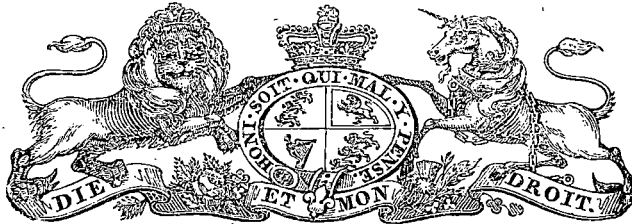


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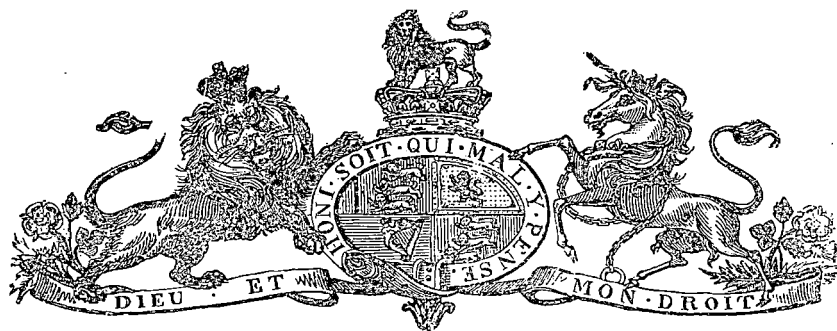
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## LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1900.

February 1st, 1901.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Sixth Annual Report of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

#### *Admissions and Discharges.*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of Inmates remaining 1st January, 1900 .....	123	40	163
Admitted during the year.....	141	28	169
Discharged during the year.....	101	21	122
Died during the year.....	55	6	61
Remaining 31st December, 1900.....	108	39	147

The daily average of inmates for the year was males, 125; females, 41; total, 166; of whom 164 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 2 to the Imperial Government.

#### *Deaths.*

During the year there were 61, of whom 55 were males, and 6 females.

#### *Birthplaces of Inmates.*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania .....	35	11	46
England and Wales .....	126	20	146
Ireland .....	67	31	98
Scotland .....	16	5	21
Foreign Countries.....	5	0	5
Total .....	249	67	316

#### *Education.*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Unable to read.....	70	32	102
Able to read only.....	10	5	15
Able to read and write.....	169	30	199
Total.....	249	67	316

*Expenditure.*

The total expenditure was £2216 19s. 3d., of which £2000 was contributed by the Government. The balance was received from maintenance fees, labour of inmates, and other sources.

The annual cost per head to the Government was £11 13s. 5d., the gross cost amounting to £13 7s. 1d., and the daily cost 7½d.

The buildings have been thoroughly repaired and put into a sanitary condition, and will continue in good order, with a trifling outlay, for many years to come, cement drains having been built round the dormitories, which were required to carry off all surface drainage.

A new cement floor has been laid down in the lavatory, and proper attention has been given to the drainage of the same.

Cement dadoes, varying from 4 to 6 feet high, have been added to the interior walls of the buildings, and in due time will be painted, which will add very much to the appearance and comfort of the sleeping apartments.

The amount of cost per head appears somewhat larger this year, but, when deducting the cost of repairs, amounting to £161 19s. 6d., and the amount of duty paid on provisions, it will be noticed the actual cost to the Government is very small, being £9 16s. 10½d. each.

£229 5s. 2d. having been expended in providing new Waverley blankets, bedding, clothing, &c., expenditure under this heading will not be so heavy next year.

The conduct and health of the inmates have been very favourable throughout the year.

The inmates have received the usual birthday and Christmas extras, also extras in the form of roast beef, pudding, and tobacco, on the return of the troops to Launceston, and on occasions of successes of H.M. troops in South Africa.

Their spiritual well-being has received careful attention from the City Missionary (Rev. Mr. Bowe), Captain Ditcham, and the Rector of Trinity Church.

Various religious denominations have provided enjoyable teas, in addition to a large quantity of agreeable and useful donations from many friends of the inmates.

*Statement of Expenditure.*

	£	s.	d.
Meat.....	406	17	0
Bread.....	143	11	5
Milk.....	73	19	2
Groceries.....	376	12	1
Drapery, clothing, boots, and bedding.....	229	5	2
Fuel.....	103	10	11
Repairs.....	161	19	6
Gas.....	32	8	4
Water.....	6	11	7
Burials.....	84	12	0
Spirits.....	7	4	0
Salaries to officers (4).....	284	0	0
Allowances to Wardsmen, Cooks, &c.....	157	9	3
Miscellaneous.....	148	18	10
	<u>£2216</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>

THOMAS CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*

Correct.

W. R. BARWOOD, *Chairman of Board of Management.*

*The Honourable the Chief Secretary.*