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LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR 1864.

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In reviewing the proceedings of the past year the Managers have little of importance to report.

They have the satisfaction of stating that the charity continues to answer in every respect the ends for which it was instituted; and they desire to record their continued confidence in the general and professional management of the Establishment by the Surgeon Superintendent, Dr. Miller.

The Institution has been visited and inspected by His Excellency the Governor, by Members of the Ministry and other influential persons, who have expressed themselves highly gratified and pleased at the result of their inspection.

The dispute between the Government and the Municipal Council, in reference to Mulgrave-street, has been happily adjusted; and the whole of the Hospital Reserve known as Mulgrave-square has been surrounded by a fence sufficiently high at the rear to prevent the Establishment being overlooked by passers-by.

The average daily number of Inmates has considerably increased during the past year, and the daily cost of each has decreased in proportion.

For detailed statistical information the Managers beg to refer to the accompanying Report from the Surgeon Superintendent.

For the Board of Management,

ISAAC SHERWIN, *Chairman.*

REPORT of the Surgeon Superintendent of the LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL for the Year 1864.

DURING the year 1864 there were admitted into Hospital 302 Patients, of whom 240 were males, and 62 females : 261 were Hospital cases, and 41 were Invalids.

There were remaining under treatment at the close of 1863, 61 Patients; so that the total number treated during the year 1864 was 363; of whom 172 were discharged cured, 48 relieved, and 9 incurable; 55 died, and 79 remained.

Of those who died at least three-fourths were admitted in a hopeless condition. Three died on the day of admission, three on the day after, five on the second day after, one on the fourth, three on the fifth, and two on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows :—

Under 20 years	4
From 20 to 30	2
30 to 40	2
40 to 50	12
50 to 60	11
60 to 70	14
70 to 80	8
80 to 90	2
TOTAL.....	<u>55</u>

Of the Patients admitted, 38 were Self-supporting, 12 were either wholly or in part charged to Imperial Funds, and 252 were Colonial Paupers.

The sum of £140 17s. was received from Self-supporting Patients during the year.

The average daily number during the year was 71, and the daily cost of each (including the total expenses of the Establishment) 2s. 1d.

The cases treated during 1864 were :—

	<i>In-door Cases.</i>	<i>Out-door Cases.</i>	<i>Totals.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory organs.....	32	54	86
brain and nervous system.....	40	16	56
digestive system	21	77	98
heart and blood-vessels	14	5	19
eyes	24	9	33
skin	2	21	23
bones and joints	11	3	14
Fevers	2	2	4
Dropsies	10	4	14
Rheumatic affections	33	13	46
Venereal affections	11	12	23
Abscesses and ulcers	30	28	58
Wounds and injuries	38	15	53
All other diseases	95	64	159
	<u>363</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>686</u>

The diseases and injuries that proved fatal were:—

	Cases.
Pulmonary consumption	7
Paralysis	7
Dropsy	6
Decay of nature	6
Organic heart disease	4
Dysentery	3
Cancer	2
Phrenitis	2
Tetanus	2
Asthma	2
Thoracic Aneurism	2
Pneumonia	2
Typhoid Fever	2
Pleurisy	1
Chronic Rheumatism	1
Coma (from absorption of urea)	1
Ulcers	1
Injury of the chest	1
Compound fracture of the leg and thigh	1
Burns	2
TOTAL	<u>55</u>

J. L. MILLER, *Surgeon Superintendent.*