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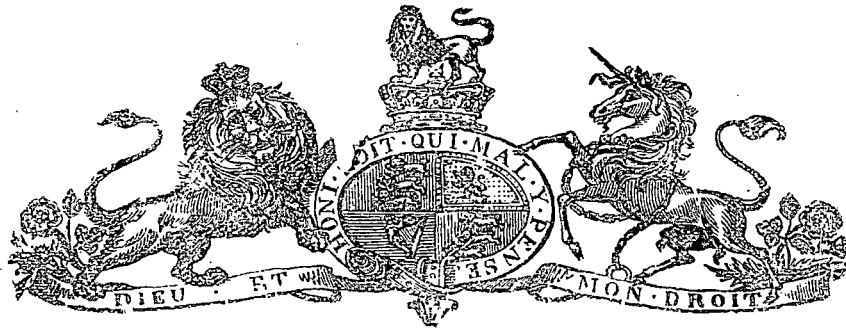
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION :

REPORT FOR 1890.

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



ANNUAL REPORT of the NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION for the Year ended 31st December, 1890.

New Town Charitable Institution, 20th May, 1891.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution from the 1st January to 31st December, 1890.

It will be seen from the accompanying returns that the strength of this establishment on the 31st December was 540—viz., 382 males and 158 females—being an increase of 20 on the previous year, while the average daily number was 592, an increase of three. There were admitted during the year 460 males and 143 females—being an increase of 46 males and 5 females on the admissions for the previous year. The discharges for the year were 350 males and 106 females—being a decrease of 16 males and 10 females on the previous year. The deaths were 95 males and 32 females.

The approximate ages of the inmates remaining in the institution on the 31st December, 1890, are as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
90 years and upwards	11	1	12
80 years to 90	72	18	90
70 to 80.....	182	57	239
60 to 70	96	47	143
50 to 60	12	15	27
Under 50 years	9	20	29
	<u>382</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>540</u>

The average age of the males is $71\frac{5}{8}$; Females $64\frac{1}{8}$.

There were during the year 356 cases of sickness, 321 males and 35 females. Of the inmates on the roll during the year—827 males and 296 females—506 could read and write; 113 read only; and 484 could neither read nor write. The birth-places of these inmates were:—

	Males.	Females.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania	24	37
England and Wales	537	77
Ireland	192	140
Scotland	51	36
Other British Possessions.....	6	2
Foreign Countries	14	4
Birth-places unknown.....	3	—
	<u>827</u>	<u>296</u>

TOTAL..... 1123

The gross expenditure for the year was £8665 6s. 2d. as compared with £8590 1s. 10d. for 1889. The net expenditure, £8263 3s. 11d. for 1890—£8176 12s. 1d. for 1889. The net cost per head per diem was 9d., or £13 19s. 2d. per annum, as against £13 17s. 8d. for 1889.

Many improvements have been effected during the year, which have added materially to the safety and comfort of the inmates; among them may be mentioned the completion of the fire escapes in the male division, and the iron verandah and balcony in the female division; the gas has been laid on in both buildings. Hydrants and hose have been supplied for use in case of fire and for gardening purposes. A kitchen range has been added to the B division, which enables baked and roast dinners to be given to the inmates. The ground in the enclosure of the female division has been planted with trees, shrubs, and flowers, and grass plots formed. The fumigating room has been rendered fit for use, and the old troughing in the lavatories has been replaced by enamelled washing-basins with plug and tap to each. Crockery plates and mugs have been substituted for tinware formerly in use.

I would like to take this opportunity of thankfully acknowledging the following welcome donations and contributions towards the library and reading-room and for distribution among the inmates during the year:—Donations in money to purchase books, to the extent of £2 5s., by visitors to the Institution. The *Mercury*, *Tasmanian News*, *Church News*, and *Catholic Standard*, by the proprietors thereof. Several volumes of the *Family Herald*, *Scribner*, *Harper*, and other publications, from Mrs. C. E. Davies. Two bound volumes of *Illustrated London News*, 1854-56, from Mrs. Willett. Several numbers of *The Graphic* and *Illustrated London News*, from Managers of New Town Library, Francis Butler, Esq., H. T. Maning, Esq., and several numbers of the *Australasian*, *Colonist*, *Tasmanian Mail*, and other papers from Mrs. J. H. Innes; copies of the *Australian Journal* and a quantity of other papers from Mrs. Perkins, of Bothwell; various English and Colonial papers from Messrs. W. W. Eldridge, G. R. Miller, and others; a lot of papers from the Secretary to the General Post Office. The Matron reports that she has received several papers and periodicals for the female inmates from Lady Young, Lady Wilson, Mrs. T. B. Clarke, and Mrs. A. J. Ogilvie.

Concerts and entertainments were given by friends of the Institution for the amusement of the inmates on an average about once a month. The Garrison Band, under Mr. W. T. Bates, also gave two concerts during the year, which were much appreciated.

The Chaplains have been assiduous in their spiritual duties, and the Sisters of Mercy, the Flower Mission, the Ladies Reading Committee, and other ladies and gentlemen who take an interest in the welfare of the inmates, have continued their visits of charity and kindness. Mrs. Colonel Shelton and other ladies gave their usual annual feast of cakes, fruit, and tobacco to the male inmates, and the Ladies' Reading Committee entertained the female inmates with a feast and concert on the 17th December. Buns, fruit, and tobacco were supplied as usual on Good Friday, through the exertions of Mr. J. W. Johnson.

The Cascade Brewery Company and Mr. G. Nichols, of the Globe Brewery, generously supplied the inmates with beer for their Christmas dinner.

The vegetable garden has been most successfully managed by Mr. Overseer Scully, 34,628 lbs. having been produced and used in the Institution, and the flower borders enriched by gifts of bulbs and chrysanthemum plants by Messrs. J. Baily, J. Bidencope, and G. Luckman.

The conduct of the inmates generally has been satisfactory, and the discipline of the Institution has been all that could be desired, through the zealous and efficient aid which I have at all times received from the officers associated with me in the management of this Institution.

I beg to annex extracts from the Visitors' Book, a Statement of the Expenditure, and the usual Statistical Returns.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.



APPENDIX A.

EXTRACTS FROM VISITORS' BOOK.

WE have visited this Institution to-day. All the inmates seem happy and contented, and well cared for.

LIZZIE NAPIER.
UNA HALLEY.
J. GERTRUDE HALLEY.
W. SMITHERS GADD.
RICH. DAVIS.
ALFRED W. FERGO.

3. 1. 90.

WE have this day visited this Establishment and have found it exceedingly clean, and the inmates well looked after; having visited several such Institutions in the old country, you have great cause to be proud of yours.

D. T. DAVIES, *Birmingham, England.*
MRS. D. T. DAVIES, *ditto.*
MISS MURIEL DAVIES, *ditto.*
MRS. JAMES MOORE, *Melbourne.*
JAMES MOORE, *ditto.*

3. 1. 90.

I HAVE this day visited both male and female departments, and found everything clean and comfortable, reflecting great credit upon the Superintendent and officers of the Institution.

24. 1. 90.

ALFRED CRISP, *M.H.A.*

A THOROUGHLY clean and comfortable Institution.

30. 1. 90.

FREDERICK ROSENGREW, *Swanston-street, Melbourne.*

VERY much pleased with everything we have seen in this Establishment, and we recommend other colonies to take example.

1. 2. 90.

A. M. LEVIEN, *South Australia.*
H. P. HAYWARD, *Melbourne.*

By kind permission of Chief Secretary obtained a look through the Institution. Superintendent particularly obliging. Pleased with the way things are managed.

12. 3. 90.

E. NEVILL.

VISITED this Institution. Found everything in very satisfactory condition. Inmates apparently well cared for and comfortable.

30. 5. 90.

J. O'BOYLE.
EDWD. D. DOBBIE.

WE visited this Institution to-day, and beg to thank Mr. Richardson, the Superintendent, for his courtesy in taking us round the Institution under his charge, and for the facilities and general help he afforded us in obtaining the official information that was considered necessary.

9. 6. 90.

W. H. MACFARLANE, *M.B.*
J. S. CRAMPTON, *L.R.C.P.E.*

WE visited this Institution to-day, and were very much pleased with the clean state of buildings and the inmates.

27. 6. 90.

GEORGE SIMMONS.
G. E. HAYES.
JAS. NAYLOR.
J. F. BRAMICH.
GEORGE K. SIMMONS.

WE leave the Institution quite delighted with the arrangements for patients.

29. 6. 90.

G. GRIFFITHS.
S. WILSON.
HENRY J. HARVEY.

VERY pleased with all the arrangements of the Institution and the provisions made for the aged and infirm.

16. 7. 90.

A. TURNBULL, *Clergyman C. of E., Cobargo, N.S.W.*
R. M. POLLARD, *5, St. George's Terrace, Hobart.*
J. W. MARTIN, *Sydney.*
A. L. TURNBULL, *Cobargo, N.S.W.*

MADE the round of the Institution guided by Mr. Seager, and desire to express the admiration we feel for the whole Institution, and thank that gentleman for his kindness in so completely showing us the inner working thereof.

E. MACFIE, *Sydney, N.S.W.*
HERBERT PHILLIPS, *Auckland, N.Z.*
C. A. MACARTHUR, *Glasgow, Scotland.*

19. 7. 90.

HAVE seen all, and am pleased with every department in the Institution.

17. 9. 90.

THOS. L. HAWKER, *Adelaide, S.A.*

VERY much pleased with general appearance of cleanliness and class and quality of food (inmates being at dinner).

6. 10. 90.

GEORGE BULLER, *Melbourne,*
(Agent for F. Macabe).

VERY much pleased with the Institution.

20. 12. 90.

HENRY G. MORTON, *Shoalhaven, N.S.W.*
O. G. MORTON, *Murwillumbah, N.S.W.*

AN excellently well conducted asylum, worthy of its grand object.

25. 12. 90.

J. E. SCANTLEBURY, *Sydney.*

EXTRACT FROM VISITORS' BOOK, FEMALE DIVISION.

DELIGHTED at general comfort and quality of food.

6. 10. 90.

GEORGE BULLER, *Melbourne.*

INSTITUTION fairly clean, but badly in want of paint. I should think it is absolutely necessary that the Establishment be thoroughly painted, not only for appearance sake, but for cleanliness. The roof joists look, to a person used to a carefully kept Institution, dirty and shabby. Everything seems done for the benefit of the patients that can be reasonably done.

29. 10. 90.

A. SOLOMON, *Chairman of Trustees Otago Benevolent Institution,*
New Zealand.

PAID a short visit to inspect the tree-felling by the church, a step which is to be regretted as far as the Institution is concerned. Found the Establishment very clean, and many of the improvements carried out suggested by the Royal Commission.

5. 11. 90.

W. T. H. BROWN, *Conservator of Forests.*

MUCH delighted with the comfort and cleanliness of wards.

6. 11. 90.

A. M. SLY.

APPENDIX B.

RECEIPTS and Expenditure for the Year 1890.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	...			1140	14	9	Cash, maintenance of inmates	152	15	3
Contingencies—							Cash, other sources	17	9	0
Provisions	4607	2	8				Labour, men at Cemetery	122	14	0
Medical comforts....	180	18	6				Labour, men at farm	109	4	0
Medicines and medical attendance.....	149	17	1				Net cost.....	8263	3	11
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	1155	13	11							
Fuel and light	606	6	6							
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses.....	274	7	10							
Repairs and alterations to buildings.	550	4	11							
				7524	11	5				
				£8665	6	2		£8665	6	2

APPENDIX C.

COMPARATIVE Return of Ages of Inmates for the Ten Years ending 1890.

	1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.		1889.		1890.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Deaths	76	20	94	35	109	24	127	36	104	48	107	39	132	36	84	34	84	28	95	32
Average Age of those who died	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{3}$	74	72	73	70	73	73	73 $\frac{3}{4}$	72 $\frac{3}{4}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{4}$	72	73 $\frac{2}{3}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{3}$	72	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	75	72 $\frac{1}{6}$
Oldest	85	90	91	91	94	92	94	88	96	91	95	92	91	95	94	99	86	90	95	87
Youngest	45	16	28	19	54	53	53	53	34	27	32	25	23	55	30	33	39	51	31	57
Average Age of those remaining 31st December, 1890	68	60	69	60	69	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	68	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	68	61	67 $\frac{3}{4}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	70	62 $\frac{3}{4}$	70	63	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	64
Ditto Males and Females combined, 31st December, 1890.....	64		64 $\frac{1}{2}$		65		64 $\frac{3}{4}$		64 $\frac{1}{2}$		64 $\frac{1}{2}$		68		68 $\frac{1}{2}$		68		67 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Oldest	91	88	91	90	92	89	90	92	95	83	96	84	97	95	98	99	99	88	99	88
Youngest	29	15	18	8	20	9	20	20	20	15	22	16	21	12	23	12	12	14	18	12

APPENDIX D.

COMPARATIVE Strength Return for the Ten Years ending 1890.

	1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.		1889.		1890.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. of Inmates, 1 January	408	157	420	175	422	168	413	177	364	186	423	184	467	176	412	168	405	159	367	153
Admitted during year	481	150	543	187	575	201	470	170	557	170	627	178	581	171	479	157	414	138	460	143
TOTALS	889	307	963	362	997	369	883	347	921	356	1050	362	1048	347	891	325	819	297	827	296
Discharged during year...	393	112	447	159	475	168	391	124	394	124	475	147	504	143	402	132	368	116	350	106
Died during year	76	20	94	35	109	24	127	36	104	48	107	39	132	36	84	34	84	28	95	32
TOTALS	469	132	541	194	584	192	518	160	498	172	...	186	636	179	486	166	452	144	445	138
Remaining 31 December.	420	175	422	168	413	177	365	187	423	184	...	176	412	168	405	159	367	153	382	158

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APPENDIX E.

COMPARATIVE Statement of the Average Daily Number of Inmates, and Expenditure, for the Ten Years ending 1890.

	1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.		1889.		1890.											
	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.	Average Daily No. of Inmates.	Net Expenditure.										
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
Charitable Institution.	611	6965	18 5½	577	7440	3 1	642	8501	13 11	626	8444	15 4	609	8474	19 3	670½	8901	5 8	661½	8587	0 5	624	8841	13 7	589	8176	12 1	592	8263	3 11
Brickfields....	119½	1394	4 5½	89	1053	15 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS..	730½	8360	2 11	666	8493	18 8	642	8501	13 11	626	8444	15 4	609	8474	19 3	670½	8901	5 8	661½	8587	0 5	624	8841	13 7	589	8176	12 1	592	8263	3 11
Per Diem ...	...	7½d.	...	8½d.	...	8½d.	...	9d.	...	9d.	...	8½d.	...	8½d.	...	9½d.	...	9d.	...	9d.	...	9d.	...	9d.	...	9d.	...	9d.	...	9d.
Per Annum..	...	11 8 11½	...	12 15 0½	...	13 4 10	...	13 9 9½	...	13 18 3½	...	13 5 6	...	12 19 9½	...	14 3 4½	...	13 17 8	...	13 19 2	...	13 19 2	...	13 19 2	...	13 19 2	...	13 19 2	...	13 19 2

GEO. RICHARDSON, Superintendent.