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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION :

REPORT FOR 1877.

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*New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females,
12th April, 1878.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to present the following Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for the year ending the 31st December, 1877 :—

The number of Inmates in the Institution 31st December, 1876.....	138	
Number admitted during the year.....	109	
	—	247
Number discharged during the year.....	75	
Number died ditto	25	
	—	100
Total remaining 31st December, 1877.....	147	

The daily average number of Inmates throughout the year was $146\frac{3}{8}\frac{9}{16}$; and the average cost of each inmate annually has been £14 19s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$.

The following show the items of expenditure :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	286	8	10
Clothing	57	8	9
Bedding.....	29	5	0
Stores.....	13	1	6
Provisions, including Medical Comforts.....	1501	2	4
Fuel and Light	181	3	2
Repairs to Buildings.....	99	8	11
Medical Attendance and Medicines	35	15	0
Miscellaneous Incidental Expenses.....	32	16	3
	2236	9	9
Reimbursements,—			
Received for maintenance of Paupers.....	32	9	9
Ditto sale of Pigs	7	15	11
	40	5	8
Net Expenditure for the year.....	£2196	4	1

The Officers and Servants are :—

	£	s.	d.
Superintendent	50	0	0
Matron	40	7	8
Clerk and Storekeeper	60	0	0
Cook	36	0	0
Nurse.....	30	0	0
18 Attendants: these are in lieu of nurses, and receive pay varying from two to four pence a day	100	0	0

The sleeping apartments are capacious and well ventilated, and capable of accommodating 150 women. The buildings were erected 15 years ago for the infants and younger children in the Queen's Asylum: the situation is healthy, commanding a charming prospect.

The physical and spiritual wants of the Inmates are carefully administered unto: they are also visited frequently by numerous sympathising friends, who, by kind words, greatly cheer and comfort them. Those of them who are able to go to their respective places of worship on the Sunday are allowed to do so.

I stated in my last annual Report that there was no laundry accommodation nor bath-house: these are much needed, and I am anxiously hoping that these essentials may ere long be supplied.

The washing is done by the Inmates: they also make all the garments and perform the repairs.

The amount provided by Parliament for the Institution for 1877 was £2206 7s. 8d.; the net expenditure was £2196 4s. 1d.; thus leaving an unexpended sum of £10 3s. 7d.

I would here direct attention to the fact that there are in the Institution young girls with their illegitimate children, for whom there is no suitable accommodation, and whose presence I consider most undesirable. For various reasons I should be glad if the Government could provide for them elsewhere. Heretofore such persons were placed in the nursery at the Cascade Factory.

I subjoin the usual statistical returns for the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SANDFORD SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN showing the Number of Inmates in the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females on 31st December, 1877; also the Number of Admissions and Discharges during the Year 1877; their Religion, and the Funds on which they were borne.

Number of Inmates remaining 31st Dec., 1876 :—	Number of Inmates remaining 31st Dec., 1877 :—
Colonial..... 132	Colonial..... 141
Imperial..... 6	Imperial..... 6
TOTAL..... 138.	TOTAL..... 147
Number of Inmates received during the year 1877 :—	Religion :—
Colonial..... 108	Protestant..... 88
Imperial..... 1	Roman Catholic..... 59
TOTAL..... 109.	TOTAL..... 147
Number of Inmates discharged or died during the year 1877 :—	
Colonial..... 99	
Imperial..... 1	
TOTAL..... 100	

RETURN showing the Expense of the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females; the Average Cost per head of each Inmate; and the Amount of Cash Receipts during the Year 1877.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Allowances	286	8	10
Other Expenses.....	1950	0	11
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TOTAL.....	£2236	9	9
Reimbursements,—			
Cash Receipts.....	40	5	8
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Net Cost of Institution to Government	£2196	4	1
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Cost per head £14 19s. 1½d.			

RETURN showing the Average Age and Number of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females, during the Year 1877.

Average Age.....	65
Number of Deaths.....	25