—	Enteric fever.
33	M	62	36	—	Carbuncle.
34	F	42	13	Yes.	Acute Peritonitis.
35	M	31	11	—	Enteric fever.
36	M	28	9	—	Acute Phthisis.
37	M	12	9	—	Enteric fever.
38	M	26	10	—	Epilepsy.
39	F	25	9	—	Enteric fever.
40	M	32	9	—	Enteric fever.
41	F	29	29	—	Enteric fever—Pneumonia.
42	F	4	15	—	Diphtheria.
43	F	24	14	—	Enteric fever.
44	M	31	17	—	Enteric fever.
45	F	20	9	—	Enteric fever.
46	F	37	25	—	Enteric fever.
47	M	84	2	Yes.	Pneumonia—Senilis.
48	M	58	2	—	Pneumonia.
49	M	33	12	—	Enteric fever.
50	M	36	30	—	Enteric fever.
51	M	48	8	—	Phthisis.
52	M	42	29	—	Phthisis.
53	F	13	$\frac{3}{4}$	Yes.	Croup.
54	F	39	1	Yes.	Retention of urine—Cystitis—Peritonitis.
55	M	43	26	—	Cirrhosis—Jaundice—Ascites.
56	M	70	17	—	Cystitis—Exhaustion.
57	F	50	31	—	Morbus cordis.
58	F	7	1	—	Croup.
59	F	18	10	—	Cirrhosis—Ascites.
60	M	53	0	Yes.	Gunshot wound of knee joints.
61	M	68	37	Yes.	Fracture femur.
62	M	76	0	Yes.	Senilis—Apoplexy.

NUMBER.	MALE OR FE- MALE.	AGE.	DAYS IN HOSPITAL.	POST MORTEM MADE OR NOT.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
63	M	10	95	Yes.	Mitral disease—Nephritis—Bronchitis.
64	M	—	57	—	Senile decay.
65	M	25	18	—	Enteric fever.
66	M	37	2	—	Enteric fever.
67	M	73	6	—	Old age.
68	M	—	0	Yes.	Concussion of brain.
69	M	60	33	—	Enteric fever.
70	M	25	19	—	Enteric fever.
71	M	30	7	—	Enteric fever.
72	M	2	72	Yes.	Ædematous Laryngitis—Tracheotomy.
73	M	70	15	Yes.	Extravasation of urine.
74	M	37	55	—	Phthisis.
75	M	47	36	—	Phthisis.
76	M	27	2	Yes.	Cirrhosis of liver—Nephritis.
77	M	43	17	—	Enteric fever.
78	F	25	4	Yes.	Hydatid of liver.
79	M	56	230	—	Phthisis.
80	M	37	14	—	Enteric fever—Nephritis—Uremia.
81	M	24	13	—	Enteric fever.
82	F	27	3	—	Pneumonia.
83	M	66	3	Yes.	Hæmoptysis.
84	F	16	5	—	Laryngitis—Pneumonia.
85	F	39	0	Yes.	Apoplexy.
86	M	25	170	Yes.	Disease of knee joint—Excision.
87	M	16	13	Yes.	Crush—Hæmoptysis.
88	M	66	0	—	Pneumonia.
89	M	23	1	Yes.	Acute Peritonitis.
90	F	7	0	—	Diphtheria.
91	M	40	14	—	Concussion of spine.
92	M	54	0	—	Acute Pneumonia.
93	F	44	5	Yes.	Cancer of stomach.
94	F	15	51	Yes.	Acute Tuberculosis.
95	M	26	25	—	Disease of spine and knee joint.
96	M	60	4	Yes.	Apoplexy.
97	M	35	84	—	Phthisis.
98	M	53	3	—	Pneumonia.
99	F	43	3	—	Enteric fever.
100	M	77	0	—	Burns.
101	M	13	5	—	Meningitis.
102	F	66	13	—	Pneumonia—Asthma.
103	F	22	21	—	Rheumatic fever.
104	F	13	3	—	Acute Meningitis.
105	F	68	1	—	Pneumonia.
106	M	70	3	—	Apoplexy—Hemiplegia.
107	M	34	3	—	Diarrhoea.
108	F	16	1	Yes.	Phthisis—Acute Laryngitis.
109	M	45	53	—	Phthisis.
110	M	32	9	—	Enteric fever—Hæmatemesis.
111	M	65	3	—	Morbus cordis.
112	M	18	18	—	Enteric fever—Pneumonia.
113	F	62	107	—	Burn of leg—Exhaustion.
114	F	67	23	—	Mitral disease.
115	M	54	26	—	Cystitis.
116	M	24	27	—	Aortic Regurgitation.
117	M	17	5	—	Enteric fever.
118	M	23	4	—	Enteric fever—Pneumonia.
119	M	20	14	Yes.	Compound fracture of humerus—Tetanus.
120	M	60	0	—	Pneumonia.
121	M	82	1	—	Senilis.
122	M	65	46	Yes.	Carcinoma of stomach—Abscess of leg.
123	F	22	7	—	Enteric fever.
124	F	25	8	—	Enteric fever.
125	F	44	15	—	Ulceration of intestines.
126	F	19	21	—	Enteric fever.
127	M	68	5	—	Stricture—Retention of urine.

NUMBER.	MALE OR FE- MALE.	AGE.	DAYS IN HOSPITAL.	POST MORTEM MADE OR NOT.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
128	F	6	3	—	Diphtheria.
129	M	8	2	—	Diphtheria.
130	M	56	3	—	Pneumonia.
131	M	28	29	—	Phthisis.
132	M	67	56	Yes.	Phthisis.
133	M	65	22	—	Morbus cordis—Dropsy.
134	M	19	6	Yes.	Pleurisy with effusion.
135	F	28	33	—	Phthisis.
136	F	55	55	—	Phthisis.
137	M	63	3	—	Acute Pneumonia.
138	M	58	4	Yes.	Stricture—Cystitis.
139	M	70	17	Yes.	Cystitis—Senilis.
140	F	55	0	Yes.	Carcinoma of stomach.
141	M	21	37	Yes.	Nephritis—Pericarditis—Hydatid of liver.
142	M	65	5	—	Acute Pneumonia.
143	F	80	34	—	Senilis—Bronchitis.
144	M	51	16	—	Cancer of stomach.
145	M	26	0	Yes.	Poisoning by arsenic.
146	M	33	3	Yes.	Fracture of pelvis—Rupture of bladder.
147	F	27	33	—	Phthisis.
148	F	4	0	—	Diphtheria.
149	F	23	2	—	Rupture of extra-uterine pregnancy.
150	M	36	2	—	Diarrhœa.
151	F	25	3	—	Burns.
152	F	36	122	—	Puerperal Pyœmia.
153	M	3	0	—	Croup.
154	M	79	9	—	Old age.
155	F	7	15	—	Diphtheria.

Deaths, 155. Post-mortem Examinations, 37.

RETURN showing the Expenditure in Drugs, Druggists' Sundries, and Surgical Instruments during each of the last Seven Years.—The articles are charged in the year during which they were received.

YEAR.	Drugs and Sundries obtained from England.	Surgical Instru- ments obtained from England.	Storekeeper's Charges for Freight, &c.	Drugs, &c. ob- tained on contract from local chemist when deficiencies occurred.	Total Expenditure for the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1879.....	285 17 10	96 2 6	37 16 7	115 15 9	535 12 8
1880.....	272 9 4	37 13 3	15 5 11	145 18 4	471 6 10
1881*	175 16 2	44 3 9	38 15 3	131 9 7	390 4 9
1882.....	261 18 0	61 8 2	26 8 5	61 1 11½	410 16 6½
1883.....	247 6 3	44 2 11	20 0 0	73 10 7½	384 19 9½
1884†	206 6 2	85 7 2	24 6 2	26 9 11½	342 9 5
1885.....	235 15 1	37 17 9	27 7 9	31 15 2½	332 15 9
1886.....	165 1 8	29 7 2	..	81 0 1	275 8 11
1887.....	..	..	..	..	544 15 4

*During this year the Hospital ceased to supply the Invalid Depôts.
† At the end of this year the Hospital ceased to supply the Gaol.

Amount credited to the Hospital for supplying drugs, &c. during the year to the Government Medical Officer's patients	£ s. d. 50 0 0
Total amount expended during 1886 when credits have been deducted.....	225 8 11
Amount placed on estimates under this head	300 0 0
Decrease on estimate	74 11 1

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers during the past Year, with the figures for 1886 for comparison.

	NEW OUT-PATIENTS.		CASUALTIES.		TOTAL ATTENDANCES.	
	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.
January.....	122	141	44	51	390	581
February.....	108	117	31	40	365	484
March.....	116	151	30	27	430	660
April.....	113	127	29	27	448	555
May.....	116	128	26	32	472	532
June.....	134	125	22	25	467	440
July.....	126	136	33	15	495	536
August.....	123	137	39	35	475	662
September.....	129	143	41	25	511	630
October.....	105	131	46	34	483	670
November.....	116	111	50	34	549	528
December.....	109	98	57	22	508	444
TOTAL.....	1417	1545	448	367	5593	6722

DISPENSARY PATIENTS.

1886. 1887.

Number of orders for medicine received from the Government Medical Officer attending the poor in their own homes, and from Practitioners prescribing gratuitously.....	599	937
Number of prescriptions made up for the above.....	1375	1672

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1887, including new Cases, Accidents, and Casualties.

Miasmatic Diseases.		Effects of Poisons.	
Whooping-cough.....	1	Snakebites.....	1
Mumps.....	31	Total Poison.....	1
Simple Fever.....	29	Dietic Diseases.	
Enteric Fever.....	10	Improper Food.....	7
Influenza.....	28	Alcoholism.....	2
Total Miasmatic.....	99	Total Dietic.....	9
Diarrhoeal Diseases.		Constitutional Diseases.	
Diarrhoea.....	81	Rheumatism.....	39
Dysentery.....	1	Osteo-arthritis.....	2
Total Diarrhoeal.....	82	Rodent Ulcer.....	1
Venereal Diseases.		Epithelioma.....	4
Syphilis.....	18	Scirrhus.....	4
Gonorrhoea.....	20	Scrofula.....	13
Stricture.....	4	Tabes Mesenterica.....	4
Total Venereal.....	42	Phthisis.....	32
Septic Diseases.		Hæmoptysis.....	5
Erysipelas.....	7	Anæmia.....	30
Total Septic.....	7	Rickets.....	1
Parasitic Diseases.		Total Constitutional.....	135
Tape-worm.....	21	Developmental Diseases.	
Other Intestinal Worms.....	8	Talipes.....	1
Thrush.....	7	Germ Valgum.....	1
Total Parasitic.....	36	Other Malformation.....	3
		Old Age.....	6
		Total Developmental.....	11

Diseases of Nervous System.

Hydrocephalus	1
Apoplexy	2
Paralysis	3
Insanity	1
Epilepsy	11
Chorea	3
Hysteria	1
Convulsions	7
Cephalalgia	16
Lumbago	10
Neuralgia	17
Eye Diseases	25
Ear Diseases	14
<i>Total Nervous System</i>	111

Diseases of Circulatory System.

Morbis Cordis	18
Phlebitis	3
Epitaxis	2
<i>Total Circulatory</i>	23

Diseases of Respiratory System.

Laryngitis	7
Bronchitis	174
Pleurisy	27
Empyema	2
Pneumonia	18
Asthma	9
Croup	5
<i>Total Respiratory</i>	242

Diseases of Digestive System.

Tonsillitis	42
Gastritis	17
Colic	3
Constipation	10
Dyspepsia	56
Stomach Diseases	9
Tongue Diseases	3
Teeth Diseases	43
Lymphatic Diseases	3
Hernia	20
Liver Diseases	15
Hemorrhoids	7
<i>Total Digestive System</i>	228

Diseases of Urinary System.

Acute Nephritis	2
Chronic Nephritis	13
Cystitis	12
Prostate Gland Diseases	3
Calculus in Urethra	1
<i>Total Urinary</i>	31

Diseases of Generative System.

Varicocele	1
Hydrocele	2
Orchitis	13
Balanitis	2

Misplacement of Uterus	5
Diseases of Uterus	11
Disorders of Menstruation	20
Leucorrhœa	9
Diseases of Pregnancy	2
Diseases of Parturition	5
<i>Total Generative</i>	70

Diseases of Locomotive System.

Synovitis	8
Bursitis	2
Periostitis	1
Necrosis	3
Spinal Diseases	2
<i>Total Locomotive</i>	16

Diseases of Integumentary System.

Boil	3
Carbuncle	2
Whitlow	13
Ulcer	40
Abscess	31
Skin Diseases	68
<i>Total Integumentary</i>	157

Accident or Negligence.

Fracture—	
Skull	1
Humerus	6
Forearm	14
Radius	8
Ulna	2
Clavicle	13
Rib	1
Leg	1
Femur	1
Compound, and Crushes	73
Contusions	83
Cut and Torn Wounds	232
Burns and Scalds	19
Sprains	30
Dislocations	12
Gunshot Wound	2
Foreign Bodies	11
Ditto in Nose	3
Ditto in Ear	1
Injuries to Eye	5
Fish-hooks	9
Dog-bites	14
Bites of Insects	2
Poison	6
<i>Total Accidental</i>	549

Ill-defined and Non-specified Causes.

Debility	45
Tumour	6
Dropsy	6
Not specified	6
<i>Total Ill-defined</i>	63

TOTAL ALL CAUSES..... 1912

The following Return shows the gross Expenditure on the General Hospital for the 10 years over which it extends ; but it should be remarked that the amount includes £3000 or upwards for repairs and alterations to buildings during the same period :—

YEAR.	PATIENTS ADMITTED.	PATIENTS DISCHARGED.	PATIENTS DIED.	PATIENTS REMAINING 31st DECEMBER.	COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.		
					£	s.	d.
1878.....	1044	955	105	70	6864	9	11
1879.....	1031	944	82	75	6355	3	9
1880.....	1054	945	104	80	6323	6	4
1881.....	941	873	98	50	6077	7	5
1882.....	991	887	107	59	5733	6	10
1883.....	1065	957	101	71	6760	4	6
1884.....	946	848	101	68	7162	4	1
1885.....	891	784	92	83	6999	8	2
1886.....	1010	902	109	78	7053	9	9
1887.....	1209	1051	155	81	7533	13	5

NOTE.—The receipts from self-supporting patients and other sources are not deducted in any of these years.

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General Hospital, Hobart, 5th April, 1888.

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