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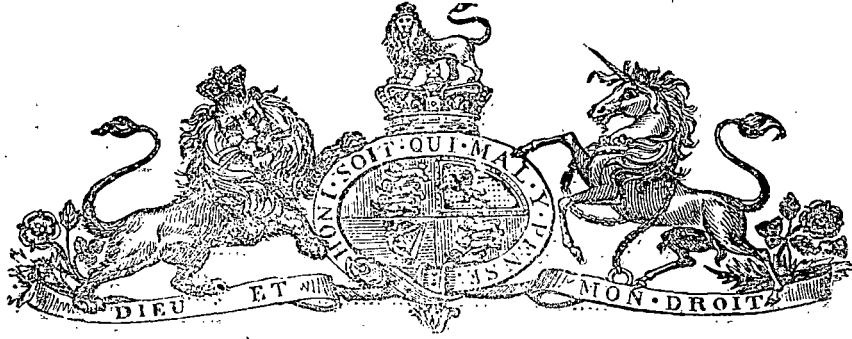
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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL,  
CASCADES :

REPORT FOR 1881.

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
July 12, 1882.



*Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, 27th May, 1882.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the second Annual Report of this Institution, being that for the year 1881.

On 1st January there were 4 patients in hospital, and during the year 108 were admitted, making a total of 112. Of these 104 were discharged, and 8 remained under treatment on 31st December, 1881.

The daily average was  $9\frac{1}{3}$ , and the cost per head £31 6s. 8d.

The mean age of the patients was about  $20\frac{1}{2}$  years, of whom 61 were Protestants and 51 Roman Catholics.

There were 26 re-admissions, but they were confined to the more abandoned and profligate.

Excepting a few instances, the diseases were not of a virulent type. They are, however, classified in Return A.; and the only information that can be afforded in regard to those placed as "Nil" must be sought for under the provisions of the Act, which admits of females, under certain circumstances, being placed in hospital without having previously undergone a medical examination. It is well to observe, however, that the cases so classified were in women of low character; and it was only after some days observation in the hospital that it could be satisfactorily determined they did not labour under actual disease.

The patients performed all the domestic duties of the establishment, and their conduct generally was obedient and respectful.

I have now exhausted all the necessary details of the institution, an institution only in its infancy. That it has been productive of some good admits of no doubt; and that the Act which gave it vitality has, with all its shortcomings, been indirectly of service in checking the spread of disease may naturally be inferred.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
J. COVERDALE, M.D., *Medical Officer in charge.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

A.

*RETURN showing the Number, Character, and Disposal of the Cases of Venereal Diseases treated at the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, during the Year 1881.*

| No. | Disease.                | Discharged. | Remaining 31st Dec., 1881. |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 36  | Syphilis, primary ..... | 31          | 5                          |
| 16  | Ditto, secondary .....  | 16          | 0                          |
| 1   | Ditto, tertiary .....   | 1           | 0                          |
| 40  | Gonorrhœa .....         | 37          | 3                          |
| 14  | Leucorrhœa .....        | 14          | 0                          |
| 5   | " Nil " .....           | 5           | 0                          |

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## B.

*RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Contagious Diseases Hospital for the Year 1881.*


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|                                      | £     | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Salaries .....                       | 105   | 0  | 0  |
| Provisions and Medical Comforts..... | 120   | 16 | 6  |
| Stores.....                          | 31    | 10 | 5  |
| Medicines .....                      | 2     | 0  | 0  |
| Fuel and Light.....                  | 19    | 2  | 4  |
| Miscellaneous .....                  | 1     | 5  | 0  |
| Repairs to Buildings .....           | 10    | 3  | 0  |
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|                                      | £289  | 17 | 3  |
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