



*REPORT of the Commissioners of the HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, NEW NORFOLK,
for the Year 1865.*

Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st January, 1866.

THE Commissioners have to report that the Hospital has been conducted during the past year in the same satisfactory and efficient manner as in previous years.

Its management continues to be characterised by the absence of personal restraint, by the quiet and orderly conduct of the Patients, and by favourable curative results.

The late Head Keeper, Mr. Brown, who for a period of nearly ten years had most zealously discharged the duties of his office, having died in the month of December, the Commissioners have recommended that a duly qualified Medical Officer should be appointed in his place, who, in addition to the duties of Head Keeper, will perform those of a Medical Assistant. The Commissioners believe that such an appointment, which will involve but a trifling additional cost, will promote the efficiency of the Institution and the well-being of its inmates.

The new kitchen, which has been long urgently required, is fast advancing towards completion. As soon as it is finished the present kitchen will be converted into a commodious bath-room, the want of which has long been a blemish in the Hospital.

The Commissioners feel it to be their duty again to urge on the Government the erection of a separate cottage for the accommodation of the higher class of female Patients; similar to that which has been provided in the Male Division, and has proved so beneficial to the Patients to whose use it has been devoted. Every year's experience has more and more convinced the Commissioners of the advantages that would be derived from an addition of this nature to the Female Division of the Hospital.

During the past year several Patients from the higher classes have been admitted under the pressure of necessity, as no other institution for the treatment of the Insane, public or private, exists in the Colony. They have been brought to the Hospital with great and painful reluctance by their friends, who, although entertaining the utmost confidence in the management of the Institution, and assured that their unfortunate relatives would be treated with all possible care and tenderness, were yet aware of the utter want of accommodation suitable to their tastes and habits.

The separate cottage in the Male Division has proved to be self-supporting; and there is no reason to believe that a similar establishment for female Patients would show a different result.

There is, therefore, in the opinion of the Commissioners, no ground for hesitation in sanctioning the small expenditure required for this building, highly necessary, they believe, both to the character of the Institution, and the efficient treatment of the class of Patients for whose accommodation it would be provided.

Appended to this Report are Tables affording the necessary statistical information respecting the Hospital and its inmates.

The Commissioners regret to find that the number of persons admitted during the past year has slightly exceeded that of any of the three previous years; but they still hope that the time is not far distant when they will be able to report a decrease in the number of Patients.

The total number of Patients treated was 266, of whom 189½ were chargeable on Colonial Funds, 50½ on Imperial Funds, and 26 were wholly or partially self-supporting.

The average cost of each Patient was 1s. 10¾d. per diem, being a decrease of ¼d. from that of the previous year.

The total cost of the Establishment, exclusive of buildings or repairs, was £7902, being an increase of £142, due to increased number of inmates; the paying Patients contributing £823 12s. 8d. of this amount.

Labour has been supplied to the Contractor to the amount of £17 8s.; and from private work, washing, &c. the sum of £34 6s. 1d. has been received.

The Surgeon-Superintendent has discharged his important and responsible duties in his usual judicious and efficient manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioners; and he reports that the general conduct of the Staff of the Establishment has been satisfactory.

R. OFFICER, *President*.
 J. TURNBULL.
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No. 1.

RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths in the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk, showing the Per-centage of Discharges and Deaths during the Year 1865.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.	DISCHARGES. — RECOVERED.			DEATHS.			RATE PER CENT. OF RECOVERIES.		RATE PER CENT. OF DEATHS.	
				<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>On Admissions.</i>	<i>On Total treated.</i>	<i>On Admissions.</i>	<i>On Total treated.</i>
Remaining 31st December, 1864 ...	113	110	223										
Admitted during the Year 1865	27	16	43	11	9	20	11	6	17	46·22	7·138	39·23	6·104
TOTAL.....	140	126	266										
Remaining 31st December, 1865 ...	118	111	229										

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No. 2.

RETURN of Articles of Clothing, &c. made and repaired by the Patients in the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk from 1st January to 31st December, 1865.

	MADE.		REPAIRED.	
	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>
Aprons, women's .....	..	198	303	..
Boots, men's, pairs	2	..	27	..
Boots, females, pairs	3	..	..	..
Blinds, window .....	..	8	..	..
Blankets .....	..	..	14	..
Cases, pillow .....	..	84	2	34
Caps, women's .....	..	110	..	..
Coats, men's	4	..	28	..
Cloth for hay-stack	1	..	..	..
Dresses, print .....	..	23	..	..
Dresses, ticking .....	..	14	..	..
Drawers, flannel .....	..	84	50	60
Dresses, tweed .....	..	59	..	39
Frocks, linen .....	..	..	423	..
Harness, bullock's .....	..	..	1	..
Jackets, blue cloth	53	..	311	..
Jackets, serge, women's .....	..	9	..	10
Jackets, cotton, women's .....	..	172	..	..
Jackets, canvas	6	..	50	..
Mattresses	2	..	..	..
Palliasses .....	..	..	45	..
Petticoats, serge, women's .....	..	69	..	18
Pinafores	5	..	..	18
Rugs .....	..	..	3	..
Sheets .....	..	..	32	41
Shirts, men's .....	..	516	378	396
Shoes, men's, pairs	1	..	63	..
Shoes, women's, pairs .....	..	..	65	..
Shifts, women's .....	..	212	..	..
Slippers, pairs	3	..	16	..
Sackings, bed .....	..	..	16	..
Towels .....	..	..	..	6
Trowsers, fustian	42	..	878	..
Trowsers, tweed	96	..	153	..
Trowsers, linen	6	..	110	..
Table-cloths .....	..	15	..	4
Waistcoats, flannel, men's .....	..	..	153	10
Waistcoats, blue and tweed cloth, men's	122	..	319	..
Waistcoats, fustian, men's	2
Stockings	965

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