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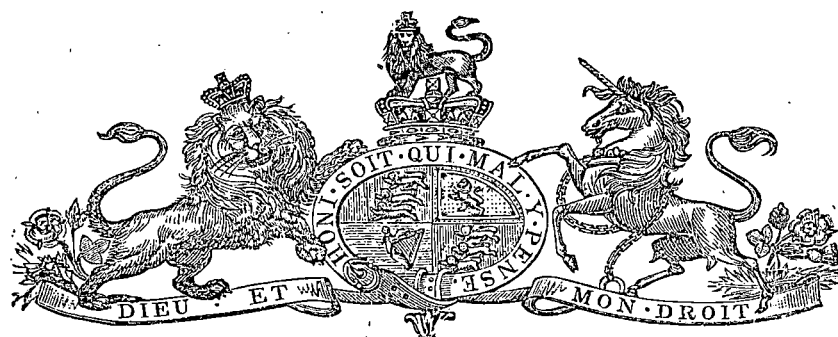
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LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT ASYLUM:

REPORT FOR 1896.

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LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1896.

20th January, 1897.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

Admissions and Discharges.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of inmates remaining 1st January.....	141	45	186
Admitted during the year	151	41	192
Discharged during the year	108	34	142
Died during the year	49	10	59
Remaining at the end of year (31 December).....	130	47	177

The daily average was, males 143·7, females 45·10; total 188·10, of whom 142·9 were charged to the Colonial Government and 1 to the Imperial Government.

During the year there were 59 deaths, of whom 49 were males and 10 females.

The average age of inmates for the year was, for adult males 72·67, for females 73·27.

Birthplaces of Inmates.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania	8	3	11
England and Wales	85	15	100
Ireland	28	20	48
Scotland	6	9	15
Foreign Countries	3	—	3
TOTAL	130	47	177

Education.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Unable to read	49	16	65
Able to read only.....	11	9	20
Able to read and write.....	70	22	92
TOTAL	130	47	177

Expenditure.

The total expenditure was £2120 11s. 2d., of which £2045 was contributed by the Government, the balance being received as fees and from various sources.

The annual net cost per head to the Government was £10 17s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; the gross cost amounting to £11 5s. 7 $\frac{1}{10}$ d. A large amount of money was expended in effecting necessary repairs to the Overseer's residence, fences, and the general buildings, which has added very much to the comfort of those concerned, but has very materially increased the cost per head.

The discipline of the inmates for the year has been very satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*

To the Hon. the Chief Secretary.

STATEMENT of Expenditure for 1896, Launceston Benevolent Asylum.

	£	s.	d.
Balance due to National Bank, 31st December, 1895.....	4	16	8
Groceries	409	19	5
Meat	341	8	6
Bread	296	0	9
Milk	82	10	10
Potatoes	31	7	2
Government balance for stores	30	1	5
Spirits	7	4	0
Gas	44	16	10
Water	22	18	6
Salaries and Allowances	392	6	1
Interments	89	14	0
Fuel	75	16	4
Repairs, &c.	145	18	2
Drugs and Disinfectants not supplied by Hospital	17	10	6
Clothing, Boots, &c.	104	3	6
Miscellaneous	23	18	6
	<u>£2120</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>

THOS. CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*

Correct.

JOHN STEPHENSON, *Chairman of Board.*