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INVALID DEPOT, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1869.

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SECOND Annual Report, being for the Year ending 31st December, 1869.

THE number of inmates in the Depôt at the date of the last Report was 88; admitted since, 141; total, 229. Discharged, 111; died, 29; total, 140. Remaining on 31st December, 1869, 89.

Of those discharged most left at their own request, many of whom have since been re-admitted; some few, however, were discharged by the medical officer as able to earn their own living, and four on account of misconduct. The average age of the 29 that died was 69 years, and the average age of those remaining in the Depôt on the 31st December, 1869, 65 years.

The average number of inmates during the year has been 96.

The expenditure for rations during the same period has been £732 12s., being at the average rate of 5½*d.* per inmate for dietary only.

The premises are in good repair, and likely to continue so for some years; more room, however, is required, as the applications have of late been so numerous that many have had to be rejected: it is therefore recommended that an additional ward be erected, capable of accommodating at least 30 inmates.

The cultivation of the land round the Depôt has sufficed to supply the inmates with vegetables; and during the current year it is anticipated there will be a surplus sufficient to supply the General Hospital. Very few of the inmates are able to assist in the cultivation of the ground; prison labour has therefore been chiefly employed.

The staff of officers remain the same as at last Report; and, under the vigilant superintendence of Mr. Cox, the order, comfort, and cleanliness of the inmates have been maintained.

It is with deep regret the Board have to record the death of their late Chairman, the Honorable Isaac Sherwin. In him the Board have lost an active and philanthropic member, whose place will not easily be filled up.

The thanks of the Board are due to Messrs. Walch, Brothers, & Birchall; also, to Messrs. Hudson & Hopwood, and others, for contributions of magazines and newspapers for the use of the inmates.

JOHN T. SALE, *Chairman.*
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