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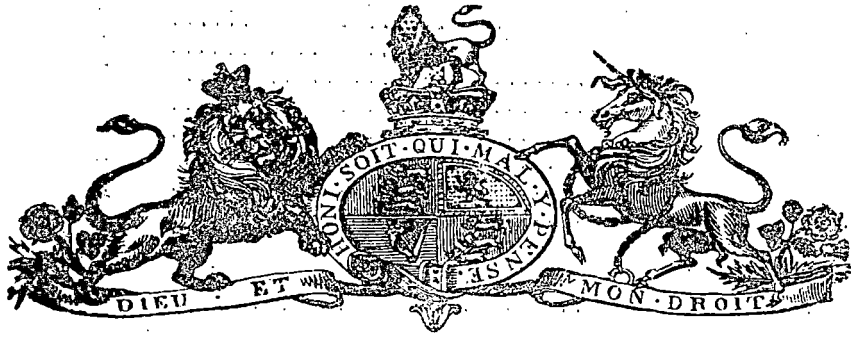
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H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART :

REPORT FOR 1881.

Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 12, 1882.



GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1881.

SIR,

IN accordance with the Rules of the Hobart General Hospital, I have the honor to lay before you the following Annual Report, containing such tabulated and other information as will, I trust, fully exhibit the working of that Institution during the past year.

2. During the year the Board received the resignation of Major-General Irvine, and appointed W. H. Graham, Esq., to fill the vacancy.

3. Fifteen Board and sixty-five Committee meetings were held during the year, at all of which the attendance of Members was, without exception, good; while during the same period the Honorary Medical Staff made one thousand and four professional visits to the wards of the Hospital.

4. In the Annual Report for 1880 special reference was made to the very unsatisfactory condition of the old buildings connected with the Hospital, and the wretched accommodation these buildings afforded for the treatment of the sick, &c.

I am glad now to be able to report that the grant voted by Parliament in 1880, for the extension and improvement of the Hospital will remedy the defects complained of; and the new Hospital now in course of erection for the treatment of infectious and other diseases will, when completed, place this Institution, as a General Hospital, in a far higher state of efficiency than heretofore, and consequently more in accordance with the sanitary requirements of the age.

The Quarters for the accommodation of the Officers of the Hospital, now in course of erection, will in a great measure remedy another defect long felt and often complained of, notwithstanding that the plan proposed to the Government is not being carried out in its entirety. An additional building as a residence for the Secretary was wanted, and will still have to be supplied, to complete the plan and meet the wants of the Hospital.

5. The annual cost of each occupied bed in 1878 was £82 14s. 5d.; in 1879, £72 13s. 6½d.; in 1880, £64 6s. 0¼d.; and during the past year it has been £68 11s. 1d.

6. The number of Patients treated during 1881, and the diseases from which they suffered, have been tabulated, and will be found in Appendix A.

7. The following Tabular Statement shows the number of In-patients treated during the year 1881:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In-patients remaining 1st January, 1881	61	19	80
Admitted during the year	621	320	941
Total treated.....	682	339	1021
Discharged	582	291	873
Died	66	32	98
Remaining 1st January, 1882.....	34	16	50

Of the Patients admitted there died:—

On the day of admission	2
1st day after admission.....	5
2nd ditto	7
3rd ditto	4
4th ditto	4
5th ditto	3
6th ditto	5
7th ditto	2
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Total.....	32
After the 7th day	66
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Yearly Total	98
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The ages of those who died in Hospital during 1881 were as follows:—

Under 10 years	3
Between 10 and 15 years	4
15 and 25 ditto	14
25 and 35 ditto	5
35 and 45 ditto	8
45 and 55 ditto	15
55 and 65 ditto	25
Over 65 years.....	24
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Yearly Total	98
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I now append a comparative statement of certain statistics of 1880 and 1881:—

	1880.	1881.
Number of in-patients treated	1129	1021
Ditto died	104 (1 in 10·85)	98 (1 in 10·04)
Ditto out-patients treated.....	2157	1943
Ditto diets issued to in-patients	33,750	30,871
Average stay in Hospital of each patient	29·88 days	30·23 days
Ditto daily number of in-patients.....	92·21	84·55
Number of diets issued to staff.....	3292	3285

The following Synopsis, comprehending the total cost of every branch of the Hospital Service, will fully elucidate the entire working of the Institution:—

GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART, TASMANIA.

A.

1. What is the population of the township, and of the district benefited by the Hospital? Estimated 40,000.
2. The character of the Hospital? General.
3. How many years has the Hospital been established? 38 years.
4. If the present building was erected for a Hospital? Yes.
5. If built for a Hospital, what was its original cost? Built by Imperial Government.
6. How much of the cost of construction was contributed by the Government? All.
7. How much of the cost of construction was contributed by public subscription? None.
8. How much of the annual income is contributed by the Government? All.
9. How much of the annual income is contributed by public subscription? None.
10. How much of the annual income is contributed upon an average by paying patients? £200.
11. How much of the annual income is derived from invested funds? None.
12. What amount has been received by legacies and donations? None.
13. Is the Institution under the control of a single officer or a Board? A Board.
14. If by a single officer, what is his position and salary, and to whom is he responsible? —
15. If by a Board, what is the number of its members, and by whom is it elected? 17 members,

appointed by the Governor in Council with power to fill its own vacancies; subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

16. Whether any power or control of supervision is exercised by the Government; and if so, in what form and to what extent? Yes, in regard to money matters.

B.

1. The number of beds? 133.
2. The average cubic space per bed? 1249·32 feet.
3. The average number of in-patients daily throughout the year, male? 55·16.
4. Ditto, female? 29·39.
5. The number of paying patients received during the year? 120.
6. The number of patients received during the year who would have been more suitable for a Benevolent Asylum? Estimated about $\frac{1}{3}$.
7. Total number of in-patients received during the year? 941.

C.

1. The number who attended the Hospital as out-patients? 1943.
2. The average number who are attended annually at their own homes? This is the work of a separate department.
3. The average number of women who are attended annually in confinement at their own homes? This is the work of a separate department.

D.

1. The number of paid medical officers, resident? Two.
2. The annual amount of their salaries? £659 10s.,* with fuel and light, and £60 in place of better quarters than those provided for them.
3. The number of paid medical officers, non-resident? None.
4. The annual amount of their salaries? Nil.
5. The number of other paid officers, exclusive of nurses and servants? Two: Secretary (who is also Clerk, Steward, and Storekeeper,) and Lady Superintendent.
6. The annual amount of their salaries? £412 10s., fuel, light, and quarters (with rations for the Lady Superintendent.)
7. The number of the nursing staff? 12.
8. The annual amount of their salaries? £488 5s. 6d.
9. The number of servants? 15.
10. The annual amount of their salaries? £536 17s.
Total cost of salaries? £2097 2s. 6d.
Total cost of allowances (including Enquiry Officer for pauper out-patients)? £119 3s. 4d.

E.

1. The annual cost of provisions, exclusive of wine, beer, and spirits? £1938 13s. 8d.
2. Ditto wine, beer, and spirits? £248 8s. 3d.
3. Ditto fire and lighting? £311 17s. 6d.
4. Ditto washing and laundry? £104 13s. 9d., (done at H.M. Gaol).
5. Ditto linen and bedding? }
6. Ditto furniture, earthenware, &c.? } £268 11s. 9d.
7. Ditto drugs and dispensary? }
8. Ditto surgical instruments and appliances? } £488 15s. 11d.
9. Ditto water supply? Nil.
10. Ditto printing, stationery? £20 2s. 7d.
11. Ditto funerals? £69 16s. 6d.
12. Ditto repairs, average? £250 2s. 2d.
13. Payments for interest? Nil.
14. Ditto insurance? Nil.
15. Ditto commission? Nil.
16. Other expenses not included in the above? £159 19s. 6d., including £107 13s. for furniture for nurses' quarters.

* This sum includes £109 10s. for dispensing.

17. Total cost of the Hospital per annum? Net for 1881, £5796 6s. 11d.
 18. Proportionate cost of salaries to each occupied bed? £26 7s. 8d.
 19. Ditto provisions ditto? £26 0s. 8d.
 20. Total cost of each occupied bed? £68 11s. 1d.

F.

1. The contract price during the year of bread for the 2 lb. loaf? $2\frac{3}{4}d.$
 2. Ditto meat at per lb.? $3\frac{3}{8}d.$

The following is the cost of the Hobart General Hospital for the year 1881, arranged under the customary heads:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	2097	2	6
Allowances	119	3	4
Provisions and medical comforts	2187	1	11
Fuel and light	311	17	6
Medicines and surgical instruments.....	488	15	11
Clothing, bedding, and stores.....	268	11	9
Stationery	20	2	7
Funeral expenses	69	16	6
Washing.....	104	13	9
Repairs to buildings	220	2	2
Cleansing, removal of night soil, ashes, &c.....	27	17	0
Petty expenses	17	14	6
Advertising	6	15	0
Repairs to nurses' quarters	30	0	0
Furniture for ditto.	107	13	0
Gross Expenditure.....	£6077	7	5
For medicines and appliances supplied to other Establishments.....	97	11	0
Sums received from self-supporting patients and other sources.....	183	9	6
Net Expenditure ..	—	£5796	6 11

In Appendix B. will be found a Nosological Return of all cases treated at this Institution as out-patients during the year 1881.

I have, &c.

THOS. C. SMART, *F.R.C.S.E.*, *Chairman.*

To the *Hon. Colonial Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.			ORDER 2.— <i>Enthetic Diseases.</i>		
ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>				<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>			
Measles	21		Syphilis	26	1
Scarlatina	4		Gonorrhœa, Stricture of the Urethra	54	4
Diphtheria	3		<i>Total Order 2</i>	80	5
Quinsy	11				
Croup.....	1		ORDER 3.— <i>Dietic Diseases.</i>		
Typhus and Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c.	13		Alcoholism, { Delirium Tremens	12	
Erysipelas	6		{ Intemperance	51	
Carbuncle, Boil.....	3	1	<i>Total Order 3</i>	63	
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c.....	7				
Dysentery	3	1	ORDER 4.— <i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>		
Diarrhœa	16		Worms, &c.	2	
Ague	1		Hydatid	5	
Rheumatism	52		<i>Total Order 4</i>	7	
<i>Total Order 1</i>	141	2	TOTAL CLASS I.....	291	7

CLASS II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Gout	3	
Dropsy	3	1
Cancer	21	9
Tumor	11	1
Polypus	1	
Others	1	
Total Order 1	40	11

ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases.*

Scrofula	5	
Tabes Mesenterica	1	1
Phthisis	41	16
Hæmoptysis	4	1
Others	12	
Total Order 2	63	18

TOTAL CLASS II 103 29

CLASS III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diseases of the Nervous System.*

Cephalitis	2	2
Apoplexy	3	3
Paralysis	25	6
Insanity	28	
Epilepsy	7	
Convulsions	1	1
Brain Disease, &c.	6	3
Eye Disease	29	
Total Order 1	101	15

ORDER 2.—*Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.*

Pericarditis	1	1
Heart Disease, &c.	49	7
Varyx, Anæmia, Chlorosis, &c.	9	
Total Order 2	59	8

ORDER 3.—*Diseases of the Respiratory System.*

Laryngitis	9	1
Bronchitis	24	3
Pleurisy	7	1
Pneumonia	20	2
Congestion of Lungs, Pulmonary		
Apoplexy	5	1
Asthma	5	1
Lung Disease, &c.	2	
Total Order 3	72	9

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of the Digestive Organs.*

Enteritis	4	
Peritonitis	4	4
Ascites	1	
Ulceration of Intestines	1	1
Hernia	11	2
Ileus	2	
Stricture of Intestines	2	2
Fistula	3	
Stomach Disease, &c.	20	
Hepatitis	2	
Jaundice, Gallstone, &c.	2	
Liver Disease, &c.	3	1
Spleen Disease, &c.	1	1
Total Order 4	56	11

ORDER 5.—*Diseases of the Urinary Organs.*

Nephritis	2	1
Ischuria	9	
Nephria	9	7
Diabetes	1	1
Stone, Gravel	5	
Cystitis	4	
Kidney Disease, &c.	2	
Total Order 5	32	9

ORDER 6.—*Diseases of the Organs of Generation.*

	Cases.	Deaths.
Ovarian Dropsy	4	
Uterus Disease, &c.	5	1
Total Order 6	9	1

ORDER 7.—*Diseases of the Locomotive System.*

Ostitis, Periostitis, &c.	9	
Joint Disease, &c.	26	
Total Order 7	35	

ORDER 8.—*Diseases of the Integumentary System.*

Phlegmon, Whitlow, &c.	6	1
Ulcer	49	
Skin Disease, &c.	25	
Total Order 8	80	1

TOTAL CLASS III 444 54

CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Developmental Diseases of Children.*

Other Malformations	2	
Total Order 1	2	

ORDER 2.—*Developmental Diseases of Adults.*

Paramenia	5	
Childbirth	5	
Others	5	
Total Order 2	15	

ORDER 3.—*Developmental Diseases of Old People.*

Old Age	4	3
Total Order 3	4	3

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition.*

Atrophy and Debility	13	
Total Order 4	13	
TOTAL CLASS IV	34	3

CLASS V.—VIOLENCE.

ORDER 1.—*Accident or Negligence.*

Fractures, Contusions, &c.	103	2
Wounds } Gunshot	6	
} Cuts, &c.	30	
Burns and Scalds	10	2
Sunstroke	1	
Poison	2	
Bite of Snake or Insect	2	
Drowning	1	
Other or unspecified Accidents	1	
Total Order 1	156	4

ORDER 4.—*Suicide.*

Wounds—Cut, Stab, &c.	1	1
Total Order 4	1	1

TOTAL CLASS V 157 5

Specified Causes 1029

Causes not specified 1

All Causes 1030

TOTAL DEATHS 98

APPENDIX B.

CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>	
Measles	14
Scarlatina	4
Diphtheria	7
Quinsy	61
Croup	1
Typhus and Infantile Fever, Typhoid, &c.....	10
Erysipelas	3
Carbuncle, Boil.....	2
Influenza, Coryza, Catarrh, &c.....	35
Dysentery	1
Diarrhœa	62
Rheumatism	64
Ague	2
Parotitis.....	1
<i>Total Order 1</i>	<u>267</u>
ORDER 2.— <i>Enthetic Diseases.</i>	
Syphilis	51
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of the Urethra	39
<i>Total Order 2</i>	<u>90</u>
ORDER 3.— <i>Dietic Diseases.</i>	
Privation	8
Alcoholism—Intemperance	2
Others.....	2
<i>Total Order 3</i>	<u>12</u>
ORDER 4.— <i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>	
Thrush	1
Worms, &c.	129
Others—Skin Parasites	21
<i>Total Order 4</i>	<u>151</u>
TOTAL CLASS I.	<u><u>520</u></u>

CLASS II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.— <i>Diathetic Diseases.</i>	
Gout	5
Dropsy	4
Cancer	24
Tumor.....	5
Polypus	1
<i>Total Order 1</i>	<u>39</u>
ORDER 2.— <i>Tubercular Diseases.</i>	
Scrofula	14
Phthisis	43
Hæmoptysis	2
<i>Total Order 2</i>	<u>59</u>
TOTAL CLASS II	<u><u>98</u></u>

CLASS III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>	
Paralysis	11
Insanity	1
Epilepsy	9
Convulsions	5
Brain Diseases, &c.....	95
<i>Total Order 1</i>	<u>121</u>
ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.</i>	
Heart Disease, &c.	37
<i>Total Order 2</i>	<u>37</u>

ORDER 3.—*Diseases of the Respiratory System.*

Laryngitis	4
Bronchitis	53
Pleurisy	15
Pneumonia	8
Conjestion of Lungs, Pulmonary Apoplexy	2
Asthma	19
Lung Disease, &c.....	68
<i>Total Order 3.</i>	<u>169</u>

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of the Digestive Organs.*

Gastritis	3
Enteritis.....	5
Ascites	2
Hernia	11
Ileus	29
Stricture of Intestines	2
Stomach Disease, &c.	106
Jaundice, Gallstone, &c.....	1
Liver Disease, &c.....	6
Spleen Disease, &c.	1
<i>Total Order 4</i>	<u>166</u>

ORDER 5.—*Diseases of the Urinary Organs.*

Nephritis	1
Ischuria	10
Nephria	5
Stone, Gravel	2
Cystitis	5
Kidney Disease, &c.....	1
<i>Total Order 5</i>	<u>24</u>

ORDER 6.—*Diseases of the Organs of Generation.*

Uterus Disease, &c.	18
<i>Total Order 6</i>	<u>18</u>

ORDER 7.—*Diseases of the Locomotive System.*

Ostitis, Periostitis, &c.....	6
Joint Disease, &c.....	25
<i>Total Order 7</i>	<u>32</u>

ORDER 8.—*Diseases of the Integumentary System.*

Phlegmon, Whitlow, &c.....	32
Ulcer	42
Skin Disease, &c.....	78
<i>Total Order 8</i>	<u>152</u>
TOTAL CLASS III	<u><u>719</u></u>

CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Developmental Diseases of Children.*

Other Malformations	5
Teething.....	24
<i>Total Order 1</i>	<u>29</u>

ORDER 2.—*Developmental Diseases of Adults.*

Paramenia	43
Childbirth	17
<i>Total Order 2</i>	<u>60</u>

ORDER 3.—*Developmental Diseases of Old People.*

Old Age	3
<i>Total Order 3</i>	<u>3</u>

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition.*

Atrophy and Debility	66
<i>Total Order 4</i>	<u>66</u>
TOTAL CLASS IV.....	<u>158</u>

CLASS V.—VIOLENCE.

ORDER 1.—*Accident or Negligence.*

Fractures, Contusions, &c.....	130
Wounds { Gunshot	8
{ Cuts, &c.....	119

Burns and Scalds	14
Poison	1
Bite of Snake or Insect	3
Other or unspecified Accidents	<u>86</u>

<i>Total Order 1</i>	<u>361</u>
TOTAL CLASS V.	<u>361</u>

<i>Specified Causes</i>	1856
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<i>Causes not specified</i>	<u>87</u>
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ALL CAUSES	<u>1943</u>
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