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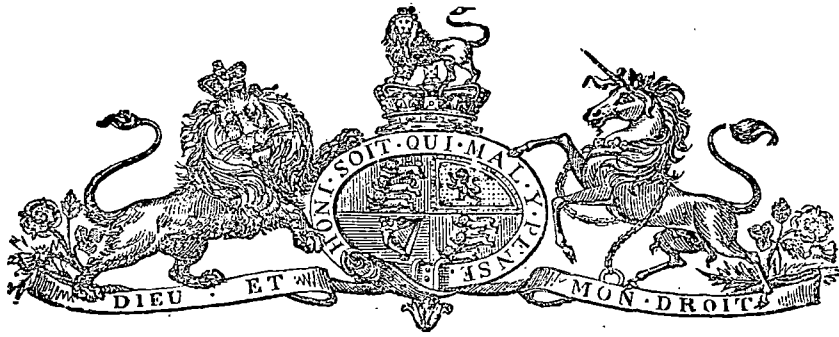
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GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1870.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, November 8, 1871,



LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1870.

The Board of Management of the Launceston General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year 1870:

The number of Patients treated is somewhat less than last year.

The average daily cost for each Patient is slightly higher this year than last, in consequence of the great decrease in the amount received from Paying Patients.

With deep regret the Board have to record the death during the past year of one of their Members, namely, John Crookes, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Management.

The Board have much pleasure in here recording their appreciation of the gratuitous services of the honorary consulting Surgeons, Drs. Miller and Wigan. On all occasions where their services were required they were given with the greatest promptitude; and the Surgeon-Superintendent has, in many instances, been indebted to them for most valuable assistance.

WILLIAM HART, *Chairman.*
JOHN MURPHY.
ALFRED HARRAP, *Mayor.*
JOHN T. SALE.
H. DOWLING.
JAMES ROBERTSON.
W. S. BUTTON.

EXPENDITURE on account of the Launceston General Hospital for 1870.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	811	11	8
Provisions and medical comforts	869	2	9
Clothing, bedding, and stores	150	0	0
Fuel and light	319	19	0
Stationery and advertising	5	19	0
Medicines and instruments	140	0	0
Funeral expenses	111	2	8
Water-rate	30	0	0
Rent and taxes	85	8	0
	£2523	3	1
Cash paid into Treasury from Self-supporting Patients	114	0	2
Net expenditure	£2409	2	11

No. of Diets issued to Patients, 25,007.

No. of Diets issued to Attendants, 4441.

Daily cost of each Patient, about 1s. 11d.

Yearly cost of each Patient, about £35 3s. 4½d.

W. G. MADDOX, *Surgeon-Superintendent.*

REPORT of the Surgeon-Superintendent of the Launceston General Hospital for the Year 1870.

DURING the year 1870 there were admitted into the Hospital 323 Patients, of whom 250 were males, and 73 females.

There remained under treatment at the close of 1869, 52 Patients; so that the total number treated during the year was 375: of these 251 were discharged cured or relieved, 64 died, and 60 remained under treatment at the commencement of 1870.

Of the total number of deaths, 28 occurred within 8 days after admission; viz.—7 on the 1st day, 6 on the 2nd, 1 on the 4th, 1 on the 5th, 6 on the 6th, and 7 on the 7th.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years.....	3
From 20 to 30 years.....	5
From 30 to 40 years.....	4
From 40 to 50 years.....	14
From 50 to 60 years.....	12
From 60 to 70 years.....	13
From 70 to 80 years.....	10
From 80 to 90 years.....	3
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Of the Patients admitted 50 were Self-supporting, 7 were wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 316 were Colonial Paupers.

The sum of £114 0s. 2d. was received for Self-supporting Patients during the year.

The average daily number of Patients during the year was 68½, and the cost per head nearly 1s. 11d.

The cases treated during the year were:—

	<i>In-door Cases.</i>	<i>Out-door Cases.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory system	42	143	185
brain and nervous system	20	40	60
heart and blood-vessels	12	18	30
eyes	8	30	38
skin	5	52	57
bones and joints	14	13	27
digestive system	24	110	134
urinary organs	11	12	23
Fevers	4	5	9
Dropsies	4	—	4
Rheumatic affections	37	86	123
Venereal affections	20	41	61
Abscesses and ulcers	40	60	100
Wounds and injuries	70	71	141
All other diseases.....	64	212	276
TOTAL.....	375	893	1268

The diseases and injuries which proved fatal were :—

Disease of the heart.....	8
Pulmonary consumption.....	6
Pneumonia	5
Apoplexy	1
Malignant disease of stomach.....	4
Disease of the brain.....	3
Inflammation of uterus	1
Disease of kidney	2
Disease of bladder	1
Disease of liver	8
Fractures and contusions	3
Diarrhoea	1
Dysentery.....	1
Epilepsy	1
Malignant tumor	3
Spinal disease.....	1
Enteritis	1
Debilitas.....	14
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TOTAL.....	64
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W. G. MADDOX, *Surgeon-Superintendent.*