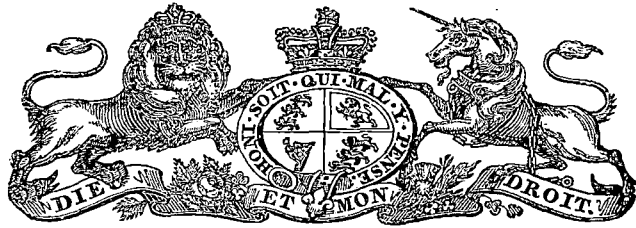


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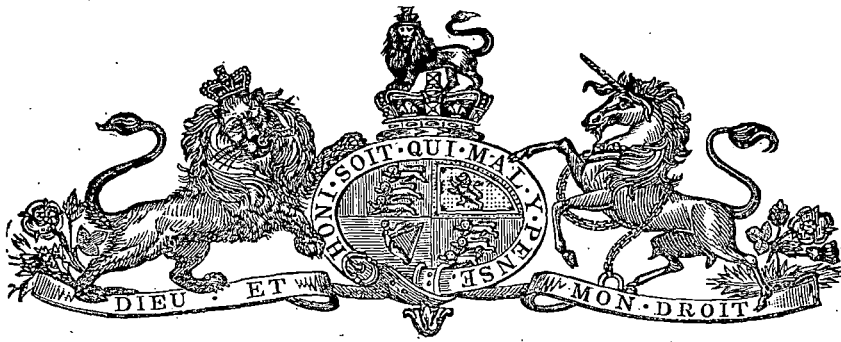
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REPORT FOR 1890.

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



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*To His Excellency SIR ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON,
Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of
Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE have the honor to submit, in accordance with the provisions of 22nd Vict. No. 23, and 46th Vict. No. 35, our Report of this Institution for the first four months of its existence ending 31st December, 1890.

The Hobart Hospital for the Insane is situate within the precincts of the Gaol in Campbell-street, and consists of a portion of the Gaol buildings set apart and specially prepared for the reception of the patients who were to be transferred from the Cascades Hospital for the Insane, then about to be abandoned.

The Hospital consists of a two-storied building, containing on the ground floor 9 single rooms and a dormitory, besides the day-room, bath-room, and store; while on the upper floor are 10 more single rooms, a large dormitory, and sleeping and day-rooms for the attendants. A work-room is also on this floor for one of the patients. In front of the building is a large yard for the recreation of the patients, separated from the Gaol Establishment by a high fence.

On the 1st September 30 patients were transferred, on the Governor's warrants, from the Cascades Hospital for the Insane to this Institution.

The patients are classified as follows:—18 sleep in single rooms, one in a room specially assigned to him, while the remainder sleep in the dormitories.

During the daytime the patients have exercise in the yard within the boundary of the Hospital. Seats and a shelter from the weather are here provided for their comfort.

The attendants are five in number, one being the head attendant, who has supervision over the others. Three attendants are constantly on duty throughout the day; one acts in turn as night watchman, and traverses the wards every half-hour while on duty; and one attendant is required to sleep inside the Institution every night, so as to be ready for any emergency.

The House Surgeon of the General Hospital, Dr. Payne, was appointed the Medical Officer to the Institution, and Mr. Quodling as the Superintendent until he was transferred to Launceston, when he was succeeded by Mr. Alfred Jones, the present Superintendent.

As specialists in psychology, the Medical Officers of the New Norfolk Hospital for the Insane were requested by the Hon. the Chief Secretary to make bi-monthly visits to the Institution, for the purpose of consulting with the Medical Officer with regard to the health of the patients, and of affording advice on matters connected with the working of the Institution. Drs. Macfarlane and Crampton have both cordially complied with the request, and have rendered valuable service in advising on matters in connection with the Hospital from its initiation.

The general health of the patients has been excellent during the four months ending 31st December.

Much credit is due to the Superintendent and the attendants under him for the cleanliness that prevails throughout the Establishment, and also for their desire to promote the welfare and comfort of the patients.

New Rules and Regulations have been framed, based upon those in force at the New Norfolk Hospital for the Insane, and have received the sanction of the Governor in Council.

The amusements of the patients have not been neglected. Musical and other entertainments have been kindly provided by the Superintendent, who has been very active in promoting the enjoyment of the patients.

Religious services are held weekly inside the Institution by clergymen of the Anglican and Roman Catholic persuasions, and are evidently much appreciated by the patients.

The number of patients that can do any work is small,—about 7; and these can only do such light work as cleaning and domestic duties generally. The others are incapable, from mental or physical incapacity, of being of any assistance to the attendants; and as some of these are very troublesome, and even dangerous, they require constant watching.

The conduct of the officers and servants of the Hospital has been very satisfactory, and the care of the patients has been well attended to.

We append the Report of the Superintendent, showing the total expenditure for the four months ending 31st December.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,

C. E. BARNARD, *M.D.*,
PHILIP S. SEAGER,
A. RIDDOCH, } *Official Visitors.*

16th April, 1891.

Hobart Hospital for the Insane, 15th April, 1891.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report for your information that on the 1st September last 30 patients were transferred to this Hospital from the Cascade Hospital for the Insane, together with certain furniture and the balance of stores then in hand. One patient has since been admitted.

2. The accommodation in the present Hospital is apparently sufficient for the number of inmates.
3. The health of the patients has been exceptionally good, and there have been no deaths.
4. Every effort has been made by myself, with the assistance of friends, to vary the life of the patients by concerts and other entertainments.
5. Religious services have been conducted by clergymen of the Churches of England and Rome and the Sisters of Charity.
6. The staff of officers have performed their duties to my satisfaction. One attendant died during the year.
7. The cost of the Hospital for the four months ending 31st December was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Provisions and Medical Comforts.....	129	10	4
Clothing, Bedding, &c.....	3	12	5
Salaries and Allowances.....	140	4	6
Miscellaneous.....	8	14	6
	£282	1	9

Of which £131 3s. 6d. is chargeable to the Imperial Government. The cost of each patient for the four months was £9 11s. 1d., or 1s. 5½d. per diem. The average has been reduced by the stores supplied from the Cascades having been debited to that Institution.

I have, &c.

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Chairman of the Official Visitors.