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BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPÔT:

REPORT FOR 1879.

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ANNUAL Report of the BRICKFIELDS PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT for 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward my Annual Report of the Brickfields Pauper Establishment for the year ending December 31st, 1879.

The labour of the inmates has still been utilized as far as possible, those able to work having been employed in making the road in Upper Park-street, and the others as wardsmen, gardeners, cleaners, and on other work about the Establishment.

All men who are certified by the Medical Officer as able to do some kind of work in the Institution and who refuse, are reported to the Administrator of Charitable Grants, and are invariably dismissed from the Depôt.

Already this mode of dealing with the idle has had a salutary effect, many saying "that if they are obliged to work for the Government they may as well work for themselves."

The number of inmates has been materially reduced during the year by the transfer in July of 112 men to the New Town Charitable Institution; but I am able to state that the cost per head for maintenance is, notwithstanding, less than in the previous year, without in any way depriving the inmates of the comforts they require and have heretofore enjoyed.

The conduct of the inmates on the whole has been good, the exceptions being a few minor cases calling for no special remark.

The Medical Officer acting for Dr. Turnley has paid every attention to his duties, visiting twice a week, and immediately at other times when required.

The spiritual welfare of the inmates has been well attended to both by ministers of religion and others, a number of ladies attending every Friday afternoon, and at other times, for which the men are very grateful.

Yearly State.

Number of Inmates, January 1st, 1879.....	254	}	523
Admitted during the year.....	269		
Discharged during the year.....	339	}	401
Died during the year.....	62		
Remaining December 31st, 1879.....			<u>122</u>

	<i>Years.</i>
Average age of those who died (oldest being 95 and the youngest 47)	73½
Average age of those remaining (oldest being 95 and the youngest a lad, 16)	72½
Average daily number of Inmates.....	222½
Number of rations supplied to Servants	942
Number of rations supplied to Paupers, Colonial Funds.....	80,016
Number of rations supplied to Paupers, Imperial Funds.....	1058

Total Number of Rations issued..... 82,016

Produce of garden equal in value to 26,880 lbs. of Potatoes, or 12 tons.

	£	s.	d.
Expense of maintenance.....	2852	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rate per head per annum	12	16	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rate per head per diem	0	0	8 $\frac{1}{8}$

This includes every expense of the Establishment, no money value being placed in this Report for the labour of the inmates.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JNO. WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

EXTRACTS from the Visitors' Book.

WE this day visited this Institution, and are very much pleased with the good order and cleanliness of the place, and we consider it is a very great credit to the Government and Superintendent of the Establishment.

(Signed) W. P. GREEN, *J.P.*
G. H. DIPNALL, } *England.*
E. A. DIPNALL. }

January 18th, 1879.

VISITED the whole of the Establishment; deserving great praise.

(Signed) PERCY R. RUSSELL.
JAMES ROBERTSON, *J.P.*

January 28th, 1879.

VISITED the Institution this day in company with Captain M'Leod. Found everything in good working order and condition, very clean, and neatness of all kind displayed.

May 6th, 1879. (Signed) H. ROBINSON.

VISITED the Establishment without notice. Found all in order; heard no complaints.

July 28th, 1879. (Signed) THOS. REIBEY.

WE, the undersigned, visited this Establishment this 27th day of May, 1879, and have been very much pleased to find the old people so comfortable.

(Signed) THOS. W. FIELD.
JAMES LORD.
ALFRED PILLINGER.
H. YOUNG.
JAMES T. TURNBULL.