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HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, NEW NORFOLK.

REPORT FOR 1876.

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*Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st January, 1877.*

*To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THERE is little in the history of the Hospital for the Insane for the past year requiring special notice or comment.

An unusually large number of Patients have been admitted during the year, but, as the deaths also have been abnormally numerous, these, with the Patients discharged during the same period, left the total number of inmates nearly the same as at the date of the last Report of the Commissioners.

But, although the mortality has exceeded the usual average, the general health of the inmates has been very satisfactory, and no epidemic of any kind has made its appearance in the Institution.

A considerable proportion of the deaths that have taken place has occurred among Patients varying in age from 60 to 89 years, three of them being the subjects of senile dementia when received into the Hospital, and beyond all hope or possibility of cure. That the mortality should be considerable among persons so many of whom had previously led very irregular lives should not cause surprise.

The two separate Cottages for male and female Patients continue to be a pleasing feature of the Establishment, and fully to meet the cost of their maintenance.

In their last Report the Commissioners referred to the increasing difficulty of obtaining suitable male and female Attendants for the service of the Hospital, arising chiefly from the deficiency of labour general throughout the Colony, and to which they had previously strongly called the attention of the Government, recommending that, as a means of at least lessening this source of embarrassment, a moderate increase of remuneration should be granted to all persons thus employed in the Establishment. This recommendation, having been at length complied with, came into operation on the 1st August, 1876, and its beneficial influence has been felt to a considerable extent, especially with regard to the female Attendants, and in inducing those of both sexes who have been in the service of the Hospital for lengthened periods to continue their services.

The attraction of the Tin Mines, however, will probably continue to exert its influence on young able-bodied men, these qualifications being not less desirable in the Hospital than in the mines.

The Commissioners believe that nothing has been omitted in the management of the Hospital which the comfort and general well-being of the Inmates or their restoration to mental health required.

Although the Hospital Buildings have generally been kept in a good state of repair, so long a time has elapsed since anything has been done to remedy dilapidation that could not be undertaken by the Inmates that considerable repairs have now become pressingly necessary. The roofing has in many places become very leaky from the decay of the shingles, and much damage will be caused to the buildings unless it is promptly repaired.

This very serious defect has been repeatedly brought under the notice of the Department of Public Works, but has not hitherto been remedied.

The usual Returns are hereto appended:—

- No. 1. Return of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths of Patients.
- No. 2. Return of the duration of disease in Patients on admission, and the result, for the year 1876.
- No. 3. Return of Patients who died in the Hospital, with period of detention, during the year 1876.
- No. 4. Return of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by Patients.
- No. 5. Return of Mechanical Work performed by Patients.
- No. 6. Return of the Cost of the Hospital for the Insane.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient and humble Servants,

R. OFFICER, *President.*  
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No. 1.

*RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, and Re-admissions in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, showing the per-centage of Discharges and Deaths from 1st January to 31st December, 1876.*

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
<i>Admissions.</i>			
Remaining 31st December, 1875 .....	127	135	262
Admitted during the year 1876 .....	35	25	60
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	162	160	322
Remaining 31st December, 1876 .....	132	128	260
Average number resident, 1876 .....	..	..	264
<i>Discharges.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year .....	7	6	13
Of previous admissions .....	3	10	13
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	10	16	26
<i>Deaths.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year .....	5	2	7
Of previous admissions .....	15	14	29
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	20	16	36
<i>Re-admissions.</i>			
Of those discharged during the year .....	2	6	8
Of previous discharges .....	5	1	6

*Rate per cent. of Recoveries.*

On Admissions .....	21 $\frac{3}{4}$
On total treated .....	8 $\frac{12}{101}$

*Rate per cent. of Deaths.*

On Admissions .....	19 $\frac{3}{4}$
On total treated .....	11 $\frac{20}{101}$

G. F. HUSTON, *Superintendent and Medical Officer.*

## No. 2.

*RETURN showing the Duration of Disease in Patients on Admission, and the Result, for the Year 1876.*

No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Duration of Disease on Admission.			Discharged relieved or recovered.	Died.	Present Condition.
		YEARS.	MONTHS.	WEEKS.			
894	1. 1. 76.	..	..	3	April 6	..	Improved.
895	7. 1. 76.	4	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
896	21. 1. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
897	24. 1. 76.	Unknown	..	..	May 3	..	Improved.
898	27. 1. 76.	..	2	..	..	..	Unimproved.
899	1. 2. 76.	..	..	3	..	..	Unimproved.
900	3. 2. 76.	..	6	..	..	..	Unimproved.
901	15. 2. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	March 3	..
902	17. 2. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	June 8	..
903	23. 3. 76.	Some	months	..	July 5	..	..
904	23. 3. 76.	..	..	3	July 5	..	..
905	25. 3. 76.	..	3	..	..	..	Unimproved.
906	1. 4. 76.	6	..	..	..	..	Improved.
907	3. 4. 76.	..	..	3	June 6	..	..
908	7. 4. 76.	18	..	..	..	June 1	..
909	18. 4. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Improved.
910	21. 4. 76.	..	..	2	October 9	..	..
911	1. 5. 76.	..	3	..	..	..	Improved.
912	5. 5. 76.	1	1	..	December 8	..	..
913	15. 5. 76.	Some	years.	..	..	..	Unimproved.
914	19. 5. 76.	12	..	..	..	October 15	..
915	19. 5. 76.	..	..	1	..	May 31	..
916	31. 5. 76.	5	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
917	22. 6. 76.	..	..	2	..	..	Improved.
918	28. 6. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
919	28. 6. 76.	3	..	..	..	..	Improved.
920	4. 7. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
921	4. 7. 76.	..	1	..	..	..	Improved.
922	4. 7. 76.	36	..	..	..	..	Improved.
923	12. 7. 76.	1	..	..	..	..	Improved.
924	12. 7. 76.	..	..	1	August 14	..	..
925	13. 7. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
926	14. 8. 76.	Not	stated	..	..	..	Unimproved.
927	14. 8. 76.	..	10	..	..	..	Unimproved.
928	17. 8. 76.	..	3	..	..	..	Improved.
929	27. 8. 76.	..	..	2	November 18	..	..
930	28. 8. 76.	..	1	..	..	..	Unimproved.
931	31. 8. 76.	..	..	6	..	November 7	..
932	31. 8. 76.	..	..	2	..	..	Unimproved.
933	14. 9. 76.	2	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
934	19. 9. 76.	Not	stated	..	..	..	Unimproved.
935	19. 9. 76.	..	..	2	November 9	..	..
936	23. 9. 76.	..	2	..	..	..	Unimproved.
937	26. 9. 76.	9	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
938	27. 9. 76.	Some	time	..	..	..	Unimproved.
939	6. 10. 76.	1	..	..	..	December 31	..
940	9. 10. 76.	..	..	2	November 7	..	..
941	11. 10. 76.	..	4	..	..	..	Improved.
942	18. 10. 76.	..	..	10	..	..	Improved.
943	18. 10. 76.	12	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
944	21. 10. 76.	..	..	1	..	..	Improved.
945	23. 10. 76.	..	..	3	November 18	..	..
946	3. 11. 76.	..	..	1	November 20	..	..
947	14. 11. 76.	..	2	..	..	..	Improved.
948	7. 12. 76.	18	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
949	14. 12. 76.	..	1	..	..	..	Improved.
950	15. 12. 76.	Some	months	..	..	..	Improved.
951	15. 12. 76.	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
952	16. 12. 76.	..	3	..	..	..	Unimproved.
953	16. 12. 76.	Not	stated	..	..	..	Improved.

G. F. HUSTON, *Superintendent and Medical Officer.*

*RETURN of Patients who died in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, and Period of Detention, from 1st January to 31st December, 1876.*

<i>No. in Register.</i>	<i>Date of Admission.</i>	<i>Date of Death.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
851	3 December, 1874	11 January, 1876	69	Congestion of lungs.
757	16 September, 1872	27 January, 1876	50	Valvular disease of heart.
901	15 February, 1876	3 March, 1876	60	Disease of brain.
479	4 October, 1865	20 March, 1876	34	Disease of lungs.
100	22 June, 1854	30 March, 1876	52	Fever and fatty degeneration of heart.
108	10 November, 1854	10 April, 1876	65	Congestion of bowels and exhaustion.
37	30 December, 1845	27 April, 1876	70	Disease of lungs and natural decay.
805	31 December, 1873	19 May, 1876	48	Disease of brain.
915	19 May, 1876	31 May, 1876	70	Disease of brain and natural decay.
908	7 April, 1876	1 June, 1876	18	Disease of brain and induration of heart.
475	23 August, 1865	5 June, 1876	42	Disease of lungs and heart.
143	17 July, 1856	7 June, 1876	74	Disease of lungs and natural decay.
902	17 February, 1876	8 June, 1876	45	Disease of brain.
153	17 December, 1856	12 June, 1876	81	Softening of brain and natural decay.
565	22 February, 1868	28 June, 1876	29	Disease of brain.
885	6 October, 1875	11 July, 1876	71	Natural decay.
612	20 July, 1869	18 July, 1876	62	Disease of brain and lungs.
870	21 June, 1875	19 July, 1876	76	Disease of brain and natural decay.
860	20 February, 1875	7 August, 1876	27	Gangrene of intestines and general debility.
734	2 April, 1872	20 August, 1876	39	Diarrhoea and debility.
273	30 August, 1860	27 August, 1876	71	Disease of brain and natural decay.
639	20 December, 1869	9 September, 1876	26	Disease of brain and diarrhoea.
357	10 July, 1862	13 September, 1876	54	Ditto.
190	1 April, 1858	14 September, 1876	48	Ditto.
799	28 May, 1872	17 September, 1876	42	Disease of the brain and chronic diarrhoea.
779	27 May, 1873	24 September, 1876	24	Disease of lungs.
636	22 November, 1869	30 September, 1876	70	Disease of brain and viscera.
567	24 March, 1868	4 October, 1876	51	Disease of brain, lungs, and liver, and abscess of arm.
914	19 May, 1876	15 October, 1876	12	Disease of brain and marasmus.
76	27 May, 1847	3 November, 1876	68	Disease of brain and fatty degeneration of heart.
405	11 December, 1863	5 November, 1876	63	Paralysis from severe brain disease.
931	31 August, 1876	7 November, 1876	23	Disease of lungs.
265	6 June, 1860	23 November, 1876	66	Disease of brain and lungs.
887	7 October, 1875	9 December, 1876	58	Apoplexy and disease of brain.
815	25 February, 1874	20 December, 1876	39	Apoplexy and softening of brain.
939	6 October, 1876	31 December, 1876	78	Natural decay.

ANALYSIS OF AGES AT DEATH.

<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Under 20.</i>	<i>20 and under 30.</i>	<i>30 and under 40.</i>	<i>40 and under 50.</i>	<i>50 and under 60.</i>	<i>60 and under 70.</i>	<i>70 and under 80.</i>	<i>80 and under 90.</i>	<i>90 and under 100.</i>	<i>TOTALS.</i>
Males....	1	4	1	5	2	2	5	..	..	20
Females..	1	1	1	1	3	5	3	1	..	16

Average Age at Death..... 52 $\frac{3}{4}$

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## No. 4.

*RETURN of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by the Patients in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, from 1st January to 31st December, 1876.*

ARTICLES.	MADE.		REPAIRED.		ARTICLES.	MADE.		REPAIRED.	
	By Males.	By Females.	By Males.	By Females.		By Males.	By Females.	By Males.	By Females.
Aprons, women's .....	..	159	..	..	Mattresses .....	..	..	..	..
Boots, men's, pairs .....	3	..	143	..	Miscellaneous "small arti- cles" .....	..	..	264	32
Boots, women's, pairs .....	..	..	34	..	Palliasses .....	..	..	..	6
Boots, children's, pairs .....	2	..	12	..	Rugs and counterpanes .....	..	3	..	12
Blinds, window .....	..	14	..	6	Sheets .....	..	..	..	20
Blouzes, boys' .....	..	25	..	45	Shirts, men's .....	..	323	..	603
Cases, pillow and bolster .....	..	214	..	40	Shoes, men's, pairs .....	1	..	68	..
Caps, women's .....	..	36	..	..	Shoes, women's, pairs .....	..	..	141	..
Coats, blue and tweed .....	1	..	52	..	Shifts .....	..	225	..	..
Dresses, print, coburg, tweed .....	..	61	..	..	Slippers, pairs .....	5	..	3	..
Dresses, ticking .....	..	..	..	..	Stockings, pairs .....	..	..	..	689
Dresses, winsey .....	..	127	..	..	Sox, pairs .....	..	..	..	425
Dresses, serge .....	..	..	..	..	Towels, hand and round .....	..	40	..	6
Drawers, cotton and flannel, pairs .....	..	..	..	78	Trousers, fustian, pairs .....	28	..	1325	..
Frocks, linen, men's .....	..	..	196	62	Trousers, tweed, pairs .....	23	..	185	..
Gowns, night .....	..	3	..	..	Trousers, linen, pairs .....	..	..	86	..
Jackets, blue cloth, men's .....	..	..	204	..	Table cloths .....	..	..	..	3
Jackets, serge and tweed, women's .....	..	..	..	..	Vests, flannel .....	..	54	..	33
Jackets, cotton, women's .....	..	108	..	..	Vests, tweed, fustian, cloth .....	1	..	183	..
Jackets, canvas, men's .....	..	4	4	..	Petticoats, flannel, serge, winsey .....	..	98	..	..
					Hoods .....	..	184	..	..

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## No. 5.

*RETURN of Work performed by Patients in co-operation with the Carpenter and Painter in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, during the Year 1876.*

*Carpenter's New Work.*—4 wheel-barrows; steps for cells; 3 tables; ironing board; 2 ladders, one 18 feet, and one 12 feet; plastering tools; 3 cupboards; shutters to ladies' cottage; covers for man-holes; fan-light to ward; new spokes in 3 cart wheels; flooring and seating latrine; cover to boiler; 6 seats to night-tubs; 3 bread trays; 2 racks, front store; spokes to hand-cart; hay rakes, hay fork handles, mauls, handles for axes, &c.; 21 coffins.

*Repairs.*—Wood boxes, wood horses, posts and rails, verandah and staircases, wheel-barrows, window frames, lime house, wringing machine, floors, tables, chairs, forms, doors, spouting, steps to verandah and wards; gates and fences to garden, farm, and latrines; and general repairs throughout.

*Plumber.*—Water-pipes and taps throughout; new tops to lamp-shades.

*Painter.*—Female Division—14 rooms, 2 large wards, passages, banisters, ceilings, partitions, doors, and windows of each. Male Division—Front mess-room and front verandah, under-keeper's room, 2 large wards, 16 rooms, doors, windows, presses, &c. painted throughout.

*Glazier.*—Windows and skylights throughout; 180 squares of glass put in.

*Whitewashing and Colouring.*—Kitchens, 16 rooms in corridor, wards in back division, large mess-room, female division, passages, rooms and cells in all parts of building.

*Bricklayer.*—Plastering and brick-work and drains cleaned throughout.

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*THE Cost of the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, for the Year 1876.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	2718	15	10
Allowances.....	16	15	5
Provisions, including Medical Comforts, &c. ....	3003	2	3
Fuel and Light .....	485	13	5
Bedding, Clothing, Stores, &c. ....	576	8	0
Stationery .....	13	10	3
Medicines .....	43	17	3
Advertising .....	2	5	0
Incidental Expenses.....	23	11	6
Conveyance of Stores.....	63	13	10
Coroner's Inquests .....	1	7	0
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners.....	61	15	0
Funerals .....	28	12	6
Repairs to Buildings, &c. ....	64	6	11
Cr.	7103	14	2
Fees for self-supporting Patients, and for Patients' labour, washing, and sale of pigs.....	1440	15	1
	<u>£5662</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>

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