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LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

REPORT FOR 1866.

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LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1866.

THE Board of Management, in accordance with the usual custom, begs again to submit to the Government its Annual Report.

The usual satisfactory condition of the Establishment has been sustained during the year, the utmost harmony existing between the Board and the Surgeon Superintendent and other Officers of the Institution.

The number of both In-door and Out-door Patients steadily increases ; and though the expenditure for the year has somewhat exceeded the amount voted, it must be remembered that, while the estimate was for a daily average of 85, the actual daily number was 98½. It is a matter of much satisfaction to the Board, as proving the systematic economy exercised in the Establishment, that as the daily average increases, the cost per head decreases,—and is this year but a fraction more than 1s. 10d. a day. This desirable result, and the admirable condition of the Institution generally, is entirely owing to the excellent management of the Surgeon Superintendent, in whom the Board desires to express its continued confidence.

Appended is the Statistical Report for the year.

ISAAC SHERWIN, *Chairman.*
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REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent of the LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL for the Year 1866.

DURING the year 1866 there were admitted to Hospital 391 Patients, of whom 307 were males, and 84 females; 344 were Hospital cases, and 47 were Invalids.

There were remaining at the close of 1865, 80 Patients; so that the total number treated during the year 1866 was 471, of whom 248 were discharged cured, 56 relieved, and 13 incurable; 59 died, and 96 remained.

With but five exceptions, all who died were admitted in a hopeless condition, and two-thirds of them were above fifty years of age. Three died on the day of admission, two on the day after, four on the second day after, six on the third, two on the fourth, two on the fifth, one on the sixth, and three on the seventh day.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	2
From 20 to 30	2
30 to 40	5
40 to 50	10
50 to 60	11
60 to 70	17
70 to 80	6
80 to 90	5
Unknown	1
TOTAL	<u>59</u>

Of the Patients admitted, 33 were Self-supporting, 22 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 336 were Colonial Paupers.

During the year the sum of £84 14s. 6d. was received from Self-supporting Patients.

The average daily number during the year was 98½; the total cost of the Establishment was £3424 3s. 10d.; and the daily cost per head, 1s. 10½d.

The cases treated during 1866 were:—

	<i>In-door Cases.</i>	<i>Out-door Cases.</i>	<i>Totals.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory organs	43	134	177
brain and nervous system	43	30	73
digestive system	37	226	263
heart and blood-vessels	6	19	25
eyes	23	28	51
skin	5	102	107
bones and joints	26	16	42
Fevers	10	18	28
Dropsies	7	7	14
Rheumatic affections	39	31	70
Venereal affections	33	71	104
Abscesses and ulcers	39	63	102
Wounds and injuries	56	54	110
All other diseases	104	103	207
TOTALS	<u>471</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>1373</u>

The diseases and injuries that proved fatal were :—

	CASES.
Decay of nature	8
Pulmonary consumption.....	7
Paralysis	6
Dropsy	5
Pneumonia	4
Chronic cystitis	2
Hepatitis	2
Concussion of brain.....	2
Apoplexy	2
Typhoid fever	2
Caries of spine.....	2
Contused wounds, &c. (murder).....	1
Rupture of urethra, with extravasation.....	1
Chronic dysentery	1
Injury to the kidneys	1
Scald	1
Fracture of skull, &c.....	1
Chronic bronchitis	1
Enteritis	1
Hemoptysis	1
Hematemesis	1
Tetanus.....	1
Organic heart disease	1
Cancer	1
Chronic diarrhœa	1
Burns	1
Fracture of spine.....	1
Delirium tremens.....	1
TOTAL	<u>59</u>

J. L. MILLER, *Surgeon Superintendent.*