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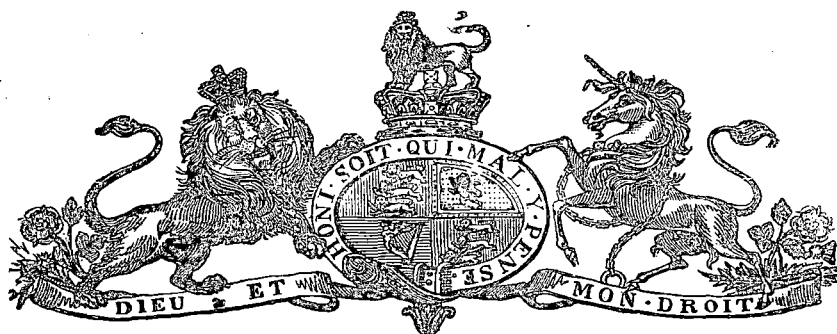
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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 1887.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



## CONTAGIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL, LAUNCESTON.

26th November, 1887.

SIR,

I have the honor to furnish a Report of this Institution from its opening to 31st ultimo.

The Hospital was opened on 16th October, 1886, for the reception of females suffering from contagious diseases. Accommodation for six (6) patients was originally provided, but it became imperative to establish six (6) other beds. The premises at times have been crowded, and patients have been admitted at times only when there were beds available.

Forty (40) patients have been treated. Four (4) of these persons were admitted a second time, and one (1) a third time.

Twenty-six (26) of the women professed Protestantism, and fourteen (14) were members of the Church of Rome.

Their ages ranged from fifteen (15) to fifty-four (54) years, the average age being 23·46 years. Thirty-six (36) were natives of this Colony, two (2) of Victoria, one (1) of New Zealand, and one (1) of England.

1. Ages of persons were—Between 15 and 20, 20 ; 20 and 25, 13 ; 25 and 30, 5 ; 35 and 40, 1 ; 50 and 55, 1.

2. Return showing number of persons and character of disease treated :—

<i>No. of Persons.</i>	<i>Disease.</i>
25 .....	Gonorrhoea
7 .....	Primary Syphilis
8 .....	Secondary Syphilis

3. There remained on 31st October, three (3) patients.

4. The daily average number of patients was 4·76 ; the average period of detention being 42·574 days, and the cost per head £47 2s. 11d., or 2s. 7d. per diem.

5. Return of Expenditure :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	113	15	11
Provisions.....	79	15	2
Medical comforts .....	0	9	10
Stores, bedding, and clothing .....	14	16	3
Fuel and light .....	17	12	0
Miscellaneous .....	6	0	7
	£232	9	9

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

L. G. THOMPSON, M.D., *Medical Officer.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*