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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1876.

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GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1876.

I HAVE the honor to lay before the Government the Annual Report for 1876.

The number of cases treated in the Hospital during the year was greater than it had been for some years past. The increase was owing principally to the admission of a large number of cases of infectious disease, which were treated in the old building at the back of the Hospital.

The amount received from paying patients has very considerably decreased.

At the Dispensary the number of patients treated was nearly 300 more than in the previous year.

At the beginning of the year a system of female nursing was introduced. Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the services of efficient under nurses, and changes in the staff have been of constant occurrence; but, notwithstanding these drawbacks, the nursing is a great improvement upon the former system of male nursing.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

The cost of the General Hospital for the Year 1876 was £5421 15s. 7d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1882	16	3
Provisions	1932	12	4
Medical comforts.....	167	7	8
Medicines and surgical instruments (estimated).....	200	0	0
Fuel and light	404	14	4
Clothing, bedding, &c.....	741	3	11
House allowance	141	18	4
Repairs to buildings, &c.	119	18	0
Stationery	14	19	6
Washing.....	175	17	5
Funerals.....	101	4	0
Travelling expenses	50	0	0
Advertising	1	10	0
	£5934	1	9
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For medical attendance and medicines supplied to other establishments*	323	15	0
Cash received from self-supporting patients.....	188	11	2
	512	6	2
	5421	15	7
Number of diets to patients	37,266		
Ditto to attendants	10,515		
	47,781		
Daily average number of patients in Hospital was.....	102		
Average cost per diem	2s.	10	½d.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

* The Queen's Asylum for Children, New Town; the Female Invalid Depôt, New Town; the Brickfields Pauper Establishment; the Gaols, Houses of Correction, and Reformatory for Boys.

STATISTICAL REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent.

DURING the past year there were admitted into Hospital 1150 patients, of whom 719 were males and 431 females.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year, 75: so that the total number treated during the year ending 31 December, 1876, was 1225. Of these, 1001 were discharged, 116 died, and 108 remained under treatment.

Seven persons died on the day of admission, 12 on the day after, 12 on the second day, 2 on the third, 7 on the fifth, and 4 on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	29
From 20 to 30 years	5
" 30 to 40 years	4
" 40 to 50 years	8
" 50 to 60 years	25
" 60 to 70 years	24
" 70 to 80 years	13
" 80 to 90 years	7
Upwards of 90	1
	116

Of the patients admitted 107 were self-supporting, 15 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial funds, and 1103 were Colonial paupers.

The number of out-patients treated during the year was 6945; the number of prescriptions was 9594.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

RETURN showing the Diseases treated in the General Hospital during the Year 1876.

CLASS OF DISEASE.	NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED.			DIED.
	<i>In Hospital.</i>	<i>Out-Patients.</i>	TOTAL.	
Diseases of the { Stomach and Bowels	57	721	778	3
{ Lungs	161	1354	1515	27
{ Eyes	25	83	108	—
{ Brain and Nervous System..	56	80	136	9
{ Skin	18	318	336	1
{ Liver	6	4	10	2
Abscesses and Ulcers	66	264	330	—
Rheumatic Affections	71	750	821	1
Wounds and Injuries	199	776	975	9
Venereal Affections	107	145	252	—
Fevers	15	89	104	4
Dropsies	22	22	44	3
Other Diseases	422	2339	2761	57
TOTAL	1225	6945	8170	116

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Surgeon Superintendent.*