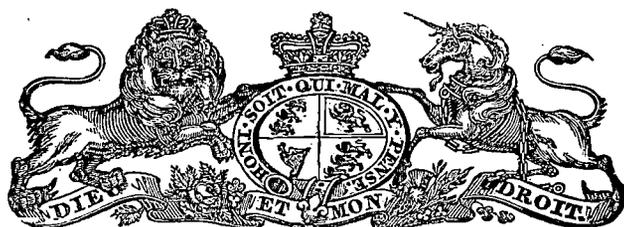


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REPORT on VACCINATION for the Year 1879.

I HAVE the honor to lay before the Government my Report on Vaccination for the year 1879.

The total number of vaccinations during the year amounted to 273: of these 154 were returned from country districts, and 119 were performed in Hobart Town.

In Hobart Town the vaccinations would have been more numerous had it not been that in May last, by direction of the late Ministry, the Vaccination Depôt was transferred from the Office in Collins-street to the General Hospital. No vaccinations were therefore performed at the former place until October last. During the time that this arrangement existed one child only was vaccinated at the Hospital.

In October vaccination was resumed at the Office in Collins-street; and during the ensuing three months 51 cases were successfully vaccinated.

Although (as I have stated in a Memorandum addressed to the Government, dated January 23rd, 1880) the number of cases operated on at the Central Office is small, yet the arm to arm vaccination of only a few children weekly is of great importance in keeping up a supply of fresh vaccine lymph, which is distributed to Private Practitioners and the Public Vaccinators,—a large number of children being by this means vaccinated who would otherwise remain unprotected.

The cost of maintaining the Central Office is very trivial, amounting to about £70 per annum, the principal item being rent £20, and salary of Assistant £39,—the Superintendent of Vaccinations receiving no remuneration.

The services of the Assistant are most important, as without his aid in seeking out children and bringing them to the Office vaccination would entirely cease, as was shown in the experiment tried at the Hospital mentioned above.

In conclusion I would, in this as I have done in each of my previous Reports, urge upon the Government the vital importance of passing a compulsory Vaccination Act. Only a few weeks ago a vessel arrived in one of the neighbouring Colonies with Small-pox on board.

We may go on with impunity in our unprotected state for perhaps many years; but at any moment it is possible that Small-pox may be introduced. Its spread would be rapid where so comparatively few are protected, and the population might be decimated.

15th April, 1880.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Superintendent of Vaccinations.*

VACCINATION Return for the Year 1879.

<i>Registration District of—</i>	<i>Name of Public Vaccinator.</i>	<i>Date of Vaccination.</i>	<i>Total vaccinated.</i>	<i>At and under 6 Months old.</i>	<i>6 Months to 12 Months.</i>	<i>One Year, and upwards.</i>	<i>Returned on 8th Day.</i>	<i>Entirely successful.</i>	<i>Entirely unsuccessful.</i>
Deloraine	Dr. M'Neece	Sept. 2nd to Oct. 27th	48	3	7	38	38	38	
Franklin	Dr. Shaw	Oct. 27th to Dec. 15th	43	2	2	39	43	40	3
Brandy Creek	Dr. Park	Jan. 11th to Feb. 24th	41	5	6	30	41	41	
Westbury	Dr. Allnutt ...	July 3rd to Dec. 30th	22	2	2	18	22	22	
Hobart Town.....	Dr. Turnley ...	Jan. 3rd to Dec. 20th	119	4	8	107	116	115	1
			273	16	25	232	260	256	4

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Supt. of Vaccinations.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart Town, 25th November, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Government have at the present time under consideration the question of public Vaccination.

I shall feel obliged by your informing me if any adequate result is attained by keeping open the Office in Collins-street, and the employment of the Assistant in that Office.

It appears to the Government very questionable whether the means now adopted are productive of sufficient benefit to warrant the continued expenditure under this head.

I have, &c.

WM. MOORE.

EDWARD O. GIBLIN, *Esg., M.D.*,
Acting Superintendent of Vaccinations, Hobart Town.

Vaccination Office, 12th January, 1880.

SIR,

IN reply to your communication of the 25th of November last, addressed to my then *locum tenens* Dr. Giblin, in which you request to be informed "if any adequate result is attained by keeping open the Vaccination Office in Collins-street, and the employment of the Assistant in that Office," I have the honor to state that I consider its maintenance of great importance as regards the keeping up of successful vaccination in the Colony. The number of vaccinations performed at the Office is no doubt small; but, from four or five being vaccinated each week, a constant supply of fresh lymph can be procured for distribution amongst Private Practitioners and the Public Vaccinators throughout the Island.

This result could not be attained without an Assistant. As the poor will not, without persuasion, bring their children to the Office, his services are invaluable in visiting their dwellings and inducing them to do so; and this work he performed with great zeal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE TURNLEY,
Superintendent of Vaccinations.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.