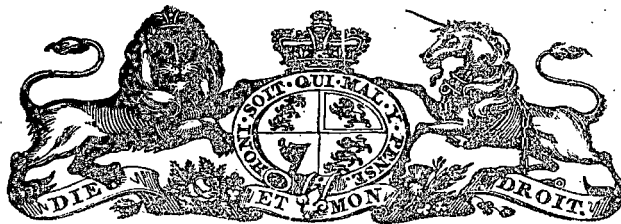


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LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT of 1874.

SIR,
I HAVE the honor to submit the Report of the Launceston General Hospital for 1874.

The total number of Patients, both indoor and outdoor, during 1874 was less than in the previous year, owing, as I believe, so far as the outdoor cases are concerned, to the greater care and discrimination exercised by gentlemen having the power of recommendation.

The average daily number in the house was greater than in 1873, and the total expenditure of the Establishment somewhat more, though the daily cost per head was a fraction less than in the previous year.

Of the Patients admitted, 46 were Self-supporting, 3 were wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 320 were Colonial Paupers.

The sum of £209 18s. 8d. was received from and on account of the Self-supporting Patients during the year.

There were admitted to Hospital during 1874, 369 Patients, of whom 279 were males and 90 females.

There remained under treatment at the close of 1873, 52 Patients, so that the total number treated during the year was 421; and of these 311 were discharged cured or relieved, 48 died, and 62 remained under treatment.

The mortality was less than in any year since 1857.

Dr. A. J. Macqueen having obtained permission to resign the position of House Surgeon, Dr. R. W. Murphy was appointed in his room from 1st September.

The statistical information appended will speak for itself.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. MILLER, F. F. P. S.,

Chief Medical Officer at Launceston.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

EXPENDITURE on account of the Launceston General Hospital for 1874.

Salaries.....	£	s.	d.	
Allowances (rent and taxes).....	860	15	0	
Provisions and medical comforts.....	53	1	9	
Clothing, bedding, and stores.....	790	8	1	
Fuel and light.....	136	12	3	
Medicines and instruments, &c.....	266	14	8	
Water supply.....	234	4	6	
Washing (at Gaol).....	30	0	0	
Funeral expenses.....	43	3	1	
Stationery and advertising.....	50	8	3	
Repairs to buildings.....	5	5	5	
	99	8	11	
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Medical attendance and medicines supplied to the Gaol and Houses of Correction.....	£	s.	d.	
Ditto to the Invalid Depôt.....	33	5	0	
Paid into Treasury for Self-supporting Patients, including Railway workmen.....	209	18	8	
				275 8 8
				<u>£2294 13 3</u>

No. of Diets issued to Patients, 22,004.

No. of Diets issued to Attendants, 4380.

Daily cost of each Patient, about 2s. 1d.

Yearly cost of each Patient, about £38 1s. 3½d.

The Cases treated during the year were:—

	<i>Indoor Cases.</i>	<i>Outdoor Cases.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	40	168	208
brain and nervous system.....	30	18	48
heart and blood-vessels.....	17	15	32
eyes.....	11	18	29
skin.....	28	45	73
bones and joints.....	30	44	74
digestive system.....	37	186	223
urinary organs.....	11	15	26
Fevers.....	14	33	47
Dropsies.....	4	2	6
Rheumatic affections.....	45	24	69
Veneral affections.....	5	39	44
Abscesses and ulcers.....	60	54	114
Wounds and injuries.....	36	28	64
All other diseases.....	53	96	149
TOTALS	421	785*	1206

* New cases.

The Diseases and Injuries which proved fatal were:—

Spinal disease.....	Cases.	1	Extravasation of urine.....	Cases.	2
Pulmonary consumption.....	5	Paralysis.....	1		
Fever.....	2	Epilepsy.....	1		
Organic heart disease.....	6	Disease of the kidneys.....	4		
Inflammation of the lungs.....	3	Injury to the spine.....	1		
Dropsy.....	1	Senile gangrene.....	1		
Apoplexy.....	2	Erysipelas.....	5		
Dysentery.....	3	Burns.....	3		
Cancer.....	4		—		
Senile decay.....	3		<u>48</u>		

The Ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	1
From 20 to 30	3
From 30 to 40	4
From 40 to 50	12
From 50 to 60	6
From 60 to 70	9
From 70 to 80	12
From 80 to 90	1
Total	<u>48</u>