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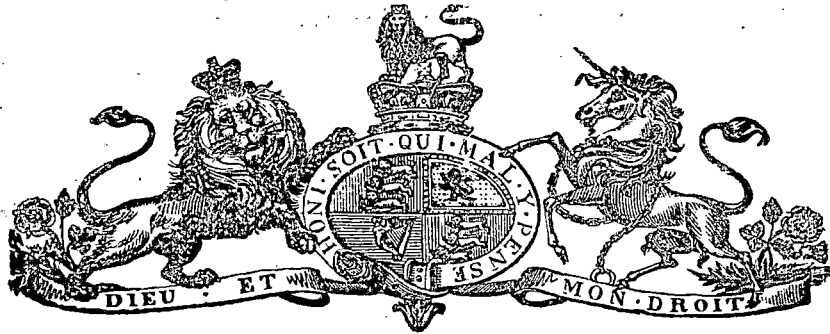
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HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, NEW NORFOLK.

REPORT FOR 1872.

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*Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, 1st January, 1873.*

*To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

DURING the past year a small further increase in the number of Patients in this Institution has taken place. At one period of the year they had reached the number of 279; but, before its close, had again declined to 271,—being 5 more than appears in the Return of 1871. From an examination of the Returns for the last seven years, it appears that the average annual increase for that period has been 9; but, while the number of Patients under treatment in the Hospital has thus gradually risen, the number of admissions during the same period has been nearly stationary,—indicating that the increase that has taken place is chiefly due to the accumulation of chronic cases.

This result is in accordance with the experience of the adjoining Australian Colonies, and more especially of New South Wales, with which this Colony is most nearly identified in point of age and early social condition, out of which so large a portion of the insanity existing in both Colonies has sprung.

At present the number of insane persons in Tasmania, in proportion to the whole population, is in excess of that which prevails in the United Kingdom and other European Countries; but the time must come when the special cause which has led to, and still maintains, that excess will cease to operate, and the amount of insanity for which the Colony has now to provide will be reduced to the rate existing in other lands.

The increase that has thus taken place in the number of Patients has filled the Hospital to its utmost proper capacity; and any further augmentation would be attended with embarrassment. In the detached cottage for Female Patients alone some vacant room is to be found.

Since the date of the last Report of the Commissioners the Institution has been conducted with all the quiet efficiency which has long characterised its management.

No inmate has been subjected to personal restraint, and none have attempted to escape.

Various minor improvements and necessary repairs have been effected by the labour of the Patients, including the erection of a verandah in front and at the back of the cottage for idiot boys, a separate bath-room attached to the refractory ward for females, and a substantial foot-bridge across the Lachlan leading to the farm and home of the idiot boys.

The general condition of the Hospital buildings is satisfactory; and such repairs as they require will be effected by the labour of the Patients.

Of the whole number of Patients under treatment during the year, the cost of 37 only has been borne by the Imperial, and of 234 by the Colonial Government.

The entire expenditure for the year was £6717 10s. 11d.—£182 2s. 4d. less than in the previous year,—the annual cost of each Patient being £24 10s. 4d., or 1s. 4d. per diem.

Thirty-nine Patients have been wholly or partially self-supporting. On their account the sum of £1235 17s. has been received,—being £89 15s. 9d. more than was derived from the same source in the previous year.

The usual Statistical and other Returns are hereto appended.

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*RETURN of Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, and Re-admissions in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, showing the per-centage of Discharges and Deaths from 1st January to 31st December, 1872.*

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
<i>Admissions.</i>			
Remaining 31 December, 1871 .....	139	127	266
Admitted during the year 1872.....	29	15	44
Total .....	168	142	310
Remaining on 31 December, 1872.....	144	129	273
<i>Discharges.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year .....	6	4	10
Of previous Admissions .....		5	9
Total discharged .....	10	9	19
<i>Deaths.</i>			
Of those admitted during the year .....	6	—	6
Of previous Admissions .....	8	4	12
Total Deaths.....	14	4	18
<i>Re-admissions.—Nil.</i>			

*Rate per cent. of Recoveries.*

On Admissions.....	43 $\frac{2}{11}$
On total treated .....	6 $\frac{4}{31}$

*Rate per cent. of Deaths.*

On Admissions.....	40 $\frac{10}{11}$
On total treated .....	5 $\frac{2}{31}$

*RETURN showing the Duration of Disease in Patients on Admission, and the Result for the Year 1872.*

No.	Date of Admission.	Duration of Disease on Admission.			Discharged recovered.	Died.	Present Condition.
		Years.	Months.	Weeks.			
723	4. 1. 72	—	2	—	—	—	Improved.
724	25. 1. 72	—	—	3	5. 3. 72	—	
725	29. 2. 72	—	—	1	7. 9. 72	—	
726	10. 3. 72	—	2	—	—	—	Improved.
727	10. 3. 72	—	—	1	—	9. 4. 72	
728	10. 3. 72	—	3	—	—	25. 4. 72	
729	11. 3. 72	—	1	—	10. 5. 72	—	
730	16. 3. 72	5	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
731	17. 3. 72	—	9	—	—	9. 5. 72	
732	28. 3. 72	—	3	—	18. 7. 72	—	
733	1. 4. 72	—	7	—	—	—	Not improved.
734	2. 4. 72	10	—	—	—	—	Improved.
735	18. 4. 72	—	9	—	10. 5. 72	—	
736	22. 4. 72	—	—	6	30. 12. 72	—	
737	24. 4. 72	—	2	—	—	29. 6. 72	
738	24. 4. 72	2	—	—	—	—	Improved.
739	28. 5. 72	—	—	3	—	—	Epileptic.
740	30. 5. 72	8	—	—	—	—	Epileptic.
741	1. 6. 72	—	—	3	—	—	Improved.
742	11. 6. 72	—	—	3	30. 12. 72	—	
743	12. 6. 72	25	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
744	12. 6. 72	—	1	—	11. 10. 72	—	
745	20. 6. 72	15	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
746	1. 7. 72	8	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
747	3. 7. 72	—	—	—	—	—	Epileptic.
748	3. 7. 72	—	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
749	8. 7. 72	—	2	—	3. 8. 72	—	
750	25. 7. 72	—	—	—	30. 12. 72	—	
751	8. 8. 72	—	7	—	—	25. 9. 72	
752	8. 8. 72	—	—	—	—	22. 10. 72	
753	16. 8. 72	2	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
754	16. 8. 72	Some	years.	—	—	—	Improved.
755	2. 9. 72	—	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
756	13. 9. 72	—	—	—	—	—	Not improved.
757	16. 9. 72	—	—	2	—	—	Not improved.
758	4. 10. 72	—	—	1	—	—	Improved.
759	13. 10. 72	3	—	—	—	—	Epileptic.
760	23. 10. 72	19	—	—	—	—	Improved.
761	25. 10. 72	—	—	3	—	—	Improved.
762	28. 10. 72	—	—	4	—	—	Improved.
763	5. 11. 72	—	3	—	—	—	Improved.
764	13. 11. 72	—	3	—	—	—	Improved.
765	23. 11. 72	—	—	5	—	—	Improved.
766	13. 12. 72	—	1	—	—	—	Not improved.

G. F. HUSTON, *Superintendent and Medical Officer.*

*RETURN of Patients who died in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, and Period of Detention, from 1st January to 31st December, 1872.*

No. in Register.	Date of Admission.			Date of Death.			Age at Death.
75	23.	4.	51	23.	3.	72	58
583	28.	7.	68	1.	4.	72	61
727	10.	3.	72	9.	4.	72	20
728	10.	3.	72	25.	4.	72	69
731	25.	3.	72	9.	5.	72	50
650	4.	4.	70	21.	5.	72	70
737	24.	4.	72	29.	6.	72	43
164	8.	7.	57	15.	7.	72	58
655	14.	6.	70	16.	7.	72	59
660	18.	7.	70	15.	8.	72	37
30	27.	1.	45	3.	9.	72	70
135	1.	6.	56	4.	9.	72	71
181	26.	1.	58	19.	9.	72	75
751	8.	8.	72	25.	9.	72	44
139	17.	7.	56	16.	10.	72	43
752	8.	8.	72	22.	10.	72	50
365	4.	10.	62	10.	11.	72	51
85	25.	8.	52	6.	12.	72	40

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*NUMBER of Patients in Hospital from 1865 to 1872, and Number of Admissions in each Year.*

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Number of Patients in Hospital at the end of each Year.</i>	<i>Number of Admissions in each Year.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
1865	229	43	Average increase from 1865 to 1872—Nine per annum.
1866	235	39	
1867	230	32	
1868	237	34	
1869	258	47	
1870	262	38	
1871	266	44	
1872	273	44	

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*RETURN of Articles of Clothing made and repaired by the Patients in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, from 1st January to 31st December, 1872.*

<i>ARTICLES.</i>	<i>MADE.</i>		<i>REPAIRED.</i>	
	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>	<i>By Males.</i>	<i>By Females.</i>
Aprons, women's	—	173	—	—
Boots, men's, pairs	5	—	109	—
Boots, women's, pairs	1	—	17	—
Boots, children's, pairs	—	—	5	—
Blinds, window	—	15	—	—
Blouzes, boys'	—	5	—	—
Cases, pillow and bolster	—	179	—	—
Caps, women's	—	66	—	—
Coats, blue and tweed	1	—	—	—
Dresses, print, coburg, and tweed	—	51	40	—
Dresses, ticking	—	75	—	—
Dresses, winsey	—	108	—	—
Dresses, serge	—	1	—	—
Drawers, cotton and flannel, pairs	—	6	—	—
Frocks, linen, men's	—	—	163	—
Gowns, night	—	4	—	—
Jackets, blue cloth	—	6	219	—
Jackets, serge and tweed, women's	—	12	—	—
Jackets, cotton, ditto	—	90	—	—
Jackets, canvas, men's	—	—	37	—
Miscellaneous "small articles"	—	134	134	3
Palliasses	—	—	—	12
Petticoats, flannel and serge	—	103	—	—
Rugs and counterpanes, and quilted	—	5	—	—
Sheets	—	—	—	34
Shirts, men's	—	456	—	338
Shoes, men's pairs	1	—	33	—
Shoes, women's, pairs	—	—	42	—
Shifts, women's	—	134	—	—
Slippers, pairs	16	—	15	—
Stockings, pairs	—	6	—	1076
Towels, hand and round	—	24	—	—
Trousers, fustian, pairs	13	5	977	—
Trousers, tweed, pairs	—	—	342	—
Trousers, linen, pairs	—	—	181	—
Table cloths	—	8	—	64
Vests, flannel	—	27	—	26
Vests, tweed, fustian, and cloth	2	—	141	—

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*RETURN of Work performed by Patients in co-operation with the Carpenter and Painter in the Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk, during the Year 1872.*

*Buildings erected.*—Front and back verandah to boys' cottage, with pantry; stable for bull, bath-house for cells, female division; Dutch barn, 227 posts and rails split.

*New Articles made.*—Press and cupboard for ladies' cottage, bath-house, boys' cottage shingled, shafts to horse-dray and cart, 2 shower-baths to female division, 2 wheels for barrows, hay rakes, quantity of handles for axes and brooms, new posts to laundry drying ground, 18 coffins.

*Repairs.*—Trough to mill-race for irrigation, sundry couches and chairs, wheels of horse-dray, drying-horses in laundry, bull cart, flooring in wards, cells, &c., fences in hospital grounds, farm, and garden.

*Glazier.*—Wards and cells coloured, water pipes repaired and kept in order, water taps repaired and kept in order, piping laid on to shower-baths, piping laid on to bath-house cells, 227 squares of glass put in.

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