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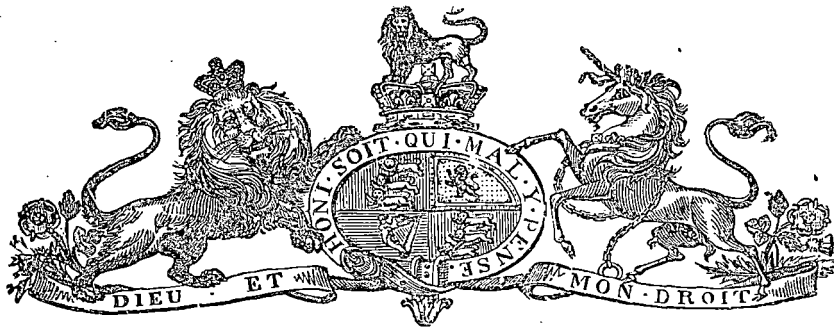
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT ASYLUM:

REPORT FOR 1895.

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LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1895.

24th January, 1896.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

Admissions and Discharges.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Number of inmates remaining on 1st January, 1895.....	154	49	203
Admitted during the year	117	32	149
	<u>271</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>352</u>
Discharged during the year	95	23	118
Died	34	10	44
	<u>129</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>162</u>
Remaining 31st December, 1895.....	141	49	190

The daily average of inmates was, males 149, females 49·33, of whom 197 are chargeable to the Colonial Government and 1 to the Imperial Government.

During the year there were 44 deaths, of whom 34 were males and 10 females.

The average age of inmates for the year was—for adults 73 years, and for children 5 years.

Birthplaces of Inmates.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Australian Colonies and Tasmania	16	15	31
England and Wales	178	23	201
Ireland	64	36	100
Scotland.....	7	5	12
Other British Possessions	1	—	1
Foreign Countries.....	5	1	6
Birthplaces unknown	1	—	1
	<u>272</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>352</u>

Education.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Unable to read	81	28	109
Able to read only	32	12	44
Able to read and write	160	39	199
	273	79	352
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The total expenditure was £2131 12s. 7d., of which £2000 was contributed by the Government, the balance being received as fees and from various sources.

Annual cost per head was £10 13s. 3½d.

This, being the first year under the management of the Launceston Benevolent Society, must be looked upon as a successful attempt at local government, the figures bearing very favourable comparison with those in years past.

A large amount of money was expended in fencing the grounds, renovating the roofs of the buildings, and in effecting necessary repairs, all of which have tended to increase the comfort of the inmates and assisted in bringing about a better form of discipline.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS CLEMENTS, *Superintendent.*

To the Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

Approved, JOHN STEPHENSON, *Chairman Launceston Benevolent Asylum.*

RETURN showing the cost of the Launceston Benevolent Asylum for the year 1895.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
HEAD OF EXPENDITURE—						
Salaries and Allowances.....	394	3	7			
Provisions and medical comforts	1170	9	0			
Erection and repairs of buildings.....	60	8	5			
Miscellaneous.....	506	11	7			
				2131	12	7
CASH RECEIPTS—						
Government Allowance.....	2000	0	0			
Other sources	126	15	11			
Balance due to National Bank.....	4	16	8			
				2131	12	7
				2131	12	7

M. TYSON, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

GEORGE PULLEN, *Auditor.*

20th January, 1896.