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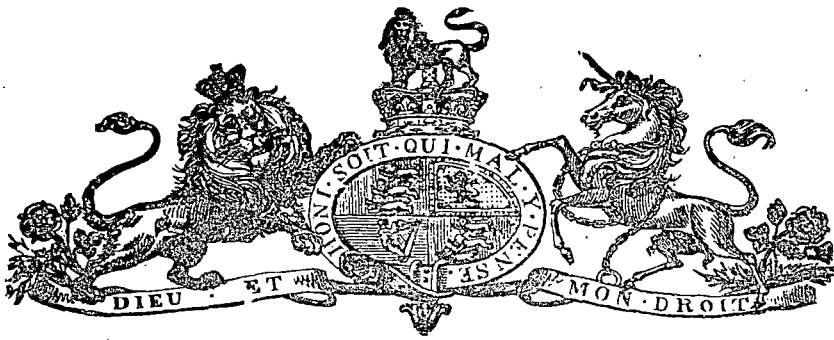
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, CASCADES :

REPORT FOR **1889.**

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CASCADES, HOBART.

REPORT for 1889.

*To His Excellency SIR ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON,
Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of
Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE have the honor to submit our Annual Report of this Institution for the year 1889, in accordance with the Acts of 22nd Victoria, No. 23, and 46th Victoria, No. 35.

2. On the 1st of January there were 55 patients in the Hospital, and during the year one was admitted, four were retransferred to the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk—being idiotic and epileptic cases—and one died, leaving 51 remaining on the 31st December.

3. The general health of the patients was good, and there were no cases of serious illness through the year, and during the winter months the patients were in exceptionally good health. The cause of death in the patient who died, aged 72, was senile gangrene.

4. During our numerous visits of inspection we were satisfied that the patients have been well cared for in all respects, and that the officers have performed their difficult duties with forbearance and discretion. No case of injury by one patient to another occurred.

5. The amusements, which were only entered into with indifference by the patients generally, were draughts, dominoes, and skittles.

6. We feel called upon to repeat that the buildings are unsuitable for the purposes of an Asylum, but it is hoped that the contemplated additions to the New Norfolk Hospital, which, we understand, are shortly to be commenced, will render available better accommodation for the Cascades' patients. Every attention is paid to cleanliness and sanitation in the Cascades buildings.

7. The stores and provisions have been duly inspected on each of our visits, and we have been satisfied that the food has been good and wholesome, and sufficient in quantity.

8. There has been no change during the year in the staff of attendants.

9. We append the customary Returns of the number of patients, with admissions, discharges, deaths, &c., the funds their maintenance is borne upon, and their total cost during the year—the cost of each patient for the year 1889 being £30.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,

C. E. BARNARD, M.D.,
F. W. MITCHELL,
THOS. GRAY, M.B. Ed., } *Official Visitors.*

21st April, 1890.

A.

RETURN of the Number of Patients in the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, during the Year 1889, with Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, their Religion, and the Funds upon which they were borne.

No. on 1st January.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Religion.		Funds.		No. on 31st December.
				Protestant.	Roman Catholic.	Colonial.	Imperial.	
55	1	4	1	30	21	18	33	51

J. COVERDALE, M.D., late Surgeon-Superintendent.

B.

RETURN of Deaths in the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, during the Year 1889.

No. of Register.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.
93	17th August.	Senile gangrene.	72

J. COVERDALE, M.D., late Surgeon-Superintendent.

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RETURN showing the Cost of the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, for the Year 1889.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	715	15	10
Provisions.....	680	0	0
Medical Comforts.....	8	15	8
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery.....	85	7	6
Fuel and Light.....	123	9	3
Attendants' Uniforms.....	14	19	6
Miscellaneous.....	10	5	0
Interments.....	1	7	0
Repairs and Alterations.....	25	4	3
	£1665	4	0

Average daily numbers—Colonial, 21½ ; Imperial, 33.

	£	s.	d.
Amount chargeable to Colonial Funds.....	609	4	0
Ditto Imperial ditto.....	1056	0	0
Cost per head.....	30	0	0

J. COVERDALE, M.D., late Surgeon-Superintendent.