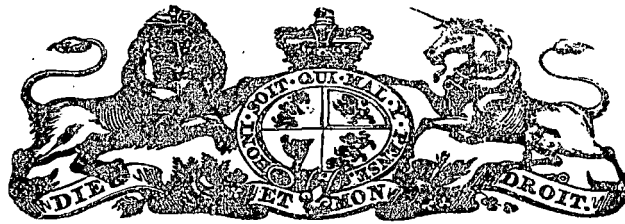


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HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, NEW NORFOLK :

REPORT FOR 1885.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, May, 1886.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward my Report on this Institution for 1885.

On 31st December, 1885, there were 283 patients in this Hospital,—viz., 134 males and 149 females,—and the total number treated during the year was 360.

There have been 50 admissions,—viz., 30 males and 20 females, and 8 re-admissions,—viz., 4 males and 4 females.

With reference to the re-admissions, the period between discharge and re-admission varies from a few days to 14 years.

Thirty-five patients have been discharged; of these 18 had recovered, and of the remaining 17, 5 were discharged to the New Town Invalid Dépôt on trial, two on trial for 7 days, and 10 were discharged to their friends in accordance with Sect. 22 of 22nd Vict. No. 23.

Of these latter, two were convalescing and had a good prospect of recovery, and the remaining 8 (one of whom only has returned) had evinced very considerable mental improvement.

The percentage of discharges on admissions was 60·34. In this calculation the admissions of idiot and imbecile patients are included. Excluding the above classes the percentage was 67·03.

Sixteen male Criminal Lunatics were transferred to the Hospital for the Insane, Cascades, and their absence from the wards of this Institution has been decidedly beneficial.

One patient escaped in the night, but was brought back the next morning.

There have been 25 deaths.—viz., 10 males and 15 females,—the ages being as follows; viz., 1-20 years, 2-24, 1-25, 1-31, 1-38, 1-43, 1-44, 1-45, 2-46, 2-49, 1-51, 4-63, 2-68, 2-69, 1-70, 1-79, 1-83.

In four cases inquests were held, the patients having died suddenly.

Four cases of Typhoid Fever and one case of Measles occurred during the year, but all made good recoveries. The case of Measles and three of the cases of Typhoid Fever occurred amongst the attendants.

The total amount received from paying patients was £2315 2s. 11d.; from the Imperial Government, £538 0s. 9d.

The amount received from patients maintained in the Ladies' Cottage was £720 12s. 8d., and from those in the Gentlemen's Cottage, £941 16s. 6d.—£1662 9s. 2d.

The collection of the fees of paying patients involves considerable difficulty, and frequently legal proceedings have to be resorted to in order to obtain payment.

The gross cost of the Institution was £10,969 4s. 0d.; but, deducting the receipts from all sources, including the sale of stock, the cost is reduced to £7877 13s. 11d.,—the average cost of each patient per week on the net expenditure being 10s. 10½d.

During the year a large amount of work has been done by the patients. The men have been employed in gardening, farming, carpentering, painting, roadmaking, woodcutting, in the kitchen, bakery, and in keeping the wards clean. The women, in needlework, in the laundry, knitting, and in various duties connected with the wards.

The patients have been afforded various amusements such as cricket, lawn tennis, croquet, quoits, football, cards, draughts, dominoes, and bagatelle. They have frequently been taken out in walking parties, and the usual dances have been provided. Theatrical performances and concerts have also been given in the Institution for their amusement.

If means were provided to enable the more quiet patients to have occasional drives it would be very beneficial for them, and would tend to relieve the monotony of the Asylum.

The farm, garden, and dairy have afforded liberal supplies for the Asylum.

The sale of stock from the farm realised £230 13s. 5d., and the farm also furnished a supply of bacon and ham, and 507 dozen eggs, worth, at 1s. 3d. per dozen, £31 13s. 9d.

The dairy yielded 44,597 pints of milk, which, valued at 2d. per pint, would amount to £371 12s. 10d.

The garden provided an ample supply of fruit and vegetables.

Dr. G. J. Dinham resigned the position of Assistant Medical Officer in May, and Dr. W. P. Murphy was appointed in his place.

Miss Stanwix resigned the post of Sub-matron in November, and was succeeded by Miss J. R. Ayres.

Considerable, and very much needed, repairs have been effected to the buildings generally.

New bath-rooms have been provided in the refractory division on the male side and at the Ladies' Cottage, and the refractory division on the female side. The bath-rooms at the two latter places have been furnished with the most modern appliances.

The drainage in various parts of the Hospital has been improved, and large earthenware drain pipes have replaced the main brick drain.

A suitable cottage for Male Idiots, increased accommodation for females, and also more suitable accommodation for acute cases in the Male Department, are very urgently required.

As Parliament has granted £12,000 for additions to the Asylum, it is anticipated that some of these improvements will soon be effected.

The usual religious services have been regularly held on Sundays during the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. MACFARLANE, M.B.,

Superintendent and Medical Officer.

The Chairman of the Official Visitors, Hobart.

RETURN of Work performed by Patients, in co-operation with the Carpenter and Painter, at the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, for the Year 1885.

Carpenter's New Work.—Eleven coffins; 4 tables; towel rollers and brackets; chairs for night-tubs; tressels; soap boxes; axe, hoe, rake, and broom handles; shutters for windows; barrow wheels; pig-troughs; doors; hay-rakes, &c.

Repairs.—Carts; cart-wheels; wheelbarrows constantly; washing and night-tubs; close-stools; latrines, Male and Female Division; window sashes; cupboards and chairs; doors and door locks throughout; floors in wards, cells, &c., in all parts of the Establishment; pig-styes; sofas; mangle; ladders; fowl-house; forms; tables; roofs, &c.

Painter.—Throughout the whole Establishment where required.

Plumber.—Water-pipes and taps constantly.

Glazier.—Windows and skylights kept in repair.

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RETURN of Farm Account Sales, 1885.

Date.	Description.	How sold.	Amount.
4 February	9 Pigs	By auction.....	£ s. d. 15 8 0
18 February	11 Pigs	Ditto	16 13 6
Ditto	1 Bull	Ditto	5 7 0
18 March	12 Pigs	Ditto.....	16 14 0
1 April	1 Cow	Ditto	5 5 0
Ditto	9 Pigs	Ditto.....	18 9 6
14 April	5 Pigs	Ditto.....	7 10 6
13 May	1 Cow	Ditto.....	4 12 6
Ditto	6 Pigs	Ditto	9 16 9
24th June	11 Pigs	Ditto	12 2 0
Ditto	1 Horse	Ditto	7 8 0
5 August	14 Pigs	Ditto.....	25 8 9
19 August	9 Pigs	Ditto.....	9 7 0
Ditto	2 Cows.....	Ditto.....	8 0 9
2 September	10 Pigs	Ditto.....	13 16 0
28 October	8 Pigs	Ditto	13 13 8
25 November	9 Pigs	Ditto	12 5 0
Ditto	1 Cow	Ditto	4 12 6
9 December	9 Pigs	Ditto	24 3 0
			£230 13 5

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RETURN of Live Stock in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, for the Year 1885.

	Horses.	Bulls.	Cows.	Pigs.	Progeny.	
					Calves.	Suckers.
On hand January 1	3	2	10	53	—	—
Since received.....	1	...	4	124	1	—
TOTAL	4	2	14	177	1	—
Sold.....	1	1	5	123	—	—
Died.....	4	—	—
Killed	4	—	—
Remaining December 31 ...	3	1	9	46	1	—

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RETURN of Farm and Garden Produce at the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, for the Year 1885.

75,000 lbs. English Grass.	426 dozen Cabbages.
25 tons Hay, Oats, and Barley.	77 dozen Cauliflowers.
3 tons English Hay.	50 lbs. Spinach.
10 tons Mangolds.	186 lbs. Pumpkins and Marrows.
80 bushals Green Peas.	254 lbs. Currants.
20 bushals Dry Peas.	954 lbs. Plums.
6 bushals French Beans.	380 lbs. Strawberries.
6200 lbs. Carrots.	3 bushels Peaches.
6000 lbs. Parsnips.	224 dozen turinps.
4622 lbs. Onions.	507 dozen Eggs.
89 dozen Leeks.	44,597 pints Milk.
133 dozen Lettuce.	

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TABLE showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1885.

Ages.	Admission.			Discharges.						Deaths.		
				RECOVERED.			REMOVED, RELIEVED, OR OTHERWISE.					
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
From 5 to 10 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
From 10 to 15 years	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
From 15 to 20 years	2	1	3	1	...	1	2	1	3	...	1	1
From 20 to 30 years	8	10	18	6	3	9	1	3	4	2	1	3
From 30 to 40 years	6	4	10	2	...	2	1	2	3	1	1	2
From 40 to 50 years	4	3	7	2	2	4	1	...	1	3	4	7
From 50 to 60 years	3	..	3	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	1	1
From 60 to 70 years	7	2	9	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	6	8
From 70 to 80 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	2
From 80 to 90 years	1	1
From 90 and upwards
Unknown	4	2	6	1	...	1
	34	24	58	12	6	18	6	11	17	10	15	25

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TABLE showing the Length of Residence of those discharged, recovered, and of those who have died, during the Year 1885.

Length of Residence.	Relieved or recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Under 1 month.....	...	1	1	1	2	3
From 1 to 3 months.....	4	1	5	1	...	1
From 3 to 6 months.....	4	8	12	...	...	...
From 6 to 9 months.....	3	1	4	2	1	3
From 9 to 12 months.....	2	1	3	1	1	2
From 1 to 2 years.....	3	...	3	...	1	1
From 2 to 3 years.....	2	...	2	1	...	1
From 3 to 5 years.....	...	3	3	1	1	2
From 5 to 7 years.....	...	1	1	...	1	1
From 7 to 10 years.....	...	...	...	...	5	5
From 10 to 12 years.....	...	1	1	1	...	1
From 12 to 15 years.....	2	2
30 years.....	1	...	1
32 years.....	1	1
36 years.....	1	...	1
	18	17	35	10	15	25

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TABLE showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1885.

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
In the Asylum 1st January, 1885.....	...	...	...	144	158	302
Admitted { For the first time.....	30	20	50	...	...	...
{ Re-admitted.....	4	4	8	...	...	...
Total admitted.....	...	...	...	34	24	58
Total under care during the year.....	...	...	...	178	182	360
Discharged, recovered, &c. { Died.....	10	15	25	...	...	...
{ Recovered.....	18	17	35	...	...	...
Transferred.....	16	...	16	...	...	...
Total discharged, died, &c. during the year.....	...	...	...	44	32	76
Remaining in the Asylum 31st December.....	134	150	284
Average number resident during the year.....	128·6	149·7	278·3

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TABLE showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality, and Proportion of Recoveries, &c. per cent. on the Admissions, &c., for the Years 1876 to 1885.

	Admitted, including Re-admissions.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining 31st December in each year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered on Admission.			Percentage of Cases recovered on the Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.		
				Recovered.			Relieved.			Unimproved																				
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
1876...	35	25	60	8	7	15	2	9	11	...	...	...	20	16	36	132	129	261	131.5	132.1	263.6	26.6	64.	43.3	7.6	12.1	9.8	15.2	12.1	13.6
1877...	34	11	45	11	4	15	1	3	4	...	...	...	14	11	25	137	124	261	136.2	125.2	261.4	35.2	63.6	42.2	8.8	5.5	7.2	10.2	8.7	9.5
1878...	19	14	33	5	4	9	2	6	8	...	...	...	16	7	23	135	120	255	140.4	122.3	262.7	36.8	71.4	51.5	4.9	8.1	6.4	11.3	5.7	8.7
1879...	30	23	53	10	6	16	1	...	1	...	1	1	15	4	19	139	132	271	138.7	125.9	264.6	36.6	26.04	32.07	7.9	4.7	6.4	10.8	3.1	7.1
1880...	20	16	36	7	5	12	...	4	4	...	1	1	12	7	19	139	131	270	138.3	133.8	272.1	35.	56.2	44.4	5.06	6.7	5.8	8.6	5.2	6.9
1881...	28	20	48	4	1	5	1	1	2	...	...	...	17	5	22	145	144	289	141.5	137.4	278.9	17.8	10.	14.5	3.5	1.4	2.5	12.1	3.6	7.8
1882...	32	20	52	9	11	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	6	27	147	147	294	142.3	143.07	285.37	28.1	55.	38.4	6.3	7.6	7.3	14.7	4.1	9.4
1883...	31	16	47	7	8	15	3	2	5	...	...	...	20	7	27	145	144	289	149.3	142.4	291.7	22.6	50.	31.9	4.6	5.6	5.1	13.4	4.9	9.2
1884...	30	34	64	11	4	15	6	6	12	...	1	1	14	9	23	144	158	302	148.6	148.3	296.9	36.6	11.7	23.4	7.4	2.7	5.05	9.4	6.07	7.7
1885...	34	24	58	12	6	18	6	8	14	...	3	3	10	15	25	134	150	284	128.6	149.7	278.3	35.3	25.	31.03	9.3	4.008	6.4	7.7	10.02	8.9

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RETURN of Patients who died in the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, and the period of detention, from 1st January to 31st December, 1885.

<i>No. in Register.</i>	<i>Date of Admission.</i>	<i>Date of Death.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Cause of Death.</i>
		1885.			
943	18 October, 1876	3 January	20	F	General debility & paralysis
66	11 September, 1849	6 January	63	M	Rupture of heart
1078	28 October, 1879	11 January	63	F	Heart disease
1338	21 February, 1885	17 March	49	F	General paralysis
1294	13 June, 1884	25 March	49	F	Brain disease, & exhaustion from diarrhoea
633	4 November, 1869	14 April	68	F	Paralysis
821	30 April, 1874	4 June	24	M	Pneumonia and paralysis
747	3 July, 1872	8 July	31	F	Epilepsy
1208	28 October, 1882	21 July	46	M	Pneumonia and general paralysis
1348	14 May, 1885	25 July	25	M	General paralysis and congestion of lungs
1110	26 August, 1880	30 July	43	M	Serous apoplexy & general paralysis
857	19 January, 1875	20 August	45	F	Syncope & brain disease
98	16 March, 1854	4 September	79	M	Apoplexy
888	16 October, 1875	5 September	44	F	Apoplexy
1307	30 August, 1884	10 September	83	F	Serous apoplexy
1361	8 September, 1885	19 September	63	F	Bronchitis
1365	25 September, 1885	28 September	70	M	Debility
890	15 November, 1875	4 October	24	F	Bronchitis and gangrene of lungs
1342	24 March, 1885	5 October	46	M	Debility & gangrene of foot
95	13 September, 1853	5 October	63	F	Serous apoplexy & debility
1321	28 October, 1884	12 October	69	F	Debility and brain disease
913	15 May, 1876	14 October	51	F	Carcinoma
1335	20 January, 1885	30 October	69	M	General debility and brain disease
1174	10 March, 1882	13 November	68	F	General debility and brain disease
1347	5 May, 1885	2 December	38	M	Apoplexy

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RETURN of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by the Patients, Shoemaker, and Tailor, in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, from 1st January to 31st December, 1885.

<i>Articles.</i>	<i>Made.</i>		<i>Repaired.</i>		<i>Articles.</i>	<i>Made.</i>		<i>Repaired.</i>	
	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>		<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>
Aprons .....	..	340	..	800	Petticoats, serge and flannel	..	180	..	1000
Boots, men's, pairs	9	..	259	..	Palliasses .....	..	..	..	150
Boots, women's, pairs	7	..	50	..	Rugs and counterpanes .....	..	..	..	100
Boots, children's, pairs	10	..	9	..	Sheets, linen .....	..	18	..	130
Cases, pillow and bolster ..	..	240	..	100	Shirts, men's .....	..	..	..	1000
Chair covers .....	..	4	..	..	Shifts .....	..	200	..	200
Coats, blue and tweed,	25	..	59	..	Shoes, men's, pairs	6	..	55	..
Dresses, print and check ...	..	140	..	1100	Shoes, women's, pairs	4	..	46	..
Drawers, cotton and flannel. .	..	18	..	100	Slippers, pairs .....	..	..	12	..
Drawers, cotton, women's ..	..	20	..	80	Stockings, pairs .....	..	..	..	1000
Dresses, serge .....	..	120	..	..	Socks, pairs .....	..	..	..	140
Frocks, linen, men's .....	..	..	..	40	Towels, round, hand, and bath .....	..	100	..	..
Gowns, night .....	..	310	..	500	Trousers, fustian, tweed, and linen	60	..	1820	..
Jackets, blue cloth .....	..	..	164	..	Table cloths .....	..	80	..	40
Jackets, serge, women's .....	..	6	..	..	Vests, flannel .....	..	40	..	100
Jackets, flannel, women's ..	..	6	..	..	Night-caps .....	..	10	..	..
Hoods, women's	140	..	200	Camisoles	8
Handkerchiefs	60					
Pinafores, linen and print	100	..	100					

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RETURN showing the Duration of Disease in Patients on Admission, and the Results, for the Year 1885.

<i>No. in Register.</i>	<i>Date of Admission.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Duration of Disease on Admission.</i>	<i>No. of previous Attacks.</i>	<i>Discharged, Relieved or Recovered.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Present condition.</i>
1332	2 January	49	M	1 year	...	26 August	...	Improved.
1333	2 January	23	F	1 week	...	...	...	Unimproved.
1334	8 January	25	M	...	...	...	...	Improved.
1335	20 January	69	M	...	...	...	30 October	...
1336	26 January	46	F	1 week	...	13 February	...	Recovered.
1337	26 January	30	M	1 month	...	4 July	...	Recovered.
1338	21 February	49	F	2 months	1	...	17 March	...
1339	9 March	17	F	...	...	27 November	...	Improved.
1340	19 March	63	M	1 year	...	...	...	Improved.
1341	20 March	36	F	1 year	1	...	...	Unimproved.
1342	24 March	46	M	Some days	...	...	5 October	...
1343	24 March	61	F	...	1	4 July	...	Recovered.
1344	27 March	23	M	...	2	6 August	...	Recovered.
1345	9 April	Un- known	M	2 years	4	30 May	...	Recovered.
1346	24 April	62	M	2 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1347	5 May	38	M	...	...	...	2 December	...
1348	14 May	25	M	3 weeks	...	...	25 July	...
1349	19 May	Un- known	M	1 week	...	...	...	Improved.
1350	28 May	23	M	1 month	...	...	...	Very much improved.
1351	3 June	18	M	Some mos.	...	...	...	Very much improved.
1352	27 June	27	F	30 weeks	...	6 December	...	Recovered.
1353	30 June	26	F	3 years	...	...	...	Improved.
1354	30 June	42	M	3 weeks	...	3 September	...	Improved.
1355	18 July	28	M	Some years	...	...	...	Recovered.
1356	12 August	Un- known	F	18 months	...	...	...	Improved.
1357	13 August	14	F	2 years	...	...	...	Improved.
1358	14 August	28	F	Unknown	...	...	...	Improved.
1359	16 August	53	M	Unknown	...	...	...	Improved.
1360	18 August	29	F	2 years	...	...	...	Improved.
1361	8 September	63	F	4 months	...	...	19 September	...
1362	9 September	54	M	2 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1363	16 September	39	M	1 year	...	...	...	Improved.
1364	18 September	19	M	1 week	...	...	...	Improved.
1365	25 September	70	M	2 weeks	...	...	28 September	...
1366	9 October	38	M	14 years	...	...	...	Improved.
1367	9 October	56	M	6 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1368	10 October	37	F	3 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1369	14 October	40	F	2 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1370	19 October	38	M	3 days	1	...	...	Improved.
1371	25 October	23	F	5 years	...	...	...	Improved.
1372	30 October	29	F	3 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1373	2 November	Un- known	F	3 weeks	1	...	...	Unimproved.
1374	12 November	44	M	1 year	...	...	...	Improved.
1375	12 November	Un- known	M	Unknown	...	...	...	Improved.
1376	12 November	22	M	Unknown	...	...	...	Improved.
1377	13 November	27	F	1 month	...	...	...	Improved.
1378	17 November	22	F	2 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1379	19 November	23	F	3 weeks	...	...	...	Improved.
1380	23 November	Un- known	M	2 months	...	...	...	Unimproved.
1381	24 November	61	M	...	...	...	...	Improved.
1382	27 November	44	F	1½ weeks	1	...	...	Improved.
1383	27 November	62	M	6 months	1	...	...	Improved.
1384	3 December	15	F	9 years	...	...	...	Improved.
1385	15 December	30	M	15 months	1	...	...	Improved.
1386	19 December	32	M	1 week	...	...	...	Unimproved.
1387	22 December	36	M	2 weeks	...	...	...	Unimproved.
1388	22 December	62	M	6 months	Unimproved.
1389	31 December	34	F	Unimproved.

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