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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

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Surgeon Superintendent :

L. G. THOMPSON, M.B. & C.M. Aber., L.R.C.P. Edin., L.R.C.S. Edin., M.D. Aber.

Secretary to Board :

T. GLADMAN.

Lady Superintendent :

S. E. WANE.

House Steward and Dispenser :

B. A. TRAGITT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report giving particulars as to the government, condition, and cost of the Institution for the year 1884.

2. Fourteen Board and thirty Committee meetings were held during the year, and the business of the Hospital received careful consideration on those occasions. Individual members visited the Institution frequently.

3. During the year the wards in the new wings were furnished and occupied. Their cleanly, well lighted, and ventilated properties contrast strongly with those of the older portions of the Hospital. A sincere hope is expressed that during 1885 the defects in the original portion of the building will be remedied, and the much needed repairs carried out.

4. Many representations were made to the Government as to the want of new buildings, (reception-house, stores for drugs, wood, and coals, sleeping apartments for men), fencing, new boiler, &c. ; also as to the inefficiency of drying and sanitary arrangements, and need of repairs to the old portion of the Hospital,—all of which have since been recapitulated in lists forwarded to your office. And from information received there is reason to believe that many of the works will be attended to during 1885, provision for their cost having already been made by the Parliamentary vote of £2000 ; the remainder will, the Board presume, be provided for in the Estimates of 1886.

5. A saving has been effected in the cost of "Fuel, light, and water," although the work of the Hospital has increased, the figures for 1883 being £466 10s. 3d., and for 1884, £457 18s. 6d. ; but when the new boiler is supplied and the hot water system extended to the laundry and kitchen, with protection to the pipes from the external air, a very appreciable difference will be shown.

6. Telephonic communication is now provided between the Hospital and the Exchange.

7. The Board have to record its appreciation of the efforts made by many visitors in providing entertainments and forwarding flowers for the patients. From others, donations of money and useful articles were received.

8. The patients were provided with new clothing or uniforms, manufactured of a better class serge than has been used previously. The nursing staff and attendants have also been supplied with uniforms.

9. A considerable increase is shown in the amount of fees received from patients who contributed towards their own support, over that of the preceding year. (In 1883 a sum of £451 10s. 8d. was forwarded to the Treasury ; in 1884, £647 4s. 9d.)

10. Three important matters were discussed during the year,—viz., relieving the Surgeon-Superintendent of the duties of Health Officer ; the establishment of a Smallpox Hospital at Glen Dhu ; and the desirableness of having the operations of the Contagious Diseases Act carried out elsewhere than at the Hospital. The Board's recommendations thereon have been submitted to the Government.

11. Miss Windred's resignation of the Matronship was accepted on the 7th August. Mrs. Wane was chosen, out of thirty applicants, on the 7th September to fill the office (the designation of which had been altered to that of Lady Superintendent). Mrs. Wane has displayed ability, tact, and zeal in carrying out her duties.

12. Part of the cost of the furniture for the new wards (£574 14s. 8d.) is included in the expenditure for the year. Charges of this nature, however, should be capitalised, otherwise the apparent annual cost of each occupied bed is considerably augmented.

13. There has been a large influx of patients of an invalid class.

14. To the Surgeon Superintendent and all the Officers of the Institution much credit is due for the excellent manner in which the duties pertaining to their offices were carried out.

15. Appended is the usual tabulated information with reference to Patients and their cost, and also the Expenditure for the year. The Surgeon Superintendent's Returns are attached.

QUINQUENNIAL RETURN.

TABLE showing Number of Patients and Cost per Head, or of each occupied Bed, for the Five Years ending with 1884.

Year.	Average Number of Patients.	Average Cost of Patients.	
		Upon whole Expenditure.	Upon Net Expenditure.
1880.....	56.97	£ s. d. 73 15 0	£ s. d. 54 18 6.21
1881.....	49.36	81 14 11.1	63 10 2.9
1882.....	55	83 2 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	72 14 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
1883.....	59	78 14 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	68 11 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
1884.....	69.68	79 8 9	67 11 2

QUINQUENNIAL RETURN.

RETURN showing the Fees received from Patients who contributed towards their Maintenance during the Years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.

	£	s.	d.
1880	266	12	10
1881	263	16	10
1882	427	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
1883	451	10	8
1884	647	4	9

STATEMENT showing the Number of In-patients treated during the Year.

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Remaining 1st January, 1884	43	18	61
Admitted during the year.....	474	217	691
TOTAL TREATED.....	517	235	752
Discharged	405	185	590
Died	68	25	93
Remaining 1st January, 1885	44	25	69

Of the In-patients, there died—

On the day of admission.....	2
1st day after ditto	4
2nd	5
3rd	7
4th.....	3
5th.....	1
6th.....	5
After 7th day	66
TOTAL.....	93

Ages of those who died in Hospital were as follows:—

Under 10.....	2
10 to 15.....	1
15 to 25.....	10
25 to 35.....	9
35 to 45.....	10
45 to 55.....	11
55 to 65.....	19
Over 65.....	31
TOTAL.....	93

Comparative statement of certain Statistics for 1883 and 1884 :—

	1883.	1884.
Number of In-patients treated.....	721	752
Ditto died	63	93
Ditto of Out-patients treated.....	288	387
Ditto of diets issued to patients	19,890	25,522
Ditto to Staff.....	8787	9467
Daily average of In-patients	59	69 $\frac{1}{3}$
Average stay in Hospital each patient.....	30	37 $\frac{1}{4}$

Expenditure for the year, arranged under the customary heads :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1457	19	8			
Fuel, light, and water	457	18	6			
Provisions and medical comforts	1426	19	0			
Alcoholic foods	128	5	0			
Clothing, bedding, and stores	754	14	8			
Funeral expenses.....	121	10	0			
Stationery and advertising.....	25	9	0			
Medicines and surgical instruments.....	98	7	5			
Incidental expenses.....	31	17	0			
Repairs and alterations to buildings.....	387	10	3			
Furniture for new wards	574	14	8			
Telephonic communication.....	70	0	0			
Gross Expenditure			5535	5	2
Attendance and medicines, Invalid Depôt.....	36	10	0			
Ditto, Penal Establishments	32	10	0			
Estimated cost of treating Out-patients, at 5s.....	96	15	0			
Paid to Treasury, fees from patients.....	647	4	9			
Ditto, money from sale of offal.....	14	12	0			
				827	11	9
Net Expenditure			£4707	13	5

INFORMATION USUALLY GIVEN.

A.

1. Population of town and district benefited by the Hospital? 54,000.
2. How long established? Twenty years.
3. Character of Hospital? General.
4. Cost? £22,000, all being defrayed by Government.
5. If whole of annual income contributed by Government? Yes, less about £650 contributed by patients who pay fees.
6. Any income from invested funds? Yes, small.
7. Any amount received by Board as donations? Yes, small.
8. Is control of Institution under a Board or single officer? Board.
9. Number of its members? Thirteen. Appointments thereto subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.
10. Any power or control exercised by Government? Yes, in money matters.

B.

1. Number of beds? 84.
2. Cubic space in wards? 131,689 cubic feet.
3. Average number of In-patients daily throughout the year? Male and female, 69 $\frac{1}{3}$.
4. Number of patients who contributed to their own support? 147.
5. Number of patients admitted who were more suitable for a Benevolent Asylum? About one-twelfth.
6. Number of In-patients treated during the year? 752.

C.

1. Number of out-patients attended at Hospital? 387.
2. Number attended at their own homes? None.
3. Number attended in confinement at their own homes? None.

D.

1. Number of paid medical officers? One.
2. Amount of his salary? £400, with quarters.
3. Any paid non-resident medical officer? No.
4. Number of paid officers, exclusive of nurses and servants? Three,—the Secretary to the Board, the House Steward, and Lady Superintendent, salaries £50, £150, and £150 respectively.
5. Number of nursing staff? Twelve, salaries £337 0s. 6d.
6. Number of servants? Fifteen, salaries £371 17s. 7d.
7. Total amount of salaries? £1457 19s. 8d.
8. Any enquiry officer concerning out-patients? No.

E.

1. Annual cost of provisions? £1426 19s.
2. Annual cost of wines, beers, spirits, &c.? £128 5s.
3. Washing done on the premises? Yes, except that for the nurses. Cost of the latter £25 per annum.
4. Cost of fire and light? £388 0s. 3d.
5. Cost of linen, bedding, furniture, and earthenware? £754 14s. 8d.
6. Cost of drugs and surgical instruments? £98 7s. 5d.
7. Cost of water supply? £69 18s. 3d.
8. Cost of printing and stationery? £25 9s.
9. Cost of funerals? £121 10s.
10. Cost of repairs and alterations? £387 10s. 3d.
11. Cost of each occupied bed (reckoned on the daily average of patients)? £79 8s. 9d.

F.

1. Contract price of bread? 9s. 2½d. per 100 lbs.
2. Contract price of meat? Supplied by joint.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. COLLINS, *Chairman,*
Launceston.

To the Honorable ADYE DOUGLAS, Chief Secretary, &c.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

In-door Return, 1884.

I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Miasmatic Diseases.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Chicken-pox, &c.....	1	
Measles.....	3	
Diphtheria.....	3	1
Quinsy.....	2	
Croup.....	1	1
Whooping-cough.....	1	
Typhus & Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c.....	66	6
Erysipelas.....	8	
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c.....	6	
Diarrhœa.....	3	
Rheumatism.....	39	
Other Zymotic Diseases.....	2	1

Total Order 1 135 9

ORDER 2.—*Enthetic Diseases.*

Syphilis.....	27	
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of the Urethra.....	27	
Others.....	3	

Total Order 2 57

ORDER 3.—*Dietic Diseases.*

Purpura and Scurvy.....	1	
Alcoholism { Delirium Tremens.....	1	1
{ Intemperance.....	14	

Total Order 3 16 1

ORDER 4.—*Parasitic Diseases.*

Hydatid.....	3	1
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TOTAL CLASS I 211 11

II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases.*

Cancer.....	15	4
Tumor.....	4	
Mortification.....	1	

Total Order 1 20 4

ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases.*

Phthisis.....	27	8
Others.....	7	1

Total Order 2 34 9

TOTAL CLASS II 54 13

III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diseases of the Nervous System.*

Cephalitis.....	11	6
Apoplexy.....	1	1
Paralysis.....	13	1
Insanity.....	16	
Chorea.....	2	
Epilepsy.....	2	
Bram Disease, &c.....	26	5

Total Order 1 71 13

ORDER 2.—*Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.*

Pericarditis.....	1	1
Aneurism.....	3	1
Heart Disease, &c.....	52	16

Total Order 2..... 56 18

ORDER 3.—*Diseases of the Respiratory System.*

Laryngitis.....	2	
Bronchitis.....	15	
Pleurisy.....	5	
Pneumonia.....	16	5
Congestion of Lungs, Pulmonary Apoplexy.....	1	
Asthma.....	8	
Lung Disease, &c.....	4	4

Total Order 3 51 9

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of the Digestive Organs.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Gastritis.....	3	
Enteritis.....	3	1
Ascites.....	2	
Ulceration of Intestines.....	2	1
Hernia.....	3	
Stricture of Intestines.....	1	1
Fistula.....	2	
Stomach Disease, &c.....	6	2
Liver Disease, &c.....	7	5
Spleen Disease, &c.....	2	2

Total Order 4 31 12

ORDER 5.—*Diseases of the Urinary Organs.*

Stone, Gravel.....	2	
Cystitis.....	1	
Kidney Disease, &c.....	22	1

Total Order 5 25 1

ORDER 6.—*Diseases of the Organs of Generation.*

Ovarian Dropsy.....	1	
Uterus Disease, &c.....	9	

Total Order 6 10

ORDER 7.—*Diseases of the Locomotive System.*

Arthritis.....	1	
Ostitis, Periostitis, &c.....	12	
Joint Disease, &c.....	13	

Total Order 7 26

ORDER 8.—*Diseases of the Integumentary System.*

Phlegmon, Whitlow, &c.....	7	
Ulcer.....	37	
Skin Disease, &c.....	22	

Total Order 8 66

TOTAL CLASS III..... 336 53

IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 3.—*Developmental Diseases of Old People.*

Old Age.....	11	8
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ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition.*

Atrophy and Debility.....	14	2
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TOTAL CLASS IV..... 25 10

V.—VIOLENCE.

ORDER 1.—*Accident or Negligence.*

Fractures, Contusions, &c.....	101	4
Wounds { Gunshot.....	1	
{ Cuts, &c.....	13	
Burns and Scalds.....	6	2
Sunstroke.....	1	
Poison.....	1	
Suffocation.....	1	

Total Order 1 124 6

ORDER 4.—*Suicide.*

Poison.....	2	
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TOTAL CLASS V..... 126 6

ALL CAUSES..... 752 93

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

Out-Patients, 1884.

I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.		ORDER 4.—Diseases of the Digestive Organs.	
ORDER 1.—Miasmatic Diseases.			Cases.
Measles.....	1	Stomach Disease, &c.....	10
Quinsy.....	1	Hepatitis.....	3
Whooping-cough.....	12	Liver Disease, &c.....	6
Typhus and Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c.....	3		
Erysipelas.....	1	Total Order 4.....	19
Carbuncle, Boil.....	1		
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c.....	8	ORDER 5.—Diseases of the Urinary Organs.	
Dysentery.....	2	Cystitis.....	2
Diarrhoea.....	12	Kidney Disease, &c.....	17
Rheumatism.....	23		
Other Zymotic Diseases.....	1	Total Order 5.....	19
Total Order 1.....	65	ORDER 6.—Diseases of the Organs of Generation.	
		Ovarian Dropsy.....	2
ORDER 2.—Euthetic Diseases.		Uterus Disease, &c.....	11
Syphilis.....	21		
Gonorrhoea, Stricture of the Urethra.....	10	Total Order 6.....	13
Total Order 2.....	31	ORDER 7.—Diseases of the Locomotive System.	
		Ostitis, Periostitis, &c.....	1
ORDER 4.—Parasitic Diseases.		Joint Disease, &c.....	2
Worms, &c.....	6		
		Total Order 7.....	3
TOTAL CLASS I.....	102		
II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.		ORDER 8.—Diseases of the Integumentary System.	
ORDER 1.—Diathetic Diseases.		Ulcer.....	14
Cancer.....	4	Skin Disease, &c. and Appendages.....	32
Tumor.....	4		
		Total Order 8.....	46
Total Order 1.....	8		
		TOTAL CLASS III.....	161
ORDER 2.—Tubercular Diseases.		IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.	
Phthisis.....	11	ORDER 1.—Developmental Diseases of Children.	
Others.....	12	Teething.....	22
Total Order 2.....	23	ORDER 2.—Developmental Diseases of Adults.	
		Others.....	7
TOTAL CLASS II.....	31		
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.		ORDER 3.—Developmental Diseases of Old People.	
ORDER 1.—Diseases of the Nervous System.		Old Age.....	5
Cephalitis.....	1		
Paralysis.....	1	ORDER 4.—Diseases of Nutrition.	
Insanity.....	2	Atrophy and Debility.....	19
Chorea.....	1		
Epilepsy.....	6	TOTAL CLASS IV.....	53
Brain Disease, &c.....	12	V.—VIOLENCE.	
		ORDER 1.—Accident or Negligence.	
Total Order 1.....	23	Fractions, Contusions, &c.....	20
		Wounds } Gunshot.....	2
ORDER 2.—Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.		} Cuts, &c.....	16
Heart Disease, &c.....	7	Poison.....	2
		Total Order 1.....	40
ORDER 3.—Diseases of the Respiratory System.		TOTAL CLASS V.....	40
Bronchitis.....	20	ALL CAUSES.....	387
Pneumonia.....	1		
Asthma.....	10		
Total Order 3.....	31		