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REPORT FOR 1869.

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*REPORT of the Commissioners for the HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, at NEW NORFOLK,
for the Year 1869.*

Commissioners.

Sir ROBERT OFFICER, Knight, President.
The Honorable HENRY BUTLER, Esquire.
HENRY HUNTER, Esquire.
The Honorable F. M. INNES, Esquire.
W. A. B. JAMIESON, Esquire.

J. A. MOORE, Esquire.
R. C. READ, Esquire.
W. S. SHARLAND, Esquire.
WILLIAM TARLETON, Esquire.

THE management of the Hospital during the past year has not been less successful than in previous years.

The same system of non-restraint which was introduced by the Commissioners when the Institution was first placed under their charge, many years since, continues to be pursued to the fullest extent, and with the same beneficial results.

In carrying out this humane method of treatment, the Commissioners have been ably seconded by Mr. Huston, the Superintendent and Medical Officer of the Hospital, to whose skill and unremitting kindness they have great pleasure in acknowledging a large share of its success is due.

The cures effected in the Hospital will bear a favourable comparison with those in similar Institutions; and the general salubrity of the Establishment, and the healthy condition of the Patients, are proved by the small number of those who have required separate treatment in the sick wards, and the low general death-rate, as shown in the Tables appended to this and former Reports.

Since the date of their last Report the separate cottage for the treatment of the superior class of Female Patients has been completed, and was ready for occupation at the conclusion of the year.

This addition to the Hospital cannot but be regarded as one of the greatest improvements ever yet introduced into it.

The building itself admirably meets the purposes for which it was designed, and has been erected in a faithful and substantial manner by the contractor; and, while supplying a want long and deeply felt, has given an improved character and tone to the whole of this branch of the Establishment.

The completion of the premises lately erected on the small farm situated on the south bank of the Lachlan Rivulet, has permitted the entire removal of the stable, cow-houses, and barns from the proper Hospital grounds, which have been thus relieved from a nuisance of long standing.

Although, aided by the liberality of the Government and Parliament, the Commissioners have been enabled to remedy many of the defects which existed in the Hospital when it first came into their charge, various wants, to which the attention of the Government was called in some of their earliest Reports, still exist.

A suitable Lavatory and Bath-room is urgently required for the Female Division of the Hospital.

The accommodation provided for the Idiot Boys is altogether inadequate; and if this class of Patients, who are incurables and not proper subjects for treatment in a Hospital for the Insane, are to continue to be cared for in the Institution, it will be necessary to erect new and separate quarters for their use on another part of the grounds. If this addition were made, the rooms now occupied by these boys could be advantageously used to relieve the over-crowded condition of some of the wards, arising from the unexpected increase in the number of the Patients which has taken place during the last two or three years.

Repairs of a somewhat extensive character in various parts of the buildings, especially in those first constructed, have become pressingly necessary. A specification of these repairs has been prepared by the Director of Public Works, and submitted for the approval of the Government, and will doubtless be proceeded with during the ensuing year.

The Commissioners regret to have to report that the number of Patients admitted during the past year has been greater than for many years past; and the number of Inmates is now greater than it ever was before.

The number of Patients who have been under treatment during the year amounts to 284, of whom 203½ were chargeable to Colonial, and only 42½ to Imperial Funds. Of these 38 were wholly or partially self-supporting, contributing in the whole towards their support the sum of £1172 17s. 2d.

A Return is appended showing the number of Patients who have been admitted, discharged, and died since the 1st January, 1859, when the Institution was first placed under the charge of the present Commissioners, with another Return exhibiting the amount of restraint had recourse to in 1859 and 1869 respectively. The total internal cost of the Hospital during the year has amounted to £7605, and the average daily cost of each Patient to 1s. 8½d.

The labour of the Patients, male and female, has been as productive as usual, the result of which is shown in the annexed Table; while the lands belonging to the Institution have been tilled by the Male Patients, and yielded a large amount of milk and vegetables for the use of the Inmates.

Amusements and recreations have been provided whenever a suitable opportunity has occurred, and these have been invariably appreciated and enjoyed by a large number of the Patients.

The Superintendent reports that the conduct of the Officers and Attendants under his direction has been highly satisfactory.

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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, 1869.

	ADMISSIONS, 1869.			DISCHARGES, 1869.									DEATHS, 1869.									RE-ADMIS- SIONS, 1869.			RATE PER CENT. 1869.				
	From 1st January to 31st December, 1869.			Of those admitted during the Year.			Of previous Admissions.			Total discharged.			Of those admitted during the Year.			Of previous Admissions.			Total Deaths.			Of those admitted during the Year.			Of Recoveries.		Of Deaths.		
	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	On Admis- sions.	On Total treated.	On Admis- sions.	On Total treated.	
Remaining 31 Dec. 1868	125	112	237																										
Admitted during 1869 ..	36	11	47	10	1	11	4	1	5	14	2	16	5	—	5	2	3	5	7	3	10	1	—	1	34 ² / ₄₇	5 ⁵ / ₇₁	21 ¹³ / ₄₇	3 ¹ / ₇₁	
TOTAL	161	123	284																										
Remaining 31 Dec. 1869	140	118	258																										

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NUMERICAL Return of Patients admitted, discharged, died, and transferred, from 1st January, 1859, to 31st December, 1869, at the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk.

ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES.									DEATHS.									RE-ADMISSIONS.			TRANSFERS.		
From 1st January, 1859, to 31st December, 1869.			Of those admitted from 1st January, 1859, to 31st December, 1869.			Of previous Admissions.			Total discharged.			Of those admitted from 1st January, 1859, to 31st December, 1869.			Of previous Admissions.			Total Deaths.			Of those admitted from 1st January, 1859, to 31st December, 1869.			To Port Arthur.		
M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
274	161	435	107	51	158	33	8	41	140	59	199	72	44	116	34	31	65	106	75	181	25	13	38	31	—	31

N.B.—Of the Males, 18 have been re-admitted once, 2 twice, and 1 three times.
 Of the Females, 11 have been re-admitted once, and 1 twice.
 Of the Transfers there were 9 in 1859, and 22 in 1862. Remaining 31st December, 1869—Males, 140; Females, 118.

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	Males.	Females.
Remaining 31st December, 1858	112	91
Admissions to 31st December, 1869.....	274	161
TOTAL.....	386	252
Discharges and Deaths	246	134
Remaining 31st December, 1869	140	118

RETURN of the Average Number of Hours Patients have been under Restraint, and in Seclusion, in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, during the Years 1859 and 1869 respectively.

UNDER RESTRAINT.

	Number of Patients.	Total Number of Hours.	Average Number of Hours each per Day.	Average Number of Hours each per Year.	Average Number of Hours each per Day.
1859.					
Males.....	8	4453	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{10}$	556 $\frac{3}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{3}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10}$
Females.....	17	2308	6 $\frac{1}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10}$	135 $\frac{4}{10}$ $\frac{5}{10}$	0 $\frac{2}{10}$ $\frac{2}{10}$
1869.					
Males.....	2	2106	5 $\frac{4}{10}$ $\frac{6}{10}$	1053	2 $\frac{5}{10}$ $\frac{3}{10}$
Females.....	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

IN SECLUSION.

1859.					
Males.....	36	2965	8 $\frac{7}{10}$ $\frac{7}{10}$	82 $\frac{2}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{3}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10}$
Females.....	28	852	2 $\frac{2}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10}$	30 $\frac{2}{10}$ $\frac{5}{10}$	$\frac{5}{10}$ $\frac{5}{10}$
1869.					
Males.....	37	1466	4	39 $\frac{3}{10}$ $\frac{7}{10}$	$\frac{6}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10}$
Females.....	45	1353	3 $\frac{4}{10}$ $\frac{2}{10}$	30 $\frac{4}{10}$ $\frac{4}{10}$	$\frac{5}{10}$ $\frac{5}{10}$

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RETURN of Work performed by Patients, in co-operation with the Carpenter, in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, during the Year 1869.

Buildings erected.

- 1 Sixteen-stall Cow-house.
- 1 Two-stall Stable.
- 1 Sexagon Lodge, entrance to Female Division.
- 1 Latrine, House Surgeon's Quarters.
- 1 Store-room to House Surgeon's Quarters.
- 1 Tool-shed in wood-yard.

Fencing.

- Roadway to Farm and Rick-yard.
- Enlarged Grounds to Gentlemen Patients' Cottage.
- Enclosing and hanging Gates to Wood-yard.
- Enclosing and hanging Gates to Washhouse-yard.

New Articles made.

- 1 Box Dray.
- 3 Box Wheelbarrows.

Repairs.

- General repairs to Fences round Paddocks.
- General repairs to Floors of Dormitories, Cells, &c.
- Tailors' Shop re-floored.

Splitters.

- 4200 Box Palings.
- 4200 Shingles.
- 1300 Palings, 5 and 6 feet.
- 322 Rails.
- 102 Posts.

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RETURN of Articles of Clothing, &c. made and repaired by Patients in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, from 1st January to 31st December, 1869.

ARTICLES.	MADE.		REPAIRED.	
	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males</i>	<i>By Females.</i>
Aprons, women's	—	104	—	—
Boots, men's, pairs	—	—	157	—
Boots, women's, pairs	1	—	13	—
Boots, children's, pairs	3	—	2	—
Blinds, window	—	27	—	—
Blouzes, boys'	—	6	—	35
Cases, pillow and bolster	—	269	—	20
Caps, women's	—	72	—	—
Coats, blue and tweed	—	—	36	—
Dresses, print.....	—	—	—	—
Dresses, ticking	—	60	—	—
Drawers, flannel, pairs	—	44	—	36
Dresses, winsey	—	94	—	—
Dresses, serge.....	—	2	—	—
Frocks, linen, men's	—	—	422	—
Gowns, night, women's.....	—	6	—	—
Jackets, blue cloth.....	2	—	192	—
Jackets, serge, women's	—	14	—	—
Jackets, cotton, women's	—	123	—	—
Jackets, canvas	—	—	13	—
Matrasses	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous small articles	18	—	267	—
Palliasses	—	—	17	—
Petticoats, flannel and serge.....	—	77	—	—
Rugs, canvas	4	—	1	—
Sheets	—	56	—	75
Shirts, men's	—	576	5	589
Shoes, men's, pairs.....	—	—	36	—
Shoes, women's, pairs	—	—	39	—
Shifts, women's	—	220	—	—
Slippers, pairs	1	—	25	—
Stockings, pairs	—	—	—	1307
Towels, hand and round	—	131	—	—
Trowsers, fustian, pairs.....	89	—	967	—
Trowsers, tweed, pairs	23	—	307	—
Trowsers, linen, pairs.....	—	—	109	—
Table cloths	—	23	—	12
Waistcoats, blue cloth and tweed.....	—	—	113	—
Waistcoats, flannel.....	—	56	—	17

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