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IN accordance with the terms of the Rules and Regulations, and the usual custom, the Trustees of the Cornwall Hospital have again to present their Annual Report, though little of importance in the events of the past year has to be recorded.

The Trustees, however, have the satisfaction of stating that the Institution continues to afford an increased amount of relief to the sick and injured poor of the Northern side of the Island, as the details of the Surgeon's Report will show; and they desire to take this opportunity of expressing their continued confidence in that Officer. It is with much pleasure that the Trustees refer to the approaching completion of the New Hospital, which is expected to be ready for occupation in September next. The sum originally voted for the erection of this building was found to be insufficient to carry it out to the extent at first contemplated; but the portion already erected will give accommodation to some 75 or 80 Patients, and with an amount of comfort and regard to sanitary arrangements unattainable in the present Hospital. It is to be regretted, however, that the projected separate building for females could not have been carried out; for had the whole of the present erection been reserved for men, a number of Invalids could have been accommodated here who must otherwise be sent to Hobart Town.

The plan of the new building is a modification of what is called the Pavilion Style of Hospital Architecture, of which the New Military Hospital at Vincennes, and the celebrated Lariboisière at Paris are the most noted examples. The new Surgical Hospital at Glasgow, opened since the commencement of the Launceston Hospital, bears a striking resemblance to it in its structure and details. The size of the large wards, and the arrangements for lighting, heating, and for ventilation, are very similar; while the amount of cubic feet of air to each Patient is considerably greater in the Launceston Hospital. On the whole, the Hospital in Mulgrave-square may be regarded as a building eminently suited for the purpose for which it is intended, and the possession of which may be to the public of Launceston a subject of congratulation.

The Trustees have resolved on a new scale of subscriptions, giving increased privileges to the Subscribers in the recommendation of Patients. In future, each Annual Subscriber of One Pound shall be entitled to recommend two Out-door Patients; of Two Pounds, one In-door Patient, and one Out-door; and of Five Pounds, three In-door Patients and three Out-door, during the current year. The Trustees also take this opportunity of stating that, in accordance with the desire of the Government, the financial year will in future terminate on the 31st December.

The Trustees have carefully expended the funds committed to their care; and while they believe that the Hospital has never been more efficient than during the past year, the expenditure has been (in proportion to the number of Patients treated) considerably lower than in the year previous. And not merely were there a greater number of Patients treated, but the average daily state during the past year was very considerably greater, as proved by the fact that nearly 2000 more diets were issued than in the year ending 30th June, 1861.

Under these circumstances, the Trustees have felt themselves justified (notwithstanding the increased number of Patients to be expected at the new Hospital,) in calculating the probable expenditure for 1863 at a rate not higher than that of 1862.

*REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent of the CORNWALL HOSPITAL, for the Year ending
30th June, 1862.*

DURING the past year there were admitted into Hospital 341 Patients, of whom 285 were males, and 56 females; 312 were Hospital cases, and 29 were Invalids.

There were remaining under treatment at the date of the last Annual Return, 60 Patients; so that the total number treated during the year ending 30th June, 1862, was 401; of whom 238 were discharged cured, 33 relieved, and 23 incurable; 51 died, and 56 remained under treatment.

Of those who were discharged as incurable, nearly all were Invalids removed to Port Arthur or to the Brickfields Depôt. There being very limited accommodation for Invalids at the Cornwall Hospital, it has frequently been necessary to send those able to bear the journey to the other side of the Island, which has had the effect of considerably increasing the rate of mortality here; the worst cases—helpless and bedridden—being left behind.

Of the 51 who died, 35 were admitted in an apparently hopeless state, and 19 died before the seventh day in Hospital; namely,—6 on the day of admission, 2 on the day after, 1 on the second day after, 6 on the third, 2 on the fourth, 1 on the fifth, and 1 on the sixth.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	1
From 20 to 30	5
„ 30 to 40	7
„ 40 to 50	11
„ 50 to 60	13
„ 60 to 70	10
„ 70 to 80	1
„ 80 to 90	2
Above 90	1
TOTAL	51

Of the Patients admitted, there were 43 self-supporting, 14 sent in by Subscribers, 29 charged to Imperial funds, and 255 were Government Paupers. The number of Out-patients treated during the year was 203.

The cases treated during the year were—

	In-door Cases.	Out-Door Cases.	Totals.
Diseases of respiratory organs	45	35	80
Ditto the brain and nervous system	23	8	31
Ditto digestive system	26	40	66
Ditto heart and blood-vessels	8	—	8
Ditto the eyes	21	8	29
Ditto the skin	13	21	34
Ditto bones and joints	14	4	18
Fevers	11	2	13
Dropsies	9	3	12
Rheumatic affections	23	8	31
Venereal affections	15	7	22
Abscesses and ulcers	41	16	57
Wounds and injuries	53	18	71
All other diseases	99	33	132
	401	203	604

The diseases and injuries that proved fatal were—

Pulmonary consumption	10 Cases.
Dropsy	4 "
Cancer	4 "
Apoplexy	3 "
Chronic bronchitis	3 "
Paralysis	2 "
Organic heart disease	2 "
Fever	2 "
Inflammation of lungs	1 "
Asthma	1 "
Pleurisy	1 "
Dysentery	1 "
Chronic inflammation of stomach	1 "
Inflammation of the bowels	1 "
Epilepsy	1 "
Gangrene, from extravasation of urine	1 "
Idiopathic tetanus	1 "
Decay of nature	6 "
Concussion of the brain	1 "
Cutthroat, with <i>delirium tremens</i>	1 "
Fracture of spine	1 "
Burns	2 "
Fracture of leg (Patient being above 90 years old)	1 "
TOTAL	<u>51 Cases.</u>

Four important surgical operations were performed by me during the year,—in each case successfully. They were,—1 amputation of the thigh, 1 of the leg, 1 of the finger with part of the metacarpal bone, and 1 removal of an epulis from the lower jaw.

J. L. MILLER, *Surgeon Superintendent.*

THE CORNWALL HOSPITAL and INFIRMARY in Account Current with the Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

	Quarter ending 30 Sept., 1861.	Quarter ending 31 Dec., 1861.	Quarter ending 31 Mar., 1862.	Quarter ending 30 June, 1862.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
From 1 Subscriptions	11 10 0	48 1 0	14 14 0	5 0 0	79 5 0
July, Government Aid	500 0 0	500 0 0	870 0 0	500 0 0	2,370 0 0
1861, to Hospital Fees	86 9 0	22 13 0	118 5 0	62 19 0	290 6 0
30 June, Wages forfeited	3 2 0	1 12 0	0 5 0	—	4 19 0
1862. Found on deceased Patients	—	5 10 9	—	3 10 0	9 0 9
	601 1 0	577 16 9	1003 4 0	571 9 0	2,753 10 9
June 30 By Balance					123 18 6
					<u>£2,877 9 3</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	Quarter ending 30 Sept., 1861.	Quarter ending 31 Dec., 1861.	Quarter ending 31 Mar., 1862.	Quarter ending 30 June, 1862.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1861. June 30. Balance	—	—	—	—	163 9 5
From 1 Surgeon and Secretary, Salary	125 0 0	125 0 0	125 0 0	125 0 0	500 0 0
July, Pay of Officers and Attendants	98 9 0	99 4 0	97 10 0	98 7 0	393 10 0
1861, to Contingent Account	6 14 11	5 3 4	6 9 6	5 14 2	24 1 11
30 June, Bread	38 10 9	36 9 9	26 10 11	26 2 6	127 13 11
1862. Meat	50 17 10	48 4 6	43 16 1	42 2 8	185 1 1
Groceries	42 4 0	38 19 8	36 12 7	40 9 4	158 5 7
Milk	20 10 8	20 18 9	22 17 6	24 0 11	88 17 10
Washing	14 13 2	17 3 3	15 15 5	16 14 3	64 6 1
Wine, Beer, and Spirits	13 10 6	7 1 0	13 14 0	23 11 0	57 16 6
Vegetables and Straw	9 6 5	7 11 4	7 12 11	5 13 11	30 4 7
Funerals	19 12 0	34 6 0	21 4 0	34 9 0	109 11 0
Fuel	66 3 11	21 7 9	12 16 4	53 19 4	154 7 4
New Cess.; emptying, and repairs	20 4 3	7 7 0	0 8 0	—	27 19 3
Board and Lodging, Invalids	12 18 9	4 12 0	—	—	17 10 9
Advertising, Printing, & Stationery	3 18 0	8 3 8	8 1 6	12 9 6	32 12 8
Hardware and Sundries	2 2 1	5 5 7	—	2 1 7	9 9 3
Matting, Clothing, and Bedding	1 9 0	21 2 3	—	34 18 4	57 9 7
Professional assistance	0 10 6	—	4 4 0	—	4 14 6
Municipal Rates	1 17 11	—	2 15 0	—	4 12 11
Drugs and Leeches	17 11 1	24 9 6	80 7 7	6 6 6	128 14 8
Gas	8 6 6	5 2 6	5 18 6	10 14 6	30 2 0
Rent	93 15 0	93 15 0	93 15 0	93 15 0	375 0 0
Passage Money	16 0 0	—	—	—	16 0 0
Chimney Sweep	—	—	0 15 0	0 10 0	1 5 0
Fire Insurance	—	—	7 10 0	—	7 10 0
	684 6 3	631 6 10	633 13 10	656 19 6	
Paid Balance of £1000 borrowed by Trustees on purchase of premises					107 13 5
					<u>£2,877 9 3</u>
1862. June 30. To Balance					£123 18 6

RICHARD GREEN, *Treasurer.*