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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1869.

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## HOBART TOWN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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### *ANNUAL REPORT for 1869.*

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THE Board of Management of the Hobart Town General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1869.

The cost of the Hospital for the year was £4224 0s. 6d., which is a slight decrease in that of the previous year, owing to the average number of the Patients being less during the past year.

Although the total expenditure is less, the average cost has increased from 2s. 1d. to 2s. 2d. per diem, as the expenses incurred in attendance, fuel and light, are the same,—the reduction in numbers being so small, namely, from 113 to 106.

The sum of £306 8s. 11d. received from Paying Patients this year bears a fair comparison with that of other years.

5102 Out-Patients were treated during the year as against 4967 in 1868. It appears the number continues to increase, but in many cases their being treated as Out-Patients precludes the necessity of their being received into the Hospital.

The Board take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Honorary Medical Officers for the zeal and efficiency with which they have attended to the Hospital during the year. Thanks are also due to the Honorary Surgeon Dentist for his valuable services.

In conclusion, the Board have much pleasure in recording their satisfaction of the manner in which the Resident Medical Officer and the various Officers of the Establishment have performed their duties during the year.

A. KENNERLEY, *Chairman.*  
D. LEWIS.  
C. M. MAXWELL.  
STEPN. SHEEHY.  
R. ANDREW MATHER.  
GEO. SALIER.  
R. OFFICER.

*STATISTICAL REPORT of the Resident Medical Officer.*

During the past year there were admitted into Hospital 887 Patients, of whom 588 were males and 299 females.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 114; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1869, was 1001. Of these 819 were discharged, 92 died, and 90 remained under treatment.

Four persons died on the day of admission, eleven on the day after, one on the second day, two on the third, seven on the fourth, five on the fifth, and two on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows :—

Under 20 years.....	10
From 20 to 30 years.....	5
From 30 to 40 years.....	9
From 40 to 50 years.....	19
From 50 to 60 years.....	17
From 60 to 70 years.....	15
From 70 to 80 years.....	15
From 80 to 90 years.....	2
Total.....	<u>92</u>

Of the Patients admitted 136 were Self-supporting, 45 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 820 were Colonial Paupers.

The number of Out-Patients treated during the year was 5102.

Annexed is a Return showing the Diseases treated during the year :—

*RETURN showing the Diseases treated in the General Hospital during the Year 1869.*

CLASSES OF DISEASE.	NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED IN			Died.
	Hospital.	Out-Patients.	Total.	
Diseases of the { Stomach.....	51	788	839	3
{ Lungs.....	120	975	1095	29
{ Eyes.....	36	121	157	—
{ Brain and Nervous System.....	93	36	129	11
{ Skin.....	15	462	477	—
{ Liver.....	13	54	67	1
Abscesses and Ulcers.....	100	297	397	6
Rheumatic Affections.....	65	635	700	—
Wounds and Injuries.....	128	323	451	4
Venereal Affections.....	63	239	302	—
Fever.....	12	24	36	—
Dropsies.....	7	11	18	2
Other Diseases.....	298	1137	1435	36
TOTAL.....	1001	5102	6103	92

GEORGE STOKELL, *Resident Medical Officer.*

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1869 was £4224 0s. 6d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	1744	17	7
Provisions.....	1475	18	9
Medical comforts.....	252	8	3
Medicines and Surgical Instruments (estimated).....	200	0	0
Fuel and light.....	342	13	4
Clothing, bedding, &c.....	146	7	9
House allowance.....	50	0	0
Repairs to buildings, cisterns, &c.....	177	10	3
Stationery.....	6	9	11
Washing, funerals, &c.....	119	18	1
Furniture.....	15	8	0

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Cash received from Self-supporting Patients.....		306	8	11
Crockery supplied Hospital for Insane.....		1	2	6

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Number of Diets to Patients.....	38,907
Ditto to Attendants.....	8445

47,352

Daily average number of Patients in the Hospital was nearly 106½.

Average cost per diem, a fraction more than 2s. 2d.

C. M. MAXWELL.  
GEO. SALIER.