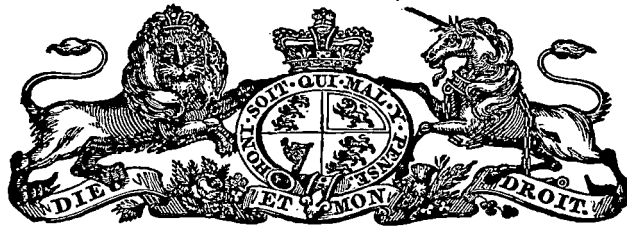


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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1870.

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HOBART TOWN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1870.

THE Board of Management of the Hobart Town General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1870.

In the month of August last a most important measure was carried out in the closing of the Female Hospital,—the Patients being removed to two Wards in the Male Hospital Building.

By this arrangement a direct saving of between £700 and £800 per annum was effected; and, by ridding the Hospital of a large number of Invalids, who can be maintained at a far cheaper rate at the Brickfields and Cascades Depôts, the cost of the Institution was still further reduced. With regard to treatment, diet, &c., those Invalids who require them are cared for just as they would be were they Inmates of the Hospital.

By the change the Female Patients are placed in a far more favourable position as regards their comfort. The Wards are cheerful, spacious, and well ventilated, and present a striking contrast to the dismal rooms in the old building. There are also many conveniences in the shape of Baths, Day-room, &c., the absence of which was an important defect in the former Hospital.

From the experience of the last six months the accommodation has been found amply sufficient for all cases requiring Hospital treatment; but, in the event of any great increase of sickness occurring, further accommodation for about fifty Patients can be made available in the Building at the rear of the Male Hospital. At present the number of Beds is 103,—a number in excess of that which entitles the Hospital to recognition for medical and surgical practice by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The Admissions into Hospital, and the daily average number of Diets, were less than in the preceding year. This was owing, in the first place, to the exceptional healthiness of many months of the year; and secondly, to the fact of the admissions being more restricted to cases really requiring Hospital treatment.

The cost per diem for each Patient was somewhat above that for the preceding year, arising from the decrease in the daily average number; but the total cost of the Institution (a point of more importance) was less than it has ever been in any previous year.

In consequence of the reduction in the number of Wards, the Board considered that three instead of four Honorary Medical Officers would be sufficient for the performance of the medical and surgical duties of the Establishment; and this change has been carried out from the commencement of the present year.

The Board take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Honorary Medical Officers for the zeal and efficiency with which they have attended to the Hospital during the year. Thanks are also due to the Honorary Surgeon Dentist for his valuable services.

In conclusion, the Board have much pleasure in recording their satisfaction with the manner in which the Surgeon-Superintendent and the various Officers of the Establishment have performed their duties during the year.

ALFRED KENNERLEY, *Chairman*.
THOS. GIBLIN.
R. ANDREW MATHER.
GEO. SALIER.
J. M'C. BROWNE.
H. L. ROBERTS.

STATISTICAL REPORT of the Resident Medical Officer.

During the past year there were admitted into the Hospital 798 Patients, of whom 563 were males and 235 females.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 90; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1870, was 888. Of these 700 were discharged, 109 died, and 79 remained under treatment.

Four persons died on the day of admission, eleven on the day after, four on the second day, three on the third, three on the fourth, two on the fifth, and eight on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years.....	13
From 20 to 30 years.....	7
From 30 to 40 years.....	12
From 40 to 50 years.....	19
From 50 to 60 years.....	25
From 60 to 70 years.....	16
From 70 to 80 years.....	15
From 80 to 90 years.....	2
	109

Of the Patients admitted 98 were Self-supporting, 34 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 756 were Colonial Paupers.

The number of Out-Patients treated during the year was 4573.

Annexed is a Return showing the Diseases treated during the year:—

RETURN showing the Diseases treated in the General Hospital during the Year 1870.

CLASSES OF DISEASE.	NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED IN			Died.	
	<i>Hospital.</i>	<i>Out-Patients.</i>	<i>Total.</i>		
Diseases of the	Stomach	41	551	592	5
	Lungs	108	850	958	24
	Eyes	26	67	93	—
	Brain and Nervous System	59	60	119	11
	Skin.....	28	316	344	—
	Liver	9	36	45	3
Abscesses and Ulcers.....	94	334	428	7	
Rheumatic Affections...	74	670	744	—	
Wounds and Injuries.....	122	399	521	7	
Venereal Affections	31	146	177	—	
Fever	21	5	26	3	
Dropsies	9	9	18	3	
Other Diseases	266	1130	1396	46	
TOTAL	888	4573	5461	109	

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon-Superintendent.*

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1870 was £3774 3s. 9d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1662	5	7
Provisions	1116	16	8
Medical comforts	188	5	6
Medicines and Surgical Instruments (estimated)	200	0	0
Fuel and Light	313	6	10
Clothing, Bedding, &c.	115	4	1
House Allowance	50	0	0
Repairs to Buildings, &c.	222	9	2
Stationery	5	14	5
Washing, Funerals, &c.	109	4	4
	<u>£3983</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Cash received from Self-supporting Patients....		199	12	1
Stores supplied Immigration Depôt.....		9	10	9
		<u>209</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
		<u>£3774</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>

Number of Diets to Patients	30,917
Ditto to Attendants	7747
	<u>38,664</u>

Daily average number of Patients in the Hospital was nearly 84½.

Average cost per diem, a fraction more than 2s. 5¼d.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon-Superintendent.*