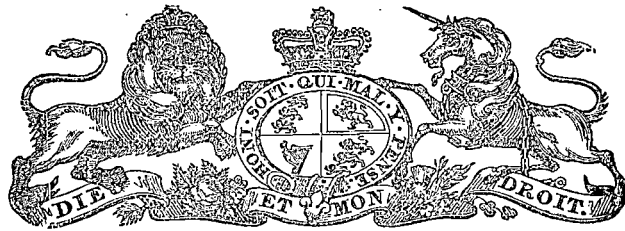


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## NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.

### REPORT FOR 1894.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the year 1894.

#### *Strength.*

The number of inmates on the books during the year was—Males, 689; females, 274 = 963, or 93 less than in 1893.

The actual number of inmates on the 31st December last was 538, or an increase of 23 on the corresponding date of the previous year.

The highest number of inmates at any one time was 594. Compared with 1893, this shows an increase of 19. The lowest number was 495, or a decrease of 8 compared with 1893.

The average daily number during the year was 549·03, being an increase of 7·33 on the previous year.

#### *Admissions.*

The number admitted during the year was 448, or 90 less than the previous year.

#### *Discharges.*

The number discharged was 313, as against 419 in 1893.

#### *Mortality.*

The number of deaths during the year was 112, or 11·63 per cent., as against 122, or 11·55 per cent. in 1893. The average age of those who died was 74·46 years, the maximum age being 97 and the minimum 25 years. The average age of the 11 oldest was 88·90. Thirty-two averaged over 80 years of age.

Fuller particulars under this head will be found in the tables in the Appendices.

#### *Ages.*

The approximate Ages of inmates, exclusive of children, remaining in the Institution at the end of the year were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
90 years and upwards .....	10	2	12	2·23
Between 80 and 90 years .....	86	15	101	18·78
Ditto 70 and 80   " .....	174	60	234	43·48
Ditto 60 and 70   " .....	72	43	115	21·38
Ditto 50 and 60   " .....	12	14	26	4·83
Under 50 years.....	14	36	50	9·30
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>100·00</b>
Average age.....	73·48	64·07	70·58	
Average age in previous year.....	72·81	63·26	70·02	

*Civil Condition.*

The Civil Condition of those on the books during the year was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1893.
Free by servitude.....	486	144	630	65·42	67·33
Free to Colony.....	159	73	232	24·09	22·54
Born in Colony.....	44	57	101	10·49	10·13
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>100·00</b>	<b>100·00</b>

*Birth-places.*

The Birth-places of those on the books during the year were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.	Per cent. in 1893.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....	42	53	95	9·87	10·13
England and Wales.....	398	61	459	47·66	45·83
Ireland.....	179	114	293	30·43	32·20
Scotland.....	50	42	92	9·55	9·09
Other British Possessions.....	5	2	7	0·73	1·23
Foreign Countries.....	15	2	17	1·76	1·52
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>100·00</b>	<b>100·00</b>

*Education.*

The Education of those on the books during the year was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
Read and write.....	403	79	482	50·05
Read only.....	82	56	138	14·33
Neither read nor write.....	198	139	337	35·00
Superior Education.....	6	—	6	0·62
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>100·00</b>

*Religion.*

The Religion of those on the books on the 31st December was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Per cent.
Church of England.....	257	86	343	63·76
Church of Rome.....	95	69	164	30·48
Church of Scotland.....	16	15	31	5·76
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>100·00</b>

*Expenditure.*

The gross expenditure for the year was £5955 18s. 3d., being £657 8s. less than in 1893. The receipts from all sources were £619 3s., being £164 15s. 7d. more than the receipts for 1893. The net expenditure was £5336 15s. 3d., as against £6158 18s. 10d. for 1893, or £822 3s. 7d. less. The cost per head on gross expenditure was £10 16s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., as against £12 4s. 2d. in 1893. The cost per head on net expenditure was £9 14s. 5d., as against £11 7s. 5d. in 1893. During the year Customs Duties were paid on tea, sugar, tobacco, and spirits to the extent of £262 10s., thus adding 9s. 7d. per head to the cost as compared with former years.

*Repairs and Improvements.*

The repairs and improvements necessary were mainly executed by inmate labour. Of the sum of £26 19s. 7d. expended under this heading, nearly the whole of that sum was for material, timber, &c.

*Garden.*

43,789 lbs. of vegetables, valued at £73.6s., were raised and used in the Institution, and £31 0s. 6d. worth were supplied to the Gaol and the General Hospital.

*Farm.*

The annexed Return, marked E., will show the operations of the Farm for 1894. It is pleasing to note that the working of the Farm has resulted in a profit of £187 2s. 8d. for the year.

*Religious Services.*

The Chaplains, Lay Preachers, Sisters of Charity, Flower Mission, Christian Endeavour Society, Ladies' Reading Committee, Salvation Army, and others have, as usual, been most zealous in attending to the spiritual wants of the inmates during the year.

*Entertainments, Treats, &c.*

Entertainments were given during the year by the Orpheus Club, City Band, and others, and were greatly appreciated by the inmates.

The usual extras of roast beef and plum pudding were given by the Government on Queen's Birthday and Christmas Day; and the Cascade Brewery Company kindly sent a hogshead of ale on the latter day. The Hon. F. W. Piessé, M.L.C., and Mr. J. Bowman subscribed the sum of £1 and £2 respectively for the purchase of fruit, and donations, of fruit, &c. were received from Ven. Archdeacon Mason, Messrs. Gould, Jacobs Bros., Piessé, and R. Walker and Co.

*Library.*

The proprietors of the *Mercury*, *Church News*, and *Monitor* have kindly supplied free copies of their publications; and books, periodicals, &c. have been presented by Mrs. C. E. Davies, E. Mulcahy, Esq., M.H.A., J. Bowman, Esq., Captain Ross, and other friends of the Institution.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

*The Honorable the Chief Secretary.*



## A.

*RETURN showing the Expenditure of the New Town Charitable Institution and Farm in connection therewith, for the Year 1894; the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.*

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, wages, &c. ....	1561	19	0	Fees for maintenance of inmates .....	286	16	0			
Provisions .....	3065	4	8	Sale of road metal.....	1	12	0			
Medical comforts.....	9	10	2	Ditto of old stores...	1	11	4			
Clothing, bedding, stores, & stationery	509	19	6	Money found on deceased inmates.....	3	8	9			
Fuel and light.....	411	5	5	Mangling performed .....	2	12	10			
Medicines and medical attendance ...	120	0	0	Sale of cabbages.....	1	5	6			
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses.....	194	3	8	Labour of men at cemetery	127	11	0			
Repairs and alterations to buildings...	26	19	7	Tobacco supplied to men at cemetery.....	4	7	2			
Uniforms .....	6	3	6	Vegetables & hay supplied to Government Institutions .....	77	2	11			
Farm expenses.....	50	12	9	Sale of milk, farm produce, &c.....	110	7	6			
				Sheets supplied to C.D. Hospital, Cascades.....	2	8	0			
				Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment.....				619	3	0
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>£5955</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>£5955</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>			

## Average daily Number

Males (Colonial).....	366·09
"  (Imperial) .....	16·86
Females.....	166·08
	<u>549·03</u>

Cost per head, £9 14s. 5d.

## B.

*RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost of New Town Charitable Institution and Farm in connection therewith, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1894.*

Head of Service.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries, Wages, &c.....	1617 5 0	1561 19 0	...	55 6 0
Provisions .....	3500 0 0	3065 4 8	...	434 15 4
Medical Comforts .....	60 0 0	9 10 2	...	50 9 10
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, & Stationery	750 0 0	509 19 6	...	240 0 6
Medicines and Medical Attendance ...	120 0 0	120 0 0	...	...
Miscellaneous, including Funeral Expenses .....	260 0 0	194 3 8	...	65 16 4
Fuel and Light.....	450 0 0	411 5 5	...	38 14 7
Repairs to Buildings.....	300 0 0	26 19 7	...	273 0 5
Uniforms.....	20 0 0	6 3 6	...	13 16 6
Farm Expenses.....	75 0 0	50 12 9	...	24 7 3
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>7152 5 0</b>	<b>5955 18 3</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1196 6 9</b>

	£ s. d.
Estimated cost.....	7152 5 0
Actual cost .....	5955 18 3
Under estimate.....	<u>£1196 6 9</u>

## C.

*RETURNS of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution during the Year 1894.*

	Between the Ages of—																TOTAL.
	20 to 30		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		60 to 70.		70 to 80.		80 to 90.		90 to 100.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Brain Disease .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	7
Cancer.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	7
Gangrene.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	3
Heart Disease .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	3	1	...	...	...	11
Influenza .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Paralysis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Peritonitis.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Senile Debility .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	28	10	20	3	3	2	78
Tetanus.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tumour.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTALS.....	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	15	5	40	16	24	3	3	2	112

## D.

*DECENNIAL Return showing the Number of Persons admitted, discharged, and remaining in the New Town Charitable Institution on the 31st December in each year; Net Cost of the Institution, and the Net Cost per Head.*

Years.	Admitted during the Year.	Discharged during the Year.	Died during the Year.	Remaining on 31st December.		Average daily Number.	Net Cost of Institution.	Net Cost per Head.
				Number.	Average Age.			
1885.....	727	520	152	607	64·50	609	8474 18 3	£ s. d. 13 18 3
1886.....	805	623	146	643	64·50	670	8901 5 8	13 5 6
1887.....	752	647	168	580	68·00	662	8578 0 5	12 19 9
1888.....	636	534	118	564	68·25	624	8841 13 7	14 3 4
1889.....	552	484	112	520	68·00	589	8176 12 1	13 17 8
1890.....	603	456	127	540	67·75	592	8263 3 11	13 19 2
1891.....	530	413	153	504	70·08	545	7427 14 1	13 12 7
1892.....	510	387	109	518	69·61	537	7685 16 8	14 6 3
1893.....	538	419	122	515	70·02	542	6158 18 10	11 7 5
1894.....	448	313	112	538	70·58	549	5336 15 3	9 14 5

*RETURN showing the operations of the Farm in connection with the New Town Charitable Institution for the Year 1894.*

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, Wages, &c.....	200	9	0	Value of Milk supplied to Institution, 33,120 pints, at 3d. per quart .....	207	0	0
Purchase of Seed.....	15	14	3	Milk sold to officers .....	16	12	5
"    Stock .....	13	10	0	Sale of Stock.....	45	7	11
"    Bran .....	5	12	6	"    Grain.....	40	4	8
Threshing Grain .....	6	0	0	Services of Beasts.....	8	2	6
Insurance of Hay .....	2	0	0	Hay and Potatoes to Government Institutions.....	46	2	5
Grinding Peas .....	1	2	3	Potatoes, Hay, Straw, &c., supplied to N. T. C. Institution .....	74	14	6
Other Expenses, Shoeing Horses, Blacksmith's Work, &c. ....	6	13	9				
Balance Cr. ....	187	2	8				
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>£438</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>£438</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

*Stock on hand on 31st December, 1894.*

Horses.....	4	Boars.....	2
Bulls .....	1	Sows .....	9
Cows .....	15	Porkers.....	1
Calves .....	5	Suckers.....	13

EXTRACTS FROM VISITORS' BOOK.

MUCH pleased with the Establishment.

FRANK ARCHER, *M.H.A.*  
JONATHAN BEST, *M.H.A.*  
A. MACDONALD, *M.H.A.*  
4. 7. 94.

THE cleanest and neatest Institution of the kind I have visited in any of the Australian Colonies.

H. J. SCOTT, *Chaplain, H. M. Gaol, Melbourne.*  
24. 1. 94.

MUCH pleased with all I have seen.

HENRY H. GILL, *M.H.A.*  
3. 2. 94.

WE have been shown around the Institution this day by Mr. Richardson, and were much pleased to find everything in such good order. The inmates were clean and contented, and many of them expressed themselves as being happy and very comfortable.

GREGORY SPROTT, *M.B., C.M., &c., General Hospital, Hobart.*  
ARCHIBALD PARK, *M.B.C.V.S., Hobart.*  
2. 3. 94.

VERY pleased to find everything so good, clean, and comfortable.

PETER BARRETT, *M.H.A., Launceston.*  
6. 7. 94.

AM pleased to find everything so well kept; a credit to all concerned.

J. G. DAVIES, *M.H.A., Hobart.*  
6. 7. 94.

Most creditably kept, and a pattern establishment.

J. H. M'CALL, *M.L.C.*  
12. 7. 94.

VISITED the Establishment ; much pleased with the comfort and order. Was in the Convict Department for 10 years in the early days, and arrived in this Colony 72 years ago.

F. L. VON BIBRA.  
13. 7. 94.

A CREDIT to the Colony.

JOHN KENNEDY, *M.D., Zeehan.*

VISITING, found a number very ill from influenza ; the greatest care is taken of them, and medical comforts are generously given.

ARCHIBALD TURNBULL.  
31. 8. 94.

VISITED, with a friend from Launceston ; found a number ill with influenza ; the greatest care taken of them.

MRS. BIGGS, *Matron Launceston Invalid Depôt.*  
31. 8. 94.

APPEARS to be most satisfactory.

F. HALES, *Launceston.*  
25. 9. 94.

THIS Institution seems to be as comfortable and homely as is compatible with the aggregation of so many helpless old people ; its cleanliness is remarkable.

J. V. ARCHIBALD, *Sydney.*  
11. 12. 94.

VERY pleased with the Institution ; so beautifully clean, and the old people so happy and clean looking.

KATHERINE NICKOLLS, *Deaconess, Sydney.*  
EVELYN GERRAND, *Probationer-Deaconess, Sydney.*