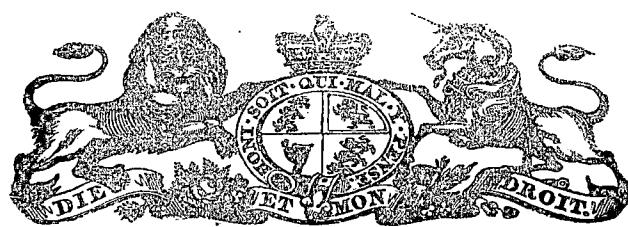


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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART :

REPORT FOR 1884.

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ANNUAL REPORT, 1884.

SIR,

IN accordance with the Rules of the Hobart General Hospital, I have the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report, containing such tabulated and other information as will, I trust, fully exhibit the working of that Institution during the past year.

2. Sixteen Board and sixty-six Committee meetings were held during the year, at all of which the attendance of Members was, without exception, good; while during the same period the Honorary Medical Staff made about one thousand professional visits to the wards of the Hospital.

3. The new Hospital for the treatment of infectious and other diseases was completed and opened for the reception of patients in the month of April; all diseases known or supposed to be of an infectious character being treated on the upper floor of the building, while the wards on the ground floors were devoted to the treatment of all female patients suffering from diseases of a non-infectious nature; and, so far as present experience can justify the conclusion, the whole of the arrangements for the classification, isolation, and treatment of the sick are admirably adapted to secure the important object for which the Hospital was designed.

4. The annual cost of each occupied bed in 1878 was £82 14s. 5d.; in 1879, £72 13s. 6½d.; 1880, £64 6s. 0½d.; 1881, £68 11s. 1d.; 1882, £68 3s. 6d.; 1883, £68 11s. 10d.; and during the past year it has been £68 3s.

5. During the year great improvements have been effected throughout the institution generally, and many more of not less value are still in progress. Not only has the new Hospital been finished and suitably furnished, but the main building, now the Hospital for Males only, has undergone a complete sanitary renovation, the whole of the wards having been thoroughly cleansed and painted, and the number of beds in each ward reduced from 12 to 10, thus affording the patient (supposing the wards to be full) a space of over 1400 cubic feet per each bed instead of 1200 as formerly; these, and many other minor improvements tending to promote the comfort and welfare of the sick, have been effected during the year.

6. The vote of £10,000 granted by Parliament during the session of 1883 for the purpose of carrying on works then undertaken or agreed upon, has during the latter part of the year been in part applied to the erection of the block of buildings now in progress in Argyle-street. This block will absorb about £5000 of the amount voted, and the remainder will during the early part of 1885 be expended in sundry buildings such as mortuary buildings, separate apartments for females under observation for insanity, &c., on the recently purchased ground fronting on Campbell-street. During the year the Nurses' Home has also undergone a thorough renovation, and is now fully equipped and furnished, and is in all respects as comfortable and complete as could be desired.

7. During the year the internal management of the Hospital has been conducted with great order and efficiency,—nothing curative in its character, or calculated to alleviate the sufferings of the patients, or to render their stay in the Hospital as hopeful and cheerful as circumstances would permit, having been neglected; and looking at the Institution as a whole, and bearing in mind the special object for which it was designed,—namely, the curative treatment of the sick,—it is difficult to conceive any combination of sanitary arrangements better calculated to promote and to secure the desired results.

8. It is satisfactory to note that during the past few years the amount of money received from patients who were able either in whole or in part to pay for their maintenance in Hospital has shown a steady upward tendency. In 1882, £222 16s. 11d. was collected; in 1883, £470 1s. 2d. was collected; and for the past year, £593 5s. 8d. has been collected. To the exertions of the Finance Committee, together with those of the Secretary, during the last two years, the Hospital is mainly indebted for this very satisfactory result, and great praise is due to this Committee for the time and care bestowed on this important branch of the Hospital service.

9. Although the gross expenditure of the Hospital during the past year reaches the unusually large total of £7162 4s. 1d., it should be pointed out that this sum includes the items of £535 5s. 7d. for the expense of furnishing the new Hospital and Nurses' Home,—an item altogether extraneous to the usual yearly expenditure.

IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1884.

Miasmatic Diseases—		Nervous System Diseases—continued.—	
Chickenpox	1	Ear Diseases	1
Measles	19	Spinal Cord and Nerve Diseases	6
Scarlatina	19	Tetanus	1
Diphtheria	2	Sunstroke	1
Quinsy and Sore Throat	7		—
Enteric Fever	52	Total Nervous .....	.. 109
Simple Fever	5		
Erysipelas	16	Organs of Circulation Diseases—	
Carbuncle	1	Pericarditis	5
Influenza	2	Aneurism	1
Catarrh	7	Heart Diseases	38
Diarrhoea	5	Embolism	1
Ague	1	Anæmia	2
Rheumatism	34	Varyx	1
Rheumatic Fever	23	Hæmorrhoids	2
	—	Atheroma	1
Total Miasmatic .....	.. 194	Total Circulation .....	.. 51
Enthetic Diseases—		Respiratory System Diseases—	
Syphilis	16	Laryngitis	3
Gonorrhœa	14	Bronchitis	26
Stricture of Urethra	10	Pleurisy	16
	—	Pneumonia	32
Total Enthetic .....	.. 40	Congestion of Lungs	1
Dietic Diseases—		Asthma	4
Purpura	1	Lung Diseases	3
Scurvy	2	Diseases of Pharynx	1
Delirium Tremens	20		—
Alcoholism	31	Total Respiratory .....	.. 86
	—	Digestive Organs Diseases—	
Total Dietic .....	.. 54	Gastritis	7
Parasitic Diseases—		Enteritis	13
Worms	1	Peritonitis	1
Hydatid	10	Hernia	2
	—	Ileus	5
Total Parasitic .....	.. 11	Stomach Diseases	10
Diathetic Diseases—		Dyspepsia	4
Gout	2	Hæmatemesis	2
Dropsy	2	Gallstone	1
Cancer	11	Liver Diseases	7
Epithelioma	13	Spleen Diseases	1
Tumor	4		—
Gangrene	2	Total Digestive .....	.. 53
	—	Urinary Organs Diseases—	
Total Diathetic .....	.. 34	Nephritis	10
Tubercular Diseases—		Nephria	18
Serofula	4	Diabetes	1
Phthisis	32	Stone and Gravel	3
Hæmoptysis	3	Cystitis	11
Abscess	15	Kidney Diseases	2
Tuberculosis	1	Bladder Diseases	1
Tubercular Meningitis	3		—
	—	Total Urinary .....	.. 46
Total Tubercular .....	.. 58	Organs of Generation Diseases—	
Nervous System Diseases—		Uterus Diseases, &c.	9
Cephalitis	3	Male Genitals, Non-venereal Diseases	5
Apoplexy	3		—
Paralysis	7	Total Generation .....	.. 14
Insanity	39	Locomotive System Diseases—	
Chorea	1	Synovitis, Bursitis	8
Epilepsy	9	Periostitis	6
Hysteria	9	Necrosis, Caries	9
Convulsions	1	Joint Diseases	21
Brain Diseases	17	Rheumatic Arthritis	5
Neuralgia	2	Rachitis	1
Eye Diseases	9		—
		Total Locomotive .....	.. 50

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers during the past Year, with the figures for 1883 for comparison.

	NEW OUT-PATIENTS.		CASUALTIES.		TOTAL ATTENDANCES.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
January.....	107	107	38	44	434	364
February.....	109	97	25	32	349	354
March.....	91	72	37	36	393	334
April.....	115	84	42	35	485	332
May.....	134	94	19	48	484	387
June.....	162	79	31	36	623	412
July.....	111	103	30	49	591	537
August.....	119	97	32	34	581	541
September.....	101	103	36	31	544	451
October.....	88	99	29	52	396	523
November.....	105	122	38	45	437	529
December.....	55	89	28	46	331	454
Totals	1297	1146	385	488	5648	5218

DISPENSARY PATIENTS.

1883. 1884.

Number of orders for medicine received from the Medical Officer attending the poor in their homes, and from Practitioners prescribing gratuitously

812 774

Number of prescriptions made up for the above.....

1180 903

OUT-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1884, including new Cases, Accidents, and Casualties, and those remaining under treatment from the previous year.

<i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>		<i>Diathetic Diseases.</i>	
Measles	20	Gout	3
Scarlatina	4	Anasarca	4
Tonsillitis	28	Cancer	4
Typhoid Fever	2	Tumour	4
Simple Fever	6		
Erysipelas	7	<i>Total Diathetic</i> .....	.. 15
Carbuncle	1		
Boil.....	6	<i>Tubercular Diseases.</i>	
Influenza	8	Serofula	8
Catarrh.....	25	Tabes Mesenterica.....	1
Diarrhoea	24	Phthisis	19
Rheumatism	54	Hæmoptysis	2
Sciatica	7	Tuberculosis	1
Rheumatic Fever	2	Abscesses	24
	—		
<i>Total Miasmatic</i> .....	.. 194	<i>Total Tubercular</i> .....	.. 55
<i>Enthetic Diseases.</i>		<i>Nervous System Diseases.</i>	
Syphilis	17	Paralysis	5
Gonorrhœa	26	Insanity	1
Stricture of Urethra	4	Chorea	2
	—	Epilepsy	9
<i>Total Enthetic</i> .....	.. 47	Convulsions	3
<i>Dietic Diseases.</i>		Hysteria	3
Improper Food	8	Nervous Asthenia	9
Purpura	2	Neuralgia	11
Intemperance	6	Brain Diseases	2
	—	Vertigo	12
<i>Total Dietic</i> .....	.. 16	Eye Diseases	14
<i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>		Ear Diseases	15
Thrush	3	Locomotor Ataxy	2
Worms	37	Headache	9
Hydatid	1	Lead Paralysis	1
Pediculi	3		
	—		
<i>Total Parasitic</i> .....	.. 44	<i>Total Nervous</i> .....	.. 99

RETURN showing the Expenditure in Drugs, Druggists' Sundries, and Surgical Instruments, during each of the last Six years.—The articles are charged in the year during which they were received.

YEAR.	Drugs and sundries obtained from England.	Surgical Instruments obtained from England.	Storcheeper's charges for freight, &c.	Drugs, &c., obtained on contract from local chemist when deficiencies occurred.	Total Expenditure for the Year.
1879.....	£ 285 17 10	£ 96 2 6	£ 37 16 7	£ 115 15 9	£ 535 12 8
1880.....	272 9 4	37 13 3	15 5 11	145 18 4	471 6 10
1881*	175 16 2	44 3 9	38 15 3	131 9 7	390 4 9
1882.....	261 18 0	61 8 2	26 8 5	61 1 11½	410 16 6½
1883.....	247 6 3	44 2 11	20 0 0	73 10 7½	384 19 9½
1884†	206 6 2	85 7 2	24 6 2	26 9 11½	342 9 5

* During this year the Hospital ceased to supply the Invalid Depôts.

† At the end of this year the Hospital ceased to supply the Gaol.

Amounts credited to the Hospital for supplying Drugs, &c. during the year, to—	£ s. d.
The Gaols	30 0 0
The Government Medical Officer's patients	50 0 0
The Boy's Reformatory (cost price), Cascades	2 0 0
The Cascades Asylum	10 0 0
Total amount expended during 1884 when credits have been deducted	250 9 5
Amount placed on estimates under this head	350 0 0
Decrease on estimate	99 10 7

The following Return shows the gross Expenditure on the General Hospital for the 10 years over which it extends; but it should be remarked that the amount includes £3000 or upwards for repairs and alterations to buildings during the same period:—

YEAR.	PATIENTS ADMITTED.	PATIENTS DISCHARGED.	PATIENTS DIED.	PATIENTS REMAINING 31ST DECEMBER.	COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.
1875.....	1024	908	104	75	£ 4198 12 0
1876.....	1150	1001	116	108	5934 1 9
1877.....	1334	1207	149	86	7390 8 9
1878.....	1044	955	105	70	6864 9 11
1879.....	1031	944	82	75	6355 3 9
1880.....	1054	945	104	80	6323 6 4
1881.....	941	873	98	50	6077 7 5
1882.....	991	887	107	59	5733 6 10
1883.....	1065	957	101	71	6760 4 6
1884.....	946	848	101	68	7162 4 1

NOTE.—The receipts from self-supporting patients and other sources are not deducted in any of these years.

THOS. C. SMART, F.R.C.S. Edin.,
Chairman Board of Management.

General Hospital, Hobart, 5th March, 1885.

The Honorable ADYE DOUGLAS,
Chief Secretary, &c.