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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR 1865.

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*ANNUAL REPORT for 1865.*

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THE Board of Management of the Launceston General Hospital, in again submitting to Government the Annual Report of that Institution, is glad to be in a position to state, that while no special event has occurred to mark the transactions of the past year, the Board has every reason to believe that the efficiency and usefulness of the Hospital continue unimpaired.

The Hospital has been visited recently by many medical gentlemen and other visitors from the neighbouring Colonies, and it has been a matter of much satisfaction to the Board to learn from the opinions expressed by those persons that the Institution is unsurpassed in the Australias.

The number of both In-door and Out-door Patients has considerably increased during the year, and the expenditure has been on the lowest possible scale compatible with efficiency.

In conclusion, the Board has again to express its continued approval of the general and professional management of the Institution by Dr. Miller, and begs to refer to his accompanying Report for the statistics of the year.

For the Board of Management,

ISAAC SHERWIN, *Chairman.*

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*REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent of the LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL for the Year 1865.*

DURING the year 1865 there were admitted into Hospital 364 Patients, of whom 303 were males, and 61 females: 298 were Hospital cases, and 66 were Invalids.

There were remaining under treatment at the close of 1864, 79 Patients; so that the total number treated during the year 1865 was 443; of whom 212 were discharged cured, 78 relieved, and 16 incurable; 57 died, and 80 remained.

As in former years nearly all who died had been admitted in a hopeless condition. Five died on the day of admission, one on the day after, six on the second day after, four on the third, three on the fourth, three on the sixth, and two on the seventh.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years .....	2
From 20 to 30 .....	1
30 to 40 .....	5
40 to 50 .....	8
50 to 60 .....	10
60 to 70 .....	19
70 to 80 .....	5
80 to 90 .....	6
90 to 100 .....	1
TOTAL.....	<u>57</u>

Of the Patients admitted, 36 were Self-supporting, 15 were either wholly or in part charged to Imperial Funds, and 313 were Colonial Paupers.

The sum of £111 12s. 6d. was received from paying Patients during the year.

The average daily number during the year was 87, and the daily cost per head 2s. 0½d.

The cases treated during 1865 were:—

	<i>In-door Cases.</i>	<i>Out-door Cases.</i>	<i>Totals.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory organs .....	38	73	111
brain and nervous system .....	38	17	55
digestive system .....	28	89	117
heart and blood-vessels .....	8	8	16
eyes .....	21	16	37
skin .....	7	68	75
bones and joints .....	19	11	30
Fevers .....	7	4	11
Dropsies .....	11	1	12
Rheumatic affections .....	51	23	74
Venereal affections .....	18	35	53
Abscesses and ulcers .....	34	53	87
Wounds and injuries .....	42	39	81
All other diseases .....	121	111	232
	<u>443</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>991</u>

The diseases and injuries that ended fatally were:—

	CASES.
Paralysis .....	7
Dropsy .....	6
Pulmonary consumption .....	6
Pneumonia.....	3
Chronic Bronchitis .....	3
Typhoid fever .....	3
Mortification .....	3
Organic heart disease .....	4
Cancer .....	2
Peritonitis .....	2
Dysentery .....	2
Erysipelas .....	2
Apoplexy .....	1
Aneurism .....	1
Hepatitis .....	1
Retention of urine .....	1
Tetanus .....	1
Compound fracture of leg and other injuries .....	1
Burns .....	3
Infirmity of age.....	5
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TOTAL.....	<u>57</u>

J. L. MILLER, *Surgeon Superintendent.*