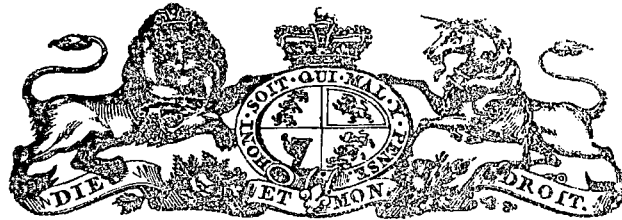


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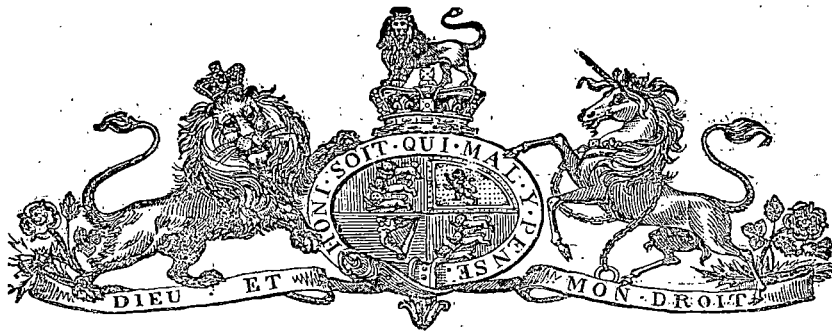
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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL:

REPORT FOR 1882.

Laid upon the Table by the Premier, and ordered by the House to be printed,
July 24, 1883.



Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, 25th April, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the Annual Report of this Institution for 1882.

On the 1st January there were 8 patients remaining in hospital; and during the year 45 were admitted, and 50 discharged, leaving 3 under treatment on 31st December last.

Of the number, 21 were received for the first time, 8 for the second, 8 for the third, 10 for the fourth, 5 for the fifth, and 1 for the sixth, since the opening of the Establishment in September, 1879.

The ages of the patients ranged from 16 to 30 years, the mean being about 21½.

Twenty-nine were Protestants, and 25 were Roman Catholics; and, with two or three exceptions, they were able to read and write.

Their conduct and bearing were respectful, and they continued to perform the several duties of the household with cheerfulness and alacrity.

The average daily number was only 4½; and the cost per head, £48 8s. 6d.

The several forms of disease are given in Return A., and show the cases to have been more than proportionately of a serious character. This possibly may be accounted for, to some extent, by the difficulty of finding out affected persons under the existing Act of Parliament; and to such an extent does this difficulty appear to exist that patients themselves, when no longer able to follow their pursuits, have applied for admission to Hospital or have had their cases brought under notice of the Inspector.

The expenditure is specified in Return B.; and although the total amount is below that of previous years, the cost per head is greater, owing to the paucity of inmates.

Upon this point I think it desirable to make a few remarks to the effect that either "The Contagious Diseases Act" has materially failed in securing the benefits expected to be derived from its provisions, or that the instituting a Lock Hospital has been a great boon to the community generally. In other words, either that the large amount of disease said to have existed, in our sea-port town especially, remains unaltered, or that, judging by the results of last year, that amount was greatly magnified, or at any rate is now very much diminished.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D., *Medical Officer in charge.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Number, Character, and Disposal of the Cases of Venereal Diseases treated at the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, during the Year 1882.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Remaining 31st Dec., 1882.</i>
13	Syphilis, primary	13	
20	Ditto, secondary	17	3
2	Ditto, tertiary	2	
13	Gonorrhœa	13	
5	Leucorrhœa	5	

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B.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Contagious Diseases Hospital, Cascades, for the Year 1882.

Salaries	£	s.	d.
Clothing, Bedding, Stores.....	111	0	0
Provisions and Medical Comforts	17	5	10
Fuel and Light	56	12	3
Miscellaneous Expenses	18	19	4
Repairs to Buildings.....	5	2	0
	0	18	0
	<u>£209</u>		<u>17 5</u>

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