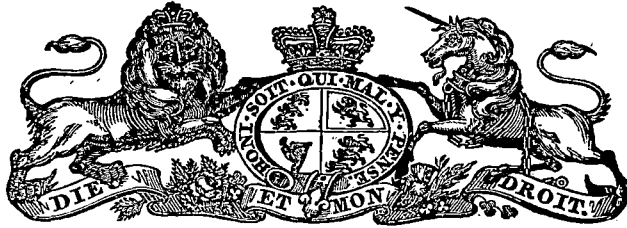


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ANNUAL REPORT for 1870.

EIGHTY-EIGHT inmates remained in the Depôt on the 1st January, 1870; one hundred and twenty-six were admitted; eighty-eight discharged; and twenty died during that year,—leaving one hundred and six inmates at the commencement of the current year.

The daily average number of the inmates during the year has been one hundred and six.

During the month of May sixteen additional men were accommodated in two wards formerly used as a Debtors' Prison in H. M. Gaol. These wards are used for sleeping purposes only. The men cross over to the Depôt every morning, where they take their meals, returning again at night after supper. Notwithstanding the accommodation afforded by these two wards, the applications for admission have been so numerous that many have had to be refused owing to want of room. In their last Annual Report the Board of Management recommended that an additional ward be erected, capable of accommodating at least thirty inmates. Nothing yet, however, has been done in the matter.

The Board have to express their regret at the death of one of their number during the year, namely, Mr. John Crookes, whose place at the Board has not yet been filled up.

Vegetables, for the use of the Invalids as well as for the General Hospital, were supplied from the Establishment during ten months of the year, and it is expected that an equal quantity will be produced during the current year.

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