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GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1885.

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## GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

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### Surgeon-Superintendent:

L. G. THOMPSON, M.B. & C.M. Aber., L.R.C.P. Edin., L.R.C.S. Edin., M.D. Aber.

### Secretary to Board:

T. GLADMAN.

### Lady Superintendent:

S. E. WANE.

### House Steward and Dispenser:

B. A. TRAGITT.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

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*ANNUAL REPORT for 1885.*

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SIR,

I HAVE the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report of the Board of Management, giving particulars regarding the government, condition, and cost of the above-named Hospital for the year 1885.

2. Messrs. Stanfield, Birchall, and Maddox retired in accordance with the Hospital Act, but were re-elected to their positions as Members for the year.

3. Thirteen Board and forty-eight Committee meetings were held during the year.

4. Attention was called to the defective drainage of the premises, by the visitation of fever, on members of the Staff. It was deemed prudent to abandon the old barrel drain, and in lieu of it a sewer composed of earthenware pipes was laid down; simultaneously asphalt was placed round the foundations of all the buildings. In addition to the alteration made in the drainage system improvements were effected in the drying room of the laundry. The Minister of Lands and Works, together with officers of his department, visited the Hospital during the year, and formulated a scheme of improvements which must eventually improve the hygienic conditions of the Buildings. A sum of money having been voted by Parliament in furtherance of this scheme, the Board look forward anxiously to the realisation of the completed works.

5. The Board desire to express their regret at the death of Miss Pitman, one of the most promising nurses, who died early in the year of typhoid fever.

6. A slight improvement was effected in the dietary of patients, and colonial port wine was substituted for foreign.

7. The ladies connected with the Christian Mission Church, who inaugurated a Flower Mission, have most punctually and zealously visited the patients, and have helped to make the wards cheerful and bright. The Board are also under obligations to other ladies who have forwarded flowers and fruit regularly.

8. The patients have on several occasions been entertained by different citizens, who arranged concerts for their amusement.

9. Attention was directed to the fact that Chinamen rarely pay fees when admitted as patients.

10. A Samaritan fund having been established in connection with the Hospital, deserving persons receive pecuniary aid when leaving the Institution.

11. Consequent on the resignation of the Superintendent of the Selby Police, the House Steward was appointed Collector for the Institution.

12. Prescriptions were made up for the Industrial School, and for those patients who were unable to present themselves at the Dispensary and who were attended gratuitously by a Medical man. The Chairman of the Benevolent Society must in every instance certify to the indigent circumstances of the patient.

13. The Board have much pleasure in recording its indebtedness to the gentlemen who comprise the Honorary Consulting Staff; they have always cheerfully given their services when called upon to do so. Dr. Crowther resigned his position on the staff, and Dr. Hallows was appointed in his stead.

14. The work of the Hospital having increased of late years, the appointment of a House Surgeon is deemed necessary.

15. During the absence of the Surgeon-Superintendent from the Colony in August, Dr. Pike officiated as Acting Superintendent.

16. A perusal of the returns furnished herewith proves that the year has been a noteworthy one. Compared with the year 1884, very many more patients were treated, the receipts were greatly in excess, daily average number of patients greater, average duration of stay in Hospital shorter, average cost of each occupied bed less, and the mortality less, during the year 1885.

17. The thanks of the Board are due to the Surgeon-Superintendent and the Lady Superintendent for the manner in which they discharged their duties, and their ready willingness to do anything to improve the working of the Institution.

18. Cost of alcoholic foods, reckoned upon daily average, is a fraction less than 1*d.* per diem. Number of persons who received such foods, 712.

*STATEMENT showing the Number of In-patients treated during the Year.*

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Remaining 1st January, 1885 .....	44	25	69
Admitted during the year.....	582	267	849
<b>TOTAL TREATED</b> .....	<b>626</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>918</b>
Discharged .....	518	246	764
Died .....	62	27	89
Remaining 1st January, 1886 .....	46	19	65

Of the In-patients, there died—

On the day of admission .....	1
1st day after ditto .....	5
2nd " .....	6
3rd " .....	4
4th " .....	6
5th " .....	3
6th " .....	6
After 7th day .....	64
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>89</b>

Ages of those who died in the Hospital were as follows :—

Under 10 .....	0
10 to 15 .....	0
15 to 25 .....	10
25 to 35 .....	9
35 to 45 .....	3
45 to 55 .....	6
55 to 65 .....	28
Over 65 .....	33
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>89</b>

Comparative statement of certain statistics for 1884 and 1885 :—

	1884.	1885.
Number of In-patients treated .....	752	918
Ditto died .....	93	89
Ditto Out-patients treated .....	387	512
Ditto of diets issued to patients .....	25,522	28,911
Ditto to Staff .....	9467	10,461
Daily average of In-patients.....	69 $\frac{17}{5}$	78 $\frac{17}{5}$
Average stay in Hospital each patient .....	37 $\frac{4}{7}$ days	30 $\frac{58}{18}$ days.

Returns showing visits paid to, and prescriptions made up for other Government Establishments :—

	1884.	1885.
Vists paid to Penal Establishments.....	147	125
Medicines made up for ditto .....	1215	1021
Visits paid to Invalid Depôt .....	92	90
Medicines made for ditto .....	914	1246

Return showing whence patients were admitted, whether from town or country :—

Year.	Town.	Country.
1884 .....	447	244
1885 .....	469	380

*TABLE showing Number of Patients and Cost per Head of each occupied Bed for the Years 1884 and 1885.*

Year.	Average Number of Patients.	Average Cost of Patients.	
		Upon whole Expenditure.	Upon Net Expenditure.
1884.....	69.68	£ s. d. 79 8 9	£ s. d. 67 11 2
1885.....	78.68	67 10 9.341	52 15 11.02

*RETURN showing the Fees received from Patients who contributed towards their Maintenance during the Years 1884 and 1885.*

	£	s.	d.
1884 .....	647	4	9
1885 .....	1003	17	8

A record is kept of the weight of patients who are able to be about and repair to the scales weekly. Table showing work done in this direction :—

Year.	No. of persons weighed.	No. of weighings.
1884 .....	321	1015
1885 .....	386	1360

*RETURN showing the Number of Discharged Patients who have received Free Passes when returning home by the Western Railway.*

Year.	Number.
1884 .....	45
1885 .....	26

Information given as a basis of comparison with other Hospitals :—

GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

A.

What is the population of the town and districts benefited by this Hospital? This institution is the only one available to the inhabitants of all districts north of Oatlands, saving those of Campbell Town and Waratah? Of town and districts, about 54,000.

The character of the Hospital? General.

How long established? Seventy-one years.

If present building erected as Hospital? Yes.

What was its original cost? £12,000; the extension of premises has cost £10,000 additional.

If whole of annual cost contributed by Government? Yes, saving about £1000, which is contributed by patients who pay fees.

Was the cost of construction of building defrayed by Government? Yes.

Any income from invested funds? Yes, small.

Any amount received by Board from donations? Yes, small.

Is control of institution under a Board or single officer? Board.

Number of its members? Thirteen. Appointments thereto are subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

Any power or control exercised by Government? Yes, in money matters.

B.

Number of Beds? 92.

Cubic space in wards? 106,967 cub. feet.

Average number of in-patients daily throughout the year? Male and female, 78.68.

Average age of adults? 44.3 years. And of children? 10.1 years.

Number of patients who contributed towards their own support during the year? 320.

Number of patients treated during the year who would have been suitable inmates for a Benevolent Asylum? About one-tenth.

Total number of in-patients treated during the year? 918.

C.

Number of out-patients attended at Hospital? 512.

Number attended at their own homes? Nil.

Number of women attended in confinement at their own homes? Nil.

D.

Number of paid medical officers? One.

Amount of his salary? £400.

Any paid non-resident medical officer? No.

Number of members comprising the Honorary Consulting Staff? Five.

Number of paid officers, exclusive of nurses and servants? Four.

Annual amount of their salaries? £785 3s. 4d.

Number of nursing staff? Twelve.

Amount of their salaries? £381 14s. 8d.

Number of servants? Fourteen.

Amount of their salaries? £439 16s. 7d.

Total cost of salaries? £1606 14s. 7d.

Cost of allowances? Nil.

Any enquiry officer concerning out-patients? No.

## E.

Annual cost of provisions? £1572 8s. 2d.  
 Annual cost of wines, beers, spirits, &c.? £96 7s. 8d.  
 Washing done on premises? Yes.  
 Cost of fire and light? £455 6s. 8d.  
 Cost of linen and bedding, furniture, and earthenware? £579 5s. 5d.  
 Cost of drugs and surgical instruments? £531 9s. 9d.  
 Cost of water supply? £74 2s. 6d.  
 Cost of printing and stationery? £14 14s. 3d.  
 Cost of funerals? £132 14s. 6d.  
 Cost of repairs? £99 4s.  
 Cost of each occupied bed (reckoned on the daily average number of patients)? £67 10s. 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.

## F.

Contract price of bread? About 9s. 6d. per 100 lbs.  
 Contract price of meat? Supplied by joint.

Expenditure for the year 1885, arranged under the customary heads:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	1606	14	7			
Fuel, light, and water .....	529	9	2			
Provisions and medical comforts .....	1572	8	2			
Alcoholic foods .....	96	7	8			
Clothing, bedding, and stores .....	438	10	5			
Funeral expenses .....	132	14	6			
Stationery and advertising .....	14	14	3			
Medicines and surgical instruments .....	531	9	9			
Incidental expenses .....	82	17	0			
Repairs to buildings .....	99	4	0			
Furniture .....	140	15	0			
Washing for nurses' home .....	18	15	0			
Uniform for nurses .....	49	19	9			
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Gross Expenditure .....	..			5313	19	3
Attendance and medicines, Invalid Depôt .....	36	10	0			
Ditto, Penal Establishment .....	21	0	0			
Estimated cost of treating out-patients .....	76	16	0			
Paid to Treasury, fees from patients .....	1003	17	8			
Ditto, for sale of offal, &c. ....	21	15	5			
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Net Expenditure .....	..			£4154	0	2
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Attached are the returns of all cases, indoor and outdoor, treated at the Hospital during the year.

I have the honor to be,  
 Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. COLLINS, *Chairman Board of Management*  
*Launceston General Hospital.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

## GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

In-door Return, 1885.

## I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Miasmatic Diseases.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Small-pox .....	1	
Chicken-pox, &c.....	1	
Measles .....	8	
Diphtheria .....	9	
Quinsy .....	6	
Croup .....	1	
Typhus and Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c.....	45	4
Erysipelas .....	5	
Carbuncle, Boil, &c.....	2	
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c. ...	33	
Dysentery .....	5	1
Diarrhœa .....	4	
Rheumatism .....	36	
Other Zymotic Diseases .....	3	1
<b>Total Order 1 .....</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>6</b>

ORDER 2.—*Enthetic Diseases.*

Syphilis .....	36	
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of the Urethra	21	
<b>Total Order 2 .....</b>	<b>57</b>	

ORDER 3.—*Dietic Diseases.*

Purpura and Scurvy .....	1	
Alcoholism { Delirium Tremens ...	2	
{ Intemperance.....	41	
Others .....	44	
<b>Total Order 3 .....</b>	<b>88</b>	

ORDER 4.—*Parasitic Diseases.*

Hydatid .....	4	
<b>TOTAL CLASS I.....</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>6</b>

## II. CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases.*

Dropsy .....	3	
Cancer .....	30	9
Tumour .....	1	
Mortification .....	4	4
<b>Total Order 1.....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>

ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases.*

Phthisis .....	42	10
Others .....	8	4
<b>Total Order 2.....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>14</b>

## TOTAL CLASS II. .... 88 27

## III. LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diseases of the Nervous System.*

Apoplexy .....	13	11
Paralysis .....	18	2
Insanity .....	22	
Chorea .....	1	
Epilepsy .....	3	
Brain Disease, &c. ....	35	1
<b>Total Order 1 .....</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>14</b>

ORDER 2.—*Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Pericarditis .....	1	1
Aneurism .....	2	
Heart Disease, &c.....	66	14
<b>Total Order 2 .....</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15</b>

ORDER 3.—*Diseases of the Respiratory System.*

Bronchitis .....	22	1
Pleurisy .....	10	
Pneumonia .....	16	5
Congestion of Lungs, Pulmonary Apoplexy .....	1	1
Asthma .....	11	1
<b>Total Order 3 .....</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8</b>

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of the Digestive Organs.*

Gastritis .....	2	
Enteritis .....	11	1
Peritonitis .....	2	
Ulceration of Intestines.....	2	
Hernia.....	3	
Fistula .....	4	
Stomach Disease, &c. ....	7	
Jaundice, Gallstone, &c. ....	2	
Liver Disease, &c.....	17	
<b>Total Order 4 .....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>

ORDER 5.—*Diseases of the Urinary Organs.*

Diabetes .....	1	
Stone, Gravel.....	1	
Cystitis .....	1	
Kidney Disease, &c.....	20	
<b>Total Order 5 .....</b>	<b>23</b>	

ORDER 6.—*Diseases of the Organs of Generation.*

Ovarian Dropsy.....	1	
Uterus Disease, &c.....	10	1
<b>Total Order 6 .....</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

ORDER 7.—*Diseases of the Locomotive System.*

Arthritis.....	3	
Ostitis, Periostitis, &c. ....	13	
Joint Disease, &c.....	10	
<b>Total Order 7 .....</b>	<b>26</b>	

ORDER 8.—*Diseases of the Integumentary System.*

Phlegmon, Whitlow, &c. ....	22	
Ulcer .....	21	
Skin Disease, &c. ....	61	
<b>Total Order 8 .....</b>	<b>104</b>	

## TOTAL CLASS III..... 436 39

## IV. DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 3.— <i>Developmental Diseases of Old People.</i>		
Old Age.....	14	10

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition.*

Atrophy and Debility.....	15	
<b>TOTAL CLASS IV.....</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>10</b>

## V.—VIOLENCE.

ORDER 1.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>		
Fractures, Contusions, &c.....	65	4
Wounds { Gunshot .....	1	
{ Cuts, &c. ....	21	
Burns and Scalds .....	8	1
Bite of a Snake or Insect.....	2	
<i>Total Order 1</i> .....	<u>97</u>	<u>5</u>
ORDER 3.— <i>Homicide.</i>		
Murder and Manslaughter.....	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

ORDER 4.—*Suicide.*

Wounds—Cut, Stab, &c. ....	2	1
Poison .....	2	
<i>Total Order 4</i> .....	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL CLASS V.....</b>	<b><u>102</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
<b>ALL CAUSES .....</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>89</b>

## GENERAL HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

Out-Patients, 1885.

## I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>	
	<i>Cases.</i>
Measles .....	2
Quinsy .....	6
Croup .....	2
Whooping-cough .....	2
Typhus and Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c. ....	6
Erysipelas .....	3
Carbuncle, Boil .....	31
Dysentery .....	11
Rheumatism.....	25
<i>Other Zymotic Diseases</i> .....	1
<i>Total Order 1</i> .....	<u>89</u>
ORDER 2.— <i>Enthetic Diseases.</i>	
Syphilis .....	29
Gonorrhoea, Stricture of the Urethra...	15
<i>Total Order 2</i> .....	<u>44</u>
ORDER 3.— <i>Dietic Diseases.</i>	
Privation .....	1
Purpura and Scurvy .....	2
Alcohol—Intemperance .....	1
<i>Total Order 3</i> .....	<u>4</u>
ORDER 4.— <i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>	
Thrush .....	1
Worms, &c.....	7
<i>Total Order 4</i> .....	<u>8</u>
<b>TOTAL CLASS I.</b> .....	<b>145</b>

## II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.— <i>Diathetic Diseases.</i>	
Dropsy .....	1
Cancer .....	8
Polypus .....	1
<i>Total Order 1</i> .....	<u>10</u>
ORDER 2.— <i>Tubercular Diseases.</i>	
Scrofula .....	1
Phthisis .....	10
Others .....	2
<i>Total Order 2</i> .....	<u>13</u>
<b>TOTAL CLASS II.</b> .....	<b>23</b>

## III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>	
Apoplexy .....	1
Paralysis .....	1
Insanity .....	4
Chorea .....	1
Epilepsy .....	1
<i>Brain Disease, &amp;c.</i> .....	6
<i>Total Order 1</i> .....	<u>14</u>
ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.</i>	
Aneurism .....	2
<i>Heart Disease, &amp;c.</i> .....	36
<i>Total Order 2</i> .....	<u>38</u>
ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of the Respiratory System.</i>	
Laryngitis .....	1
Bronchitis .....	26
Pleurisy .....	2
Pneumonia .....	1
Asthma.....	2
<i>Total Order 3</i> .....	<u>32</u>
ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of the Digestive Organs.</i>	
Enteritis .....	2
Ulceration of Intestines .....	2
Hernia .....	3
Fistula .....	1
<i>Stomach Disease, &amp;c.</i> .....	34
Hepatitis .....	2
Jaundice, Gallstone, &c.....	2
<i>Liver Disease, &amp;c.</i> .....	3
<i>Total Order 4</i> .....	<u>49</u>
ORDER 5.— <i>Diseases of the Urinary Organs.</i>	
Nephritis .....	1
Diabetes.....	1
Cystitis.....	3
<i>Kidney Disease, &amp;c.</i> .....	10
<i>Total Order 5</i> .....	<u>15</u>
ORDER 6.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Generation.</i>	
<i>Uterus Disease, &amp;c.</i> .....	13
ORDER 7.— <i>Diseases of the Locomotive System.</i>	
Ostitis, Periostitis, &c.....	16
<i>Joint Disease, &amp;c.</i> .....	1
<i>Total Order 7</i> .....	<u>17</u>



<b>ORDER 8.—Diseases of the Integumentary System.</b>	
Phlegmon, Whitlow, &c.....	4
Ulcer.....	16
Skin Disease, &c.....	46
<i>Total Order 8</i> .....	<u>66</u>
<b>TOTAL CLASS III.</b> .....	<u>244</u>
<b>IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.</b>	
<b>ORDER 1.—Developmental Diseases of Children.</b>	
Teething .....	14
<b>ORDER 2.—Developmental Diseases of Adults.</b>	
Childbirth .....	3
<b>ORDER 3.—Developmental Diseases of Old People.</b>	
Old Age .....	6

<b>ORDER 4.—Diseases of Nutrition.</b>	
Atrophy and Debility .....	16
<b>TOTAL CLASS IV.</b> .....	<u>39</u>

**V.—VIOLENCE.**

<b>ORDER 1.—Accident or Negligence.</b>	
Fractures, Contusions, &c. ....	38
Wounds, Cuts, &c.....	16
Burns and Scalds .....	3
Poison.....	1
Bite of a Snake or Insect .....	3
<i>Total Order 1</i> .....	<u>61</u>
<b>TOTAL CLASS V.</b> .....	<u>61</u>