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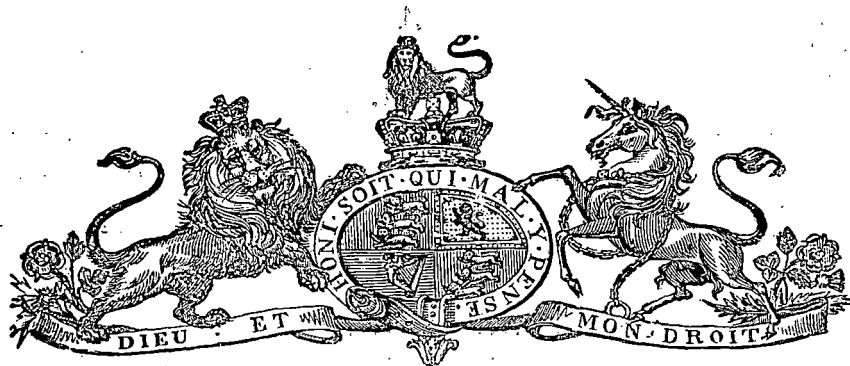
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

REPORT FOR 1873.

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Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st January, 1874.

To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE number of Patients received into the Hospital during the past year has been somewhat less than during the previous year; and to the same extent the number under treatment at the termination of 1873 has been reduced.

This trifling reduction, however, does not warrant the conclusion that the maximum of Insanity in the Colony has been reached, and a permanent process of reduction begun.

The mortality in the past year has been above, and the number of cures effected below, the average of former years.

These results cannot be attributed to any special cause, but must be regarded as fluctuations which occur in all similar Institutions. Although the number of deaths has exceeded the average of former years, the health of the inmates generally has been good.

The management of the Hospital and the condition of the Patients have been as satisfactory as usual.

The whole cost of maintaining the Hospital during the year amounted to £7050 14s. 8d., or 1s. 5d. per diem for each Patient. Of 312 Patients treated during the year, 37 were wholly or partially self-supporting, 35 chargeable to the Imperial, and 240 to the Colonial Government.

Both the cottages appropriated to the better class of Patients, male and female, have been fully self-supporting.

The buildings of the Hospital are all in a satisfactory condition,—all necessary repairs having been effected by the labour of the Patients.

Returns—

1. Of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths of Patients.
2. Of Patients who died in the Hospital, with period of detention, during the year 1873.
3. Of the duration of disease in Patients on admission, and the result, for the year 1873.
4. Of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by Patients.
5. Of Mechanical Work performed by Patients.

are hereto appended.

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No. 1.

RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, and Re-admissions in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, showing the per-centage of Discharges and Deaths from 1st January to 31st December, 1873.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
<i>Admissions.</i>			
Remaining 31st December, 1872	144	129	273
Admitted during the year 1873	19	20	39
Total	163	149	312
Remaining 31st December, 1873	141	127	268
<i>Discharges.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year	2	3	5
Of previous Admissions.. ..	3	4	7
Total	5	7	12
<i>Deaths.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year	4	4	8
Of previous Admissions	13	11	24
Total	17	15	32
<i>Re-admissions of those discharged during the year</i>	1	1	2

Rate per cent. of Recoveries.

On Admissions	30 $\frac{19}{13}$
On total treated.....	31 $\frac{11}{13}$

Rate per cent. of Deaths.

On Admissions	82 $\frac{2}{39}$
On total treated.....	10 $\frac{19}{39}$

No. 2.

RETURN of Patients who died in the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, and Period of Detention, from 1st January to 31st December, 1873.

No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Age at Death.	No. in Register.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Age at Death.
767	3. 1. 73.	16. 1. 73.	30	656	18. 6. 70.	10. 8. 73.	83
381	30. 6. 63.	18. 2. 73.	28	121	29. 9. 65.	20. 8. 73.	58
696	9. 6. 71.	21. 2. 73.	37	787	7. 7. 73.	31. 8. 73.	84
730	16. 3. 72.	5. 3. 73.	36	73	15. 5. 49.	7. 9. 73.	40
307	28. 3. 61.	15. 3. 73.	66	789	25. 8. 73.	17. 9. 73.	60
712	16. 9. 71.	16. 3. 73.	52	149	30. 9. 56.	24. 9. 73.	72
753	16. 8. 72.	23. 3. 73.	18	202	25. 11. 58.	1. 10. 73.	37
772	13. 2. 73.	25. 4. 73.	37	173	35. 9. 57.	31. 10. 73.	73
532	5. 3. 67.	15. 5. 73.	38	593	29. 11. 68.	1. 11. 73.	33
28	25. 11. 44.	15. 5. 73.	48	766	12. 12. 72.	15. 11. 73.	27
524	14. 12. 66.	19. 5. 73.	28	680	3. 2. 71.	18. 11. 73.	16
485	22. 11. 65.	9. 6. 73.	48	393	8. 9. 63.	18. 11. 73.	70
726	10. 3. 72.	5. 7. 73.	51	694	6. 6. 71.	20. 11. 73.	53
781	3. 6. 73.	6. 7. 73.	50	791	5. 9. 73.	5. 12. 73.	60
770	30. 1. 73.	21. 7. 73.	50	764	13. 11. 72.	15. 12. 73.	66
759	13. 10. 72.	26. 7. 73.	68	794	6. 10. 73.	25. 12. 73.	61

ANALYSIS OF AGES AT DEATH.

Sex.	10 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	TOTALS.
Males....	1	1	2	1	5	4	1	2	..	17
Females..	1	2	5	2	1	2	2	..	..	15

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Duration of Disease in Patients on Admission, and the Result for the Year 1873.

No. in Register	Date of Admission.	Duration of Disease on Admission.			Discharged recovered or relieved.	Died.	Present Condition.
		Years.	Months.	Weeks.			
767	3. 1. 73	..	..	1	..	16. 1. 73	Unimproved.
768	21. 1. 73	5	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
769	29. 1. 73	6	..	..	..	21. 7. 73	..
770	30. 1. 73	..	..	5	..	..	..
771	6. 2. 73	..	..	1	3. 6. 73	..	..
772	13. 2. 73	..	3	..	..	25. 4. 73	..
773	18. 4. 73	..	..	3	..	..	Improved.
774	23. 4. 73	..	1	..	8. 9. 73	..	..
775	23. 4. 73	2	..	..	..	..	Improved.
776	7. 5. 73	..	..	1	21. 11. 73	..	..
777	16. 5. 73	14	..	..	..	..	Improved.
778	22. 5. 73	3	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
779	27. 5. 73	20	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
780	2. 6. 73	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
781	3. 6. 73	..	1	..	..	6. 7. 73	..
782	16. 6. 73	..	9	..	..	..	Unimproved.
783	20. 6. 73	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
784	30. 6. 73	..	..	5	..	..	Ditto.
785	3. 7. 73	..	..	6	..	..	Improved.
786	5. 7. 73	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
787	7. 7. 73	Unknown	..	..	..	31. 8. 73	..
788	16. 7. 73	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
789	25. 8. 73	Unknown	..	..	..	17. 9. 73	..
790	2. 9. 73	Continuous	..	..	..	..	Improved.
791	5. 9. 73	..	..	6	..	5. 12. 73	..
792	9. 9. 73	10	..	..	..	..	Improved.
793	29. 9. 73	8	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
794	6. 10. 73	..	..	5	..	25. 12. 73	..
795	6. 10. 73	..	..	2	25. 10. 73	..	..
796	9. 10. 73	..	..	2	..	..	Improved.
797	5. 11. 73	..	1	..	..	..	Unimproved.
798	8. 11. 73	..	4	..	..	..	Improved.
799	10. 11. 73	Unknown	..	..	..	..	Unimproved.
800	21. 11. 73	..	..	2	..	..	Ditto.
801	26. 11. 73	..	..	5	..	..	Ditto.
802	27. 11. 73	..	1	..	..	..	Recovered.
803	11. 12. 73	..	..	1	..	..	Unimproved.
804	15. 12. 73	..	2	2	..	..	Ditto.
805	31. 12. 73	..	..	3	..	..	Improved.

No. 4.

RETURN of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by Patients in the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, from 1st January, 1873, to 31st December, 1873.

Articles.	Made.		Repaired.		Articles.	Made.		Repaired.	
	By Males.	By Females.	By Males.	By Females.		By Males.	By Females.	By Males.	By Females.
Aprons, women's	88	..	..	Jackets, canvas, men's	1	..	27	..
Boots, men's, pairs	5	..	152	..	Miscellaneous "small articles" ..	..	8	139	5
Boots, women's, pairs	1	..	15	..	Petticoats, flannel and serge .....	..	87	..	..
Boots, children's, pairs	4	..	2	..	Rugs and counterpanes, quilted ..	..	3	..	7
Blouses, boys', and bibs	49	..	9	Sheets .....	..	..	..	77
Cases, pillow and bolster	182	..	60	Shirts, men's .....	..	393	..	882
Caps, women's	30	..	..	Shoes, men's and women's, pairs ..	..	..	84	..
Coats, blue and tweed	1	63	..	Shifts .....	..	211	..	..
Dresses, print, coburg and tweed	44	..	..	Slippers, pairs	7	..	25	..
Dresses, ticking	30	..	..	Stockings, pairs .....	..	..	..	600
Dresses, winsey	20	..	..	Towels, hand and round .....	..	47	..	..
Dresses, serge	1	..	..	Trousers, fustian, pairs .....	..	..	995	..
Drawers, cotton and flannel, pairs	3	..	43	Trousers, tweed, pairs	5	..	206	..
Frocks, linen, men's	266	..	Trousers, linen, pairs .....	..	..	138	..
Gowns, night	2	..	..	Table cloths .....	..	22	..	3
Jackets, blue cloth, and invalid	260	8	Vests, flannel .....	..	61	..	20
Jackets, serge and tweed, women's	80	..	..	Vests, tweed, fustian, and cloth ..	2	..	196	..
Jackets, cotton, women's	156	..	..	Hoods, women's .....	..	51	..	..

N.B.—No tailor on staff through the year.

No. 5.

RETURN of Work performed by Patients in co-operation with the Carpenter and Painter in the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, from 1st January to 31st December, 1873.

Buildings, &c. erected, and new work.—Bridge over Lachlan Rivulet, 64 feet long by 4 feet wide, two pigsties and yards, cover to weigh-bridge, part of upper paddocks newly fenced, willow fence planted along millrace, cowman's hut shingled.

New Articles made by Carpenter.—Four wheelbarrows, one winnowing fan, four gratings to wash-house, two gratings for sink, cook-house, quantity of handles for axes, hoes, rakes, and other tools, four wood-horses, 27 coffins.

Repairs by Carpenter, &c.—Gates and fences at farm, gates and fences Female Division, fence in cells' yard, females, new building and garden trough at millrace head to allow irrigation, horse-cart, dray, bull-cart and wheels to each, culvert in road leading to farm, stable, wood-horses, chairs, forns, close-stools, mangle, wood couches, tables, floors of laundry, mess-rooms, dormitories, cells, and corridors.

By Painter, Glazier, Bricklayer, &c.—80 squares of glass put in; children's cottage, new building, latrines, rooms in Female Division, back yard, corridor, front gate lodge, female gate-keeper's lodge, cook-house, posts in front, bath-room, lavatory, whitewashed and coloured; tile-drain laid from weigh-bridge, foundation of weigh-bridge built, drains in front, back, and Female Divisions cleaned out, fire-places and water-pipes kept in thorough repair, front verandah painted, the chimneys throughout kept swept, the whole of the outer walls coloured inside and out, several of the buildings coloured outside, tin spouting made and fixed to verandah boys' cottage.

N.B.—No carpenter on staff from January 1st to September 25th.

No. 6.

COST of the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, for the Year 1873.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	2575	4	6
Allowances	12	0	0
Provisions, &c., including medical comforts	2968	10	8
Fuel and Light	457	11	7
Bedding, Clothing, Stores, &c.	746	7	5
Stationery	22	13	1
Medicines and Surgical Instruments	64	11	0
Advertising	5	0	0
Incidental Expenses	48	13	1
Conveyance of Stores	67	17	10
Coroners' Inquests	5	5	0
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners	59	11	0
Funerals	17	9	6
* Repairs to Buildings, &c.	62	12	6
	7113	7	2
Cash received, £1191 9s. 8d. Due £74 15s. 10d. from self-supporting Patients; and for Patients' labour, washing, and sale of cows, £38 18s.	1305	3	6
	£5808	3	8

* The last item, "Repairs to Buildings, &c.," was not calculated in the general cost of the Establishment.

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