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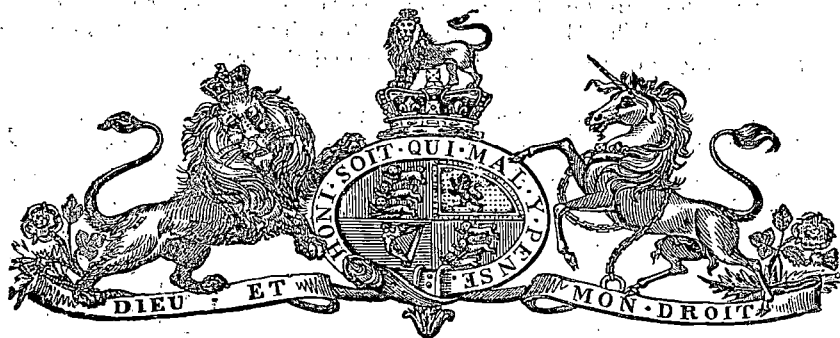
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**BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPOT.**

**REPORT FOR 1872.**

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, June 17, 1873.



*ANNUAL REPORT of the BRICKFIELDS PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT for the Year 1872.*

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SIR,

THE Board of Management have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1872, which exhibits a small diminution of cost per head with a higher daily average of Inmates.

The average daily number of Inmates during the year has been  $246\frac{3}{4}$  as contrasted with 232 for the previous year; the expense of their maintenance £2757 15s. 2d. for 1872, against £2717 11s. 10d. for 1871; the rate per head £11 3s.  $6\frac{1}{2}$ d., against £11 14s.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ d., or at the rate of  $7\frac{3}{4}$ d. per diem.

This includes every expense of maintenance, superintendence, servants, medicine, and repairs to buildings.

The produce of the Garden has been 36,199 lbs. of vegetables for 1872, as compared with 31,421 lbs. of vegetables for 1871, being an increase of 4778 lbs.

The number of rations issued during the year was 91,591.

The vote for the supply of 1872 was £3010, expended £2757 15s.  $2\frac{3}{4}$ d., leaving a balance of £252 4s.  $9\frac{1}{4}$ d.

The number of Inmates on the 1st January, 1872, 234. Received during the year, 229; total 463. Discharged 206, died 27; total 233. Remaining 1st January, 1873, 230. The average age of those who died was 70 years and 8 months,—the oldest being 87, and the youngest 33. The average age of those remaining 70,—the oldest being 92, and the youngest 20, a lad from the Queen's Asylum.

The Institution has been visited by several gentlemen belonging to this and the other Colonies during the year, who have recorded their satisfaction.

Entertainments have been given during the year, and the Board desires to thank the Ladies and Gentlemen who kindly assisted, and also to all who have contributed Books, Newspapers, &c.

Religious instruction has been imparted by different Ministers of Religion to the Members of their respective Creeds.

For two years past the Superintendent has employed on the road the average daily number of 40 men; a total of 674 yards have been made; namely,—

From Colville-street to the city boundary a great deal of cutting and removing rock, also filling up, has been done, and 220 yards of road the full width of street have been formed, which now remains for the city authorities to complete by making a side path and surface drain.

The remainder of the work from the city boundary past Boa Vista of 454 yards, width of road 30 feet, has been made passable for traffic, and already proves a great convenience.

At the top of the hill there is a cutting through rocks, &c. about 7 feet deep. The work is still being carried on, but will take some time before it is quite completed. This work is independent of what is being done about the Establishment and grounds.

It is with much pleasure the Board record the improvement which is year by year apparent in the grounds of the Institution, and its satisfaction with the cleanliness and comfort which is so thoroughly manifest throughout all the Wards. The general healthy and contented appearance of the men is also very gratifying, and the Board feel it to be their duty to bear testimony to the very satisfactory manner in which the Superintendent has discharged his duties.

In conclusion, the Board desires to record its warm appreciation of the services rendered by the Honorable Alfred Kennerley, M.L.C., to the Institution during thirteen years as a Member of the Board, and five years as the Chairman, the regularity of whose attendance, business-like conduct, and gentlemanly demeanour have won for him the esteem of every Member.

GEO. CRISP, *Chairman.*  
 HENRY HUNTER.  
 HENRY COOK.  
 GEO. SALIER.  
 R. ANDREW MATHER.  
 S. SMITH TRAVERS.

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*