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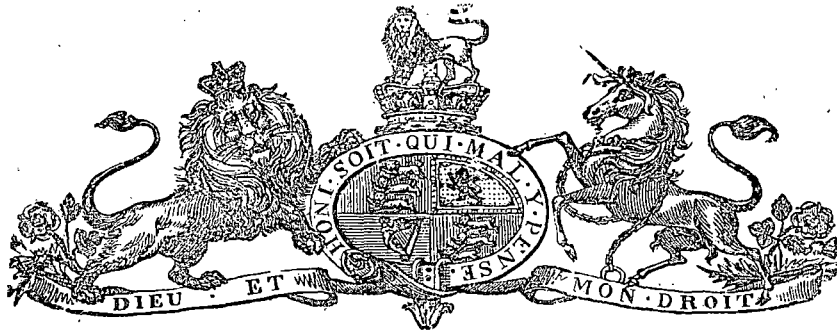
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE,

REPORT FOR 1874.

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Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st January, 1875.

To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

LITTLE has occurred in the history and management of the Institution under our care since the date of our last Report requiring special notice.

Nothing, we believe, has been omitted to promote the health and comfort of the Patients.

The average number treated in the Hospital during the year was precisely the same as in the previous year, while the number remaining at the termination of 1874 was one less than at the end of 1873, thus showing for the first time a reduction in the number of inmates instead of an increase.

The usual full Returns are hereto appended—

- No. 1. Return of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths of Patients.
- No. 2. Return of Patients who died in the Hospital, with period of detention, during the year 1874.
- No. 3. Return of the duration of disease in Patients on admission, and the result, for the year 1874.
- No. 4. Return of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by Patients.
- No. 5. Return of Mechanical Work performed by Patients.
- No. 6. Farm Account Sales, 1874.
- No. 7. Return of Expenditure, 1874.

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, 1874.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
<i>Admissions.</i>			
Remaining 31st December, 1873	141	127	268
Admitted during the year 1874	26	23	49
Total	167	150	317
Remaining 31st December, 1874	131	136	267
Average number resident	—	—	270
<i>Discharges.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year	7	1	8
Of previous Admissions	6	5	11
Total	13	6	19
<i>Deaths.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year	1	2	3
Of previous Admissions	22	6	28
Total	23	8	31
<i>Re-admissions</i> of those discharged during the year	3	—	3

Rate per cent. of Recoveries:

On Admissions	38 $\frac{18}{49}$
On total treated	53 $\frac{14}{17}$

Rate per cent. of Deaths.

On Admissions	63 $\frac{13}{49}$
On total treated	93 $\frac{41}{17}$

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

No. 2.

RETURN of Patients who died in the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, and Period of Detention, from 1st January to 31st December, 1874.

No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Age at Death.	No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Age at Death.
111	29. 1. 55.	28. 2. 74.	75	535	3. 5. 67.	19. 8. 74.	41
700	30. 6. 71.	11. 3. 74.	25	715	27. 10. 71.	21. 8. 74.	63
685	2. 3. 71.	21. 3. 74.	45	351	26. 4. 62.	25. 8. 74.	45
11	23. 5. 40.	19. 4. 74.	68	270	1. 8. 60.	5. 9. 74.	72
682	13. 2. 71.	27. 4. 74.	15	797	5. 11. 73.	15. 9. 74.	47
741	1. 6. 72.	11. 5. 74.	58	123	8. 12. 55.	16. 9. 74.	64
755	2. 9. 72.	24. 5. 74.	75	217	13. 4. 59.	16. 9. 74.	69
206	23. 1. 59.	7. 6. 74.	73	783	20. 6. 73.	8. 10. 74.	51
634	11. 11. 69.	8. 6. 74.	98	820	24. 4. 74.	19. 10. 74.	85
627	14. 10. 69.	28. 6. 74.	73	13	8. 8. 40.	29. 10. 74.	76
484	15. 11. 65.	5. 7. 74.	20	765	23. 11. 72.	29. 10. 74.	38
188	18. 3. 58.	6. 7. 74.	71	563	6. 2. 68.	8. 11. 74.	24
41	21. 5. 46.	14. 7. 74.	63	125	6. 1. 56.	13. 11. 74.	54
338	15. 12. 61.	20. 7. 74.	53	829	25. 7. 74.	12. 12. 74.	55
722	21. 12. 71.	27. 7. 74.	52	245	19. 11. 59.	29. 12. 74.	48
816	11. 3. 74.	31. 7. 74.	52				

ANALYSIS OF AGES AT DEATH.

Sex.	Under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	TOTALS.
Males...	1	2	..	3	6	3	7	..	1	23
Females...	..	2	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	8

N.B. - Average age at death, 55½.

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No. 3.

RETURN showing the Duration of Disease in Patients on their Admission, and the Result, for the Year 1874.

No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Duration of Disease on Admission.			Discharged relieved or recovered.	Died.	Present Condition.
		Years.	Months.	Weeks.			
806	2. 1. 74.	..	2	..	..	..	Much improved.
807	7. 1. 74.	..	..	1	31. 12. 74.	..	Improved.
808	14. 1. 74.	..	1	..	..	..	Improved.
809	23. 1. 74.	..	..	10days	8. 4. 74.	..	Unimproved.
810	30. 1. 74.	23	..	..	..	..	Improved.
811	10. 2. 74.	1	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
812	20. 2. 74.	..	1	..	..	..	Much improved.
813	20. 2. 74.	19	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
814	25. 2. 74.	..	..	2	18. 3. 74.	..	Much improved.
815	25. 2. 74.	Several years.	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
816	11. 3. 74.	11	..	..	..	31. 7. 74.	Unimproved.
817*	11. 3. 74.	Unk known.	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
818	25. 3. 74.	Not stated.	..	..	..	..	Improved.
819	4. 4. 74.	..	..	1	6. 5. 74.	..	Improved.
820	24. 4. 74.	..	4	..	..	19. 10. 74.	Improved.
821	30. 4. 74.	13	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
822	13. 5. 74.	Continuous.	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
823	28. 5. 74.	A few weeks	..	..	3. 12. 74.	..	Unimproved.
824	30. 5. 74.	4	..	..	..	..	Improved.
825	16. 6. 74.	..	..	2	3. 11. 74.	..	Improved.
826	16. 6. 74.	Unk known.	..	..	3. 11. 74.	..	Unimproved.
827	23. 7. 74.	Not stated.	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
828	25. 7. 74.	Not stated.	..	..	..	..	Improved.
829	25. 7. 74.	Not stated.	..	..	..	12. 12. 74.	Unimproved.
830	25. 7. 74.	Not stated.	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
831	31. 7. 74.	Not stated.	..	..	..	..	Much improved.
832	6. 8. 74.	..	1	..	..	..	Improved.
833	17. 8. 74.	..	1	..	30. 9. 74.	..	Ditto.
834	25. 8. 74.	..	..	4	..	..	Ditto.
835	31. 8. 74.	7	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
836	5. 9. 74.	..	..	4	..	..	Ditto.
837	9. 9. 74.	..	..	3	..	..	Unimproved.
838	9. 9. 74.	..	..	1	..	..	Improved.
839	14. 9. 74.	Not stated.	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
840	2. 10. 74.	..	..	1	..	..	Ditto.
841	9. 10. 74.	2	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
842	14. 10. 74.	..	..	1	3. 11. 74.	..	Improved.
843	19. 10. 74.	..	..	2	..	..	Unimproved.
844	19. 10. 74.	..	..	2	..	..	Ditto.
845	27. 10. 74.	..	4	..	..	..	Ditto.
846	2. 11. 74.	Unk known.	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
847	2. 11. 74.	Unk known.	..	..	..	..	Improved.
848	2. 11. 74.	9	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
849	6. 11. 74.	..	..	3	..	..	Improved.
850	24. 11. 74.	..	..	4	..	..	Unimproved.
851	3. 12. 74.	Unk known.	..	..	..	..	Improved.
852	11. 12. 74.	Unk known.	Unimproved.
853	11. 12. 74.	From birth.	Ditto.
854	23. 12. 74.	3	Ditto.

* A helpless paralytic.

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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, 1874.

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	-	161	-	-	Miscellaneous "small articles"	-	-	189	-
Boots, men's, pairs	4	-	174	-	Petticoats, flannel and serge	-	70	-	-
Boots, women's, ditto	-	-	17	-	Sheets	-	-	-	60
Boots, children's ditto	6	-	5	-	Shirts, men's	-	170	-	841
Blinds, window	-	15	-	-	Shoes, men's, pairs	-	-	47	-
Blouzès, boys'	-	21	-	12	Shoes, women's ditto	-	-	92	-
Cases, pillow and bolster	-	100	-	46	Shifts	-	155	-	-
Caps, women's	-	50	-	-	Slippers, pairs	4	-	15	-
Coats, blue and tweed	1	-	66	-	Stockings, ditto	-	-	-	714
Dresses, print, coburg, tweed	-	143	-	-	Towels, hand and round	-	58	-	2
Dresses, ticking	-	84	-	-	Trousers, fustian, pairs	27	-	1214	-
Dresses, serge	-	1	-	-	Trousers, tweed	83	-	179	-
Drawers, cotton and flannel, pairs	-	-	-	24	Trousers, linen	-	-	99	-
Frocks, linen, men's	-	-	362	3	Table cloths	-	38	-	2
Gowns, night	-	2	-	-	Vests, flannel	-	69	-	-
Jackets, blue cloth	3	-	283	-	Vests, tweed, fustian, and cloth	4	20	204	-
Jackets, cotton, women's	-	92	-	-	Rugs, quilted	-	9	-	-
Jackets, canvas, men's	3	4	21	-					

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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 1874.

New Work.—Pigstye; pig-yard fenced off; cover to weighbridge; swing to ladies' cottage; trestles for tank, ladies' cottage; trestles for cook-house tank; latrines for boys; shed for boys; shed to wash-house; table for attendant's room; 2 pig troughs; 1 horse cart; 1 large horse cart; 1 horse dray; 2 clothes horses; sexagon shed for wash-house; stable for bull; cradle for girls; shute over mill-race; railings to front steps, new building; 4 barrow-wheels; 4 wheelbarrows; latrine, cowman's hut; meat safe; frame to horse-dray; 25 coffins; 1 shed for carts, 34 feet long by 17 feet wide; wood mauls; axe handles, and others, &c.

Repairs.—Fence, cells, yard, Female Division; hut at Dr. Huston's quarters; horse dray; verandah, back yard; bath, Female Division; sub-matron's kitchen re-shingled; horses in drying-room; fences at Dr. Huston's; fences all round the farm; verandah, Female Division; tables and chairs throughout; mangle, rinsing machine, wheelbarrows, mauls, wood-horses, shower-baths, bread-trough, and general repair of floors, &c. in wards, cells, &c. throughout the Hospital.

Painter.—Fences, &c., Dr. Huston's; carts and dray; Sub-Matron's quarters; new building throughout; No. 7 Ward front, &c.

Plumber.—Pipes to bath-house; pipes throughout kept in repair.

Glazier.—79 squares of glass put in, and skylights, &c. kept in repair.

Whitewashing and Colouring.—Sub-Matron's quarters; new building, both inside and out; 5, 6, and 7 Wards, front; back yard and corridor; sundry wards, Female Division.

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FARM Account Sales, Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1874.

Date.	Description.	Weight.	Price.	Amount.
1874.				
May 30	1 pig	135½ lbs.	For	£ 1 12 8
July 2	5 pigs	—	—	12 0 0
September 21	Mangolds	7 tons 2 cwt. 0 qrs.	10s. per ton	3 11 0
October 6	1 cow	—	For	8 0 0
January 1 to December 31	Milk	37,526 pints	2d. per pint	312 14 4
				£337 18 0

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No. 7.

COST of the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, for the Year 1874.

	Dr.	£	s.	d.
Salaries		2635	13	10
Allowances		12	0	0
Provisions, &c. including Medical Comforts		2990	5	11
Fuel and Light		485	15	10
Bedding, Clothing, Stores, &c.		1103	8	5
Stationery		16	0	6
Medicines, &c.		23	8	0
Advertising		5	0	0
Incidental Expenses		24	5	8
Conveyance of Stores		66	11	10
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners		64	0	0
Funerals		5	5	0
Repairs to Buildings, &c.		71	2	1
		7502	17	1
	Cr.			
Cash received—£1092 0s. 3d. Due—£132 11s. 1d. from self-supporting Patients, and for Patients' labour. Washing, and sale of cow, pigs, &c.—£46 9s. 7d.		1271	0	11
		£6231	16	2

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NOTE.—The Cost per head, calculated on the gross Expenditure, is nearly £28 per annum; but deducting the amount received from self-paying Patients, and other reimbursements, the cost of each Inmate of the Institution barely exceeded £23 per head.