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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, CASCADES :

REPORT FOR 1886.

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



HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CASCADES, HOBART.

*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.

In accordance with the Acts of 22nd Victoria, No. 23, and the 46th Victoria, No. 35, for the regulation of the care and treatment of the Insane, we have the honor to submit our Report for the year 1886.

2. The number of patients at the beginning of the year was 61, and at the end thereof the number was 56, 37 of whom were brought from Port Arthur in the year 1877; 17 were transferred from the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk in 1884-5; and two from the Campbell-street Gaol whilst under sentence of imprisonment.

3. Their average age was 57½ years, the eldest being 80, and the youngest 24 years old.

4. Of the two patients from the Gaol, one was discharged, having sufficiently recovered from epilepsy, to which he was subject, and the other remains a confirmed imbecile.

5. The patients remaining at the end of the year, except in one instance, which was duly reported to the Government, showed no improvement in their mental condition, though their general health was fairly good.

6. Seven deaths occurred during the year.

7. Nothing of moment occurred during the year to call for special notice, either in respect to the health or general conduct of the patients, who have availed themselves, to a limited extent only, of the recreation ground for exercise; whilst gardening has been readily performed by those willing and able for such work; and games of draughts, dominoes, and skittles have been indulged in indoors.

8. The buildings have been kept in moderately good repair, and thoroughly clean. They are, however, cheerless and ill adapted for the insane.

9. The Surgeon-Superintendent, who is also in charge of the Contagious Diseases Hospital, and the other officers of the establishment, have performed their onerous and difficult duties, frequently under embarrassing circumstances, with discretion and forbearance, and the comfort of the patients has been secured as far as possible.

10. The net expenditure of the establishment was £2244 1s. 8d., of which £1155 is chargeable to the Imperial Government, and the remainder, £1089 1s. 8d., to the Government of this Colony; the cost per head being £38 13s. 9d.

11. The usual Returns, marked A., B., and C., of Admissions, &c., Deaths, and Expenditure, are appended.

We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient humble Servants,

THOS. C. SMART,
F. W. MITCHELL, } *Official Visitors.*
GEO. INGE,

30th March, 1887.

A.

RETURN of the Number of Inmates in the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, during the Year 1886; with Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths; their Religion; and the Funds upon which they were borne.

<i>No. on 1st January.</i>	<i>Admitted.</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Religion.</i>		<i>Funds.</i>		<i>No. on 31st December.</i>
				Protestant.	Roman Catholic.	Colonial.	Imperial.	
61	3	1	7	38	26	23	41	56

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B.

RETURN of Deaths at the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, during the Year ending 31st December, 1886.

<i>No. of Register.</i>	<i>Date of Death.</i>	<i>Cause of Death.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
42	18th January	Epilepsy	57
108	18th January	Apoplexy	63
44	18th February	Senile Gangrene	74
78	22nd March	Apoplexy	68
47	30th March	Scirrhus of Liver	58
11	30th September	Apoplexy	60
33	30th November	Senilis	74

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C.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, for the Year 1886.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	991	16	5
Provisions	780	10	0
Medical Comforts	7	4	9
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	154	8	11
Fuel and Light.....	153	2	1
Medicines.....	5	0	0
Attendants' Uniforms	15	0	0
Interments	12	15	6
Travelling Expenses of Official Visitors	4	4	0
Repairs and Alterations	120	0	0
	<u>£2244</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

Average daily numbers—Colonial, 21½; Imperial, 30½.

	£	s.	d.
Amount chargeable to Colonial Government	1089	1	8
Ditto, at £32 per head, to Imperial Government	1155	0	0
Cost per head.....	38	13	9

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