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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1866.

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HOSPITAL REPORT, 1866.

THE Board of Management of the General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year 1866.

The excess in the expenditure for the past year over that for 1865 has been occasioned partly by the greater number of diets issued, but principally by the increased price of meat and milk.

In June last it was represented to the Board that the charge for Self-paying Patients was inadequate to cover the cost of their maintenance in Hospital. The Board, therefore, with the sanction of the Government, increased the Hospital fee from two shillings to three shillings per diem. During the six months that this increased charge has been in operation the receipts have been larger than in the corresponding period for 1865.

The number of Out Patients during 1866 was less by upwards of a thousand than in 1865. This falling off in the number of Out Patients was the effect of an alteration in the Dispensary Regulations. Several cases having been brought under the notice of the Board where persons well able to pay had received gratuitous advice and medicine at the Dispensary, the Board, in order to prevent as far as possible this abuse of the Institution, passed a rule, which was sanctioned by the Government, making it necessary that in all doubtful cases an inquiry should be instituted by the Police to ascertain whether these applicants were *bonâ fide* paupers. This regulation had an immediate effect in reducing the daily attendance at the Dispensary.

The Board take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Honorary Medical Officers, for the zeal and efficiency with which they have performed their duties in connection with the Hospital.

ALFRED KENNERLEY, *Chairman.*
STEPN. SHEEHY.
D. LEWIS.
GEO. SALIER.
JNO. REGAN.
C. M. MAXWELL,
R. OFFICER.

STATISTICAL REPORT of the Resident Medical Officer.

During the past year there were admitted into Hospital 950 Patients, of whom 670 were males, and 280 females; of the latter 261 were Patients, and 19 were Invalids.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 160; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1866, was 1110. Of these 796 were discharged, 139 died, and 175 remained under treatment.

Four persons died on the day of admission, fourteen on the day after, three on the second day, eleven on the third, eight on the fourth, six on the fifth, and two on the sixth day.

Of the Patients admitted, 152 were Self-supporting, 35 were borne wholly, and 18 partially, upon Imperial funds; and 745 upon Colonial funds. Of the 175 who remained under treatment at the close of the year, 7 were Self-paying, 11 were paid for by the Imperial Government, and 157 were borne upon Colonial funds.

The number of Out Patients treated during the year was 3014.

Annexed is a Return showing the Diseases treated during the year :—

CLASSES OF DISEASE.	NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED IN.			DIED.
	Hospital.	Out Patients.	Total.	
Diseases of the { Stomach and Bowels - - -	61	439	500	8
{ Lungs - - - - -	180	290	470	41
{ Eyes - - - - -	36	79	115	—
{ Brain and Nervous System - - -	90	112	202	11
{ Skin - - - - -	9	267	276	—
{ Liver - - - - -	16	14	30	6
Abscesses and Ulcers - - - - -	99	214	313	9
Rheumatic Affections - - - - -	77	427	504	—
Wounds and Injuries - - - - -	147	418	565	6
Veneral Affections - - - - -	72	234	306	—
Fevers - - - - -	8	1	9	—
Dropsies - - - - -	14	14	28	5
Other Diseases - - - - -	301	505	806	53
TOTAL - - - - -	1110	3014	4124	139

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Resident Medical Officer.*

THE cost of the General Hospital for the year 1866 was £7473 11s. 3½d.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	2061	4	1
Provisions	3378	17	0¾
Medical comforts	640	3	3¼
Medicines (estimated)	300	0	0
Fuel and light	518	1	2
Clothing, bedding, &c.	228	19	9¾
Rent and repairs	156	12	8
Incidental expenses }	189	13	3
Washing, funerals, &c. }			
TOTAL	£7473	11	3½

Number of Diets to Patients 67,033
Ditto to Attendants 9098

TOTAL 76,131

Daily average number of Patients in the Hospital was nearly 184. Average cost per diem a fraction more than 2s. 1½d.

Number of Out-door Patients, 3014. Amount received from Patients, £297 10s. 5d., reducing the cost for the year to £7176 0s. 10¾d.

C. M. MAXWELL.