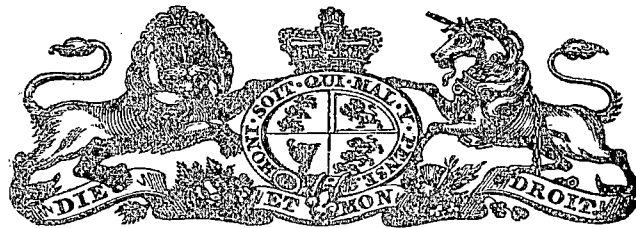


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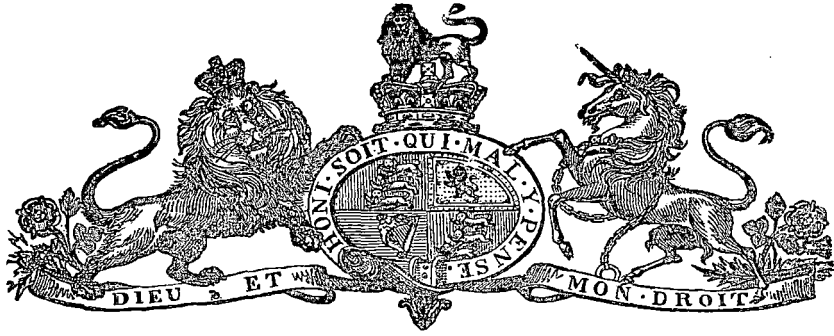
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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



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*REPORT for 1885.*

*Hospital for Insane, Cascades, 13th March, 1886.*

SIR,

PARLIAMENT having, by an Act passed during the late Session, decided to devolve the duties of inspection of the Hospital for the Insane upon a body of Official Visitors, in lieu of the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the Act 22nd Vict. No. 23, I have therefore the honor to submit the following Annual Report of this Institution for 1885.

The inmates on the 1st January numbered 53, and during the year 16 were admitted from the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk. Of the whole number 38 were Protestants and 31 were Roman Catholics—their mean age being 60½ years.

Forty-eight were chargeable to Imperial Funds and 21 to Colonial, as tabulated in Return A.

Eight deaths occurred, particulars of which are given in Return B.—leaving 61 on 31st December last, giving an average of 63 for the year.

The expenditure is shown in detail in Return C., and requires no further mention, perhaps, than that the credit taken for the transfer of stock and implements were those which, in previous years, afforded the means of supply of milk and produce of various kinds for the benefit of the Institution generally.

The cost per head has been calculated at £36 2s. 8d. on the gross expenditure, and at £35 6s. 3d. on the net; but as the Home contribution is fixed at £32 per head, the total amount chargeable to Imperial Funds is £1400, leaving £824 4s. 6d. to be defrayed from Colonial Funds.

As regards the mental condition of the inmates, but little prospect of improvement can be looked for, as the cases generally are of a chronic nature; but in two instances at least the outlook is not so disappointing, and it is very probable that the time is not far distant when some change may take place in respect to them.

The only games of amusement that it has been practicable to supply, such as dominoes, draughts, and skittles, have of late not been practised, whilst out-door labour of any kind suitable for those able to work has been performed with much readiness.

The buildings have been kept clean and healthy, and every consideration given to secure the comfort and-well being of the patients.

To conclude, I may add that the Commissioners continued to guard the interests of and make periodical visits to the Institution until the new Act came into operation in December last; that during the year two vacancies occurred in the Board, the first by the absence of Dr. G. W. Turnley from the Colony, the second by the death of the Hon. Dr. Butler; and that in each instance the vacancy was filled up, the former by the appointment of Dr. C. E. Barnard, the latter by the Hon. Dr. Agnew as President.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D.

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

## A.

*RETURN of the Number of Inmates of the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, during the Year 1885; 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.	
53	16	—	8	38	31	21	48	61

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## B.

*RETURN of Deaths at the Hospital for the Insane, Cascades, during the Year ending 31st December, 1885.*

No. of Register.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.
49	23rd January	Heart Disease	78
15	28th June	Brain Disease	60
65	15th July	Ditto	65
13	16th July	Pulmonary Apoplexy	63
17	19th July	Brain Disease	59
32	15th September	Pulmonary Disease	75
54	21st September	Paralysis	68
19	26th September	Brain Disease	71

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## C.

*RETURN showing the Cost of the Hospital for Insane, Cascades, for the Year 1885.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	1042	7	6	By Sale of Stock and Implements						
Provisions and Medical Comforts .....	819	5	0	to Boys' Training School...	40	0	0			
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery...	122	4	1	Sale of Pigs (cash).....	9	18	7			
Fuel and Light.....	162	5	8	Ditto condemned rags (cash)	2	8	0			
Medicines.....	6	17	4					52	6	7
Attendants' Uniforms .....	15	0	0							
Travelling Expenses of Commissioners.....	5	18	6							
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	24	0	0							
Interments.....	8	0	0							
Repairs, &c. to building.....	70	13	0	Net Cost.....				2224	4	6
Total Cost.....	2276	11	1					2276	11	1

Average daily numbers— Colonial, 19½; Imperial, 43½.

	£	s.	d.
Amount chargeable to Colonial Government.....	824	4	6
Ditto Imperial, at £32 per head.....	1400	0	0
Cost per head on Total Expenditure.....	36	2	8
Ditto Net ditto.....	35	6	2

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