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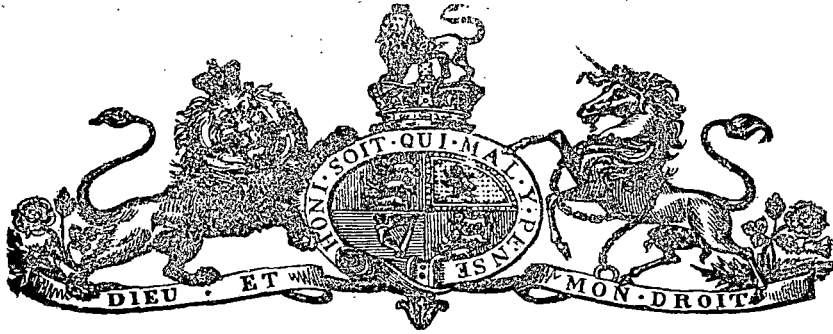
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

INVALID DEPOT, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1874.

Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 27, 1875,



INVALID DEPOT, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1874.

Invalid Depot, Launceston, 6th. March, 1875.

SIR,

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to forward the usual Annual Report for this Institution for the year 1874.

On the 1st January, 1874, the number of inmates was.....	131
Admitted during the year.....	141
	272
Discharged during the year.....	115 } 146
Died.....	31 }
	126
Remaining on the 31st December.....	126
Daily average number.....	129
Average age of inmates.....	67 years.

As compared with former years the number admitted has been about the same, whilst the number claiming their discharge is fifty per cent. less; the latter case may in some measure be attributed to the new regulations, which came into operation last August; but I think it may be fairly assumed that the majority of the inmates in the Institution are quite unable to provide for themselves, and therefore prefer remaining.

Although the number shown as discharged is in excess of last year, that is accounted for by five (5) being removed to the General Hospital, and forty-two (42) transferred to the Cascade Invalid Depot; the latter was unavoidable in consequence of the increased number of applicants, many of whom otherwise would have had to have been supported (at the expense of the Government) in the country districts at a cost far in excess of that incurred at the Depot, whilst others would have become a burden upon the Benevolent Society here.

Two hundred cases of sickness were treated during the year.

The average age at time of death was 69.3.

Although the standing number has been reduced from 134 to 120, thirty invalids are still compelled to sleep in that part of the Gaol formerly used by debtors, &c.

On the whole, the conduct of the inmates has been satisfactory. One man was expelled for misconduct prior to the regulations being published.

The rations, &c. supplied by the various contractors were very good.

I beg to call your attention to the necessity of providing increased lavatory accommodation ; the cost would not be considerable as some of the materials are on the ground.

I append a statement showing the expenditure for the year, and the average cost per head.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

EXPENDITURE for 1874.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	224	17	0
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Provisions and medical comforts.....	862	1	11
Medicines.....	32	5	0
Clothing, bedding, and stores.....	216	1	10
Fuel and light.....	125	18	2
Stationery.....	2	8	1
Water.....	20	0	0
Miscellaneous and incidental.....	58	19	3
Repairs and alterations to buildings.....	22	12	11
	<u>£1565</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
Average cost per head per annum.....	£12	2	8

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*