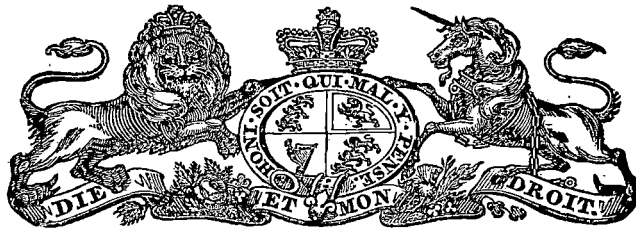


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**NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION  
FOR FEMALES :**

**REPORT FOR 1878.**

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 9, 1879.



*New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females,  
3rd April, 1879.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to present the following Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the year ending the 31st December, 1878.

The following particulars have been obtained from the Records of the Establishment :—

The number of Inmates remaining in the Institution on the 31st December was .....	147	
And the number admitted during the year .....	115	
		262
Number discharged during the year .....	91	
Number died during the year.....	30	
		121
Number remaining on the 31st December, 1878 .....	141	

The daily average number of Inmates throughout the year was  $145\frac{2}{3}$ .

The average age of the 30 Women who died was 63.

The average annual cost of each Inmate throughout the year was £15 11s. 4½d.

The items of expenditure were :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries, (details given below) .....	303	13	4
Clothing .....	50	3	9
Bedding .....	32	4	8
Stores .....	15	0	2
Provisions, including Medical Comforts .....	1532	3	7
Fuel and Light .....	150	14	3
Repairs to Buildings .....	151	1	4
Medical Attendance and Medicines.....	38	5	0
Miscellaneous, Incidental Expenses .....	42	2	3
	2315	8	4

Reimbursements,—

Received for maintenance of Paupers .....	38	19	1
Cash for sale of Pigs .....	9	3	6
	48	2	7
Net Expenditure for the year .....	£2267	5	9

Officers and Servants :—

	£	s.	d.
Superintendent .....	50	0	0
Clerk and Storekeeper .....	60	0	0
Matron .....	60	7	8
Cook .....	36	0	0
Nurse .....	15	0	0
Eighteen Helpers*.....	82	5	8
	£303	13	4

\* These Helpers are in lieu of Nurses, and receive pay varying from Twopence to Fourpence a day. They are selected from the Inmates.

The amount provided by Parliament for the Institution for the year was £2205 7s. 8d.; the expenditure amounted to £2267 8s. 4d., being an excess of £62 0s. 8d.: this excess was in the item "Provisions and Medical Comforts."

The spiritual and physical necessities of the Inmates were, as usual, duly administered to: they were visited weekly by the Chaplains of the Churches of England and Rome, and also by several ladies who read to them and issue and exchange books from a small library belonging to the Institution. Such of the women as are able to attend their respective places of worship are by Regulation required to do so once every Sunday.

The Inmates make all the clothing for the Institution; they also perform the repairs and do the whole of the washing, scrubbing, &c.

The buildings are comparatively new, having been erected in 1862, and afford accommodation for 160 women. There are 6 large and 4 small dormitories, 3 of the largest will hold 34 beds each, the other 3 will hold 13 beds each, and the 4 smallest 4 beds each.

The situation is both healthy and beautiful and cannot, I think, be surpassed.

I beg to furnish the following extract from my Report for the year 1876; I do so in the hope that the work therein named may be attended to this year:—

I have as far back as December, 1875, represented that the woodwork of the exterior of the building required painting, the wood is quite bare of paint and perishing.

In the same Report I also brought under notice the want of a laundry and bath-room. It is true that these buildings were commenced last year; but I am sorry to report that they are not yet ready for use, although it would take only a few pounds to complete them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SANDFORD SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*