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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL,
CASCADES :

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL, CASCADES.

REPORT for the Year 1884.

Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, 12th March, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the Annual Report of this Institution for 1884.

On 1st January there was 1 patient in hospital, and during the year 40 were admitted, of whom 13 were for the first time, 5 for the second, 7 for the third, 3 for the fourth, 6 for the fifth, 6 for the sixth, and 1 for the seventh, extending over a period of $5\frac{1}{4}$ years.

25 were Protestants and 16 were Roman Catholics, and their ages varied from 17 to 55 years, the mean being $23\frac{3}{4}$.

The average daily number was barely 3, and the cost per head slightly over £100. This sum unquestionably is much in excess of the contemplated expenditure of the establishment, and is one-third more than was incurred the year preceding, notwithstanding the exercise of due economy in the management.

As respects the amount of disease said to exist both in town and country, but little evidence is afforded by reference to Table A. In fact, it is but too apparent that the provisions of the Contagious Diseases Act do not compass that amount of good which the Legislature intended they should perform. Affected cases have only to remove to the several districts of the Colony, when they become virtually free from the law.

Possibly the more abandoned women remain in the metropolis, as may be judged by the number of re-admissions to the Lock; and this, doubtless, is the case in other parts of the world. By the 75th Report of the Glasgow Hospital, noted in the *Lancet*, it is shown that more than one-third of those discharged in one year were re-admitted several times, at once exemplifying "that in the treatment and cure of the venereal disease no guarantee is afforded that the same patient may not be again and again affected so long as she returns to her old haunts and avocations."

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, *M.D.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

A.

RETURN of the Number, Character, and Disposal of the Cases of Venereal Disease treated at the Contagious Diseases Hospital during 1884.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Remaining.</i>
20	Gonorrhœa	20	<i>Nil.</i>
11	Primary syphilis.....	11	<i>Nil.</i>
10	Secondary ditto.....	10	<i>Nil.</i>

J. COVERDALE, *M.D.*

B.

RETURN of the Expenditure of the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, for the Year 1884.

	£ s. d.
Salaries	151 15 10
Provisions and Medical Comforts	83 3 10
Stores, Bedding, and Clothing	29 10 3
Fuel and Light	30 16 6
Medicines	2 10 0
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	6 0 0
Repairs and alterations to buildings.....	11 7 0
	£315 3 5

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