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NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS :

REPORT FOR 1882.

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*ANNUAL REPORT of the NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS for the
Year 1882.*

Charitable Institutions, New Town, 28th February, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to present the Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institutions for the year 1882.

As last year, I beg to furnish comparative Returns, which upon inspection I trust will prove to be satisfactory.

The cost of maintenance for each inmate for the year 1882 was £12 15s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per annum, an increase of 16s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. upon the previous year, caused through increased expenditure in providing extra clothing for the female inmates. No credit is taken for the labour performed by the inmates, which principally consisted of digging ground, cultivating vegetables, stone-breaking, and a few men working at tailoring, mending boots and shoes, carpentering, &c.

As in former years, there are detached parties at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Government Farm, and Cascades.

The state of health of the inmates, both male and female, is better than can well be expected, considering that many are very aged, numbers are crippled, and the majority have led hard and dissipated lives. The death-rate speaks favourably of the unexceptionable situation in which the Institutions are located, and will create no surprise. The number of deaths,—males 94, females 35, total 129, at the average age of 73 years,—requires no explanation.

The conduct of the male inmates and of the aged females may be classed as good; not so the younger inmates of the Female Division, whom, I regret to report, frequently cause much trouble and anxiety.

In my last Report I alluded to the unsatisfactory nature of the water supply: this trouble still exists,—in the first place the supply is insufficient during the summer months, and, in the second, what is received is frequently impure and unwholesome. The water as now supplied is directed from the course of the New Town Creek some distance from the rear of the Institution, passing from thence through an open race at which cows, horses, and other animals drink and wade through. I trust measures will be adopted to remedy this evil.

Improvements and additions to the Male Division are in progress, which when completed will very much add to the convenience of the inmates and the management. These additions are rendered necessary by the transfer of the Invalids from the Brickfields Dépôt.

The Brickfields will no longer form a branch of this Institution, the whole of the inmates having been removed to New Town on the 31st December last.

As in former years, the spiritual welfare of the inmates has been carefully studied, regular visits having been paid by the Clergy of different denominations, laymen, and lady visitors. The kindness and attention of the lady visitors cannot be too highly commended.

I have to thank the proprietors of the "Mercury" and "Southern Star" newspapers for their very great kindness in daily delivering (gratuitously) a copy of their papers for the use of the inmates, a kindness which is heartily felt by the old people.

I am happy in being able to report most favourably on the conduct of the Officers of both divisions under my charge.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

J. WITHRINGTON, Superintendent.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

NEW TOWN.

Expenditure for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries				928	9	1	By cash received for maintenance, sale			
Contingencies—							of road metal, &c.	107	13	1
Provisions and medical comforts.....	4373	13	5				Net cost.....	7440	3	1
Medicines and medical attendance.....	160	0	0							
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	1257	19	4							
Fuel and light	406	4	11							
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses	168	17	6							
Repairs and alterations to buildings.....	234	11	0							
				6619	7	1				
TOTAL				£7547	16	2	TOTAL	£7547	16	2

Produce of Garden—Vegetables, 33,063 lbs.

NEW TOWN.

COMPARATIVE Strength Return for Years 1880, 1881, and 1882.

	1880.		1881.		1882.	
	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.
Number of Inmates 1st January	408	151	408	157	420	175
Admitted during the year	491	116	481	150	543	187
TOTAL.....	899	267	889	307	963	362
Discharged during the year	393	87	393	112	447	159
Died during the year	98	23	76	20	94	35
TOTAL.....	491	110	469	132	541	194
REMAINING 31ST DECEMBER ..	408	157	420	175	422	168

NEW TOWN.

COMPARATIVE Return of Ages of Inmates, and Deaths, for the Years 1880, 1881, and 1882.

	1880.		1881.		1882.	
	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.	Male Division.	Female Division.
Number of Deaths	98	23	76	20	94	35
Average age of those who died	71 $\frac{6}{12}$	69	72 $\frac{6}{12}$	66 $\frac{4}{12}$	74	72
Oldest	97	86	85	90	91	91
Youngest	37	34	45	16	28	19
Average age of those remaining 31st December	68 $\frac{2}{12}$	66	68	60	69	60
Average age of Males and Females combined, 31st December	66 $\frac{10}{12}$		66		66	
Oldest	89	93	91	88	91	90
Youngest	12	16	29	15	18	8

BRICKFIELDS BRANCH.

EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Salaries			152	8	6	By cash receipts for maintenance, &c.....		<i>Nil.</i>	
Contingencies—							Net cost.....	1053	15	7
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	45	13	5							
Provisions and medical comforts.....	656	18	8							
Medicines and medical attendance	40	0	0							
Fuel and light	121	0	0							
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses	31	8	0							
Repairs and alterations.....	6	7	0							
				901	7	1				
TOTAL				£1053	15	7	TOTAL	£1053	15	7

Produce of Garden—Vegetables, 9493½ lbs.

COMPARATIVE Strength Return for the Years ended 31st December, 1881 and 1882.

	1881.	1882.
	Males.	Males.
Number of Inmates, 1st January.	115	96
Admitted during the year	86	71
TOTAL	201	167
Discharged during the year	69	142
Died during the year	36	25
TOTAL	105	167
REMAINING 31ST DECEMBER	96	<i>Nil.</i>

COMPARATIVE Return of Ages of Deaths during the Years 1881 and 1882.

	1881.	1882.
	Males.	Males.
Number of Deaths during the year	36	25
Average age of those that died.....	73½	71
Oldest	89	87
Youngest	26	27

RECAPITULATION.

COMPARATIVE Statement of the Average Daily Number of Inmates and Expenditure for the Years 1880, 1881, and 1882.

	1880.		1881.		1882.	
	Average daily No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.	Average daily No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.	Average daily No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.
New Town.....	569	£ 6749 0 4	611	£ 6965 18 5½	577	£ 7440 3 1
Brickfields Branch	134½	1577 8 2	119½	1394 4 5½	89	1053 15 7
	703½	8326 8 6	730½	8360 2 11	666	8493 18 8
Cost per head per diem	7¼d.		7½d.		8¼d.	
Cost per head per annum	£11 16s. 8½d.		£11 8s. 11¼d.		£12 15s. 0½d.	

EXTRACTS from Visitors' Book, New Town Charitable Institution.

WE this day visited this Institution, and have much pleasure in testifying to the admirable arrangements under Mr. Withrington: for cleanliness, ventilation, and general comfort we must commend it very highly. The Superintendent's courtesy in pointing out the uses of the different apparatus and systems pursued deserves our special thanks.

JAMES MOLONEY, *Melbourne.*

T. MOLONEY, *Melbourne.*

WILLIAM WEBB, *Melbourne.*

JOHN W. WALSH, *Dublin, Ireland.*

6th January, 1882.

I HAVE this day inspected the different departments of this Institution, and have much pleasure in bearing my testimony to the admirable management throughout each Establishment, bearing not only favorable comparison, but, in some instances, a thorough contrast to other Institutions in the general arrangements with regard to cleanliness and systematic order, and especially with reference to the comfort of the Inmates.

9th January, 1882.

THOMAS S. REED, *Chairman of Destitute Board, Adelaide.*

I CANNOT too highly praise the management of this Institution; in my opinion it stands unsurpassed as to comfort, cleanliness, &c., and the management justly deserve all encouragement.

11th January, 1882.

H. DIEDERICHSEN, *Victoria.*

I VISITED this Institution to-day, and much admired the cleanliness of the place and the arrangements made for the comfort of the inmates.

8th February, 1882.

MICHAEL DWYER, *R.C.C., St. Arnaud, Victoria.*

A MOST charitable Institution, and a credit to the colony; a wonderful relief to the old and destitute.

8th February, 1882.

A. K. MACKENZIE, *J.P., Victoria.*

WE have minutely examined the different wards of this Institution, and have also looked strictly at many of the inmates, and we think that for cleanliness, good order, and apparently cheerfulness of the inmates we have never seen any Institution to excel it.

9th March, 1882.

AND. HADDEN, *Victoria.*

CHARLES NASH, *Victoria.*

I AM highly pleased with this Institution; it is the cleanest and most comfortable of any of the Institutions I have yet seen in Tasmania.

24th May, 1882.

G. A. TUCKER, *M.D., &c., Sydney.*

WE have been favoured with a good look round, and are struck with the idea of the vast amount of comforts bestowed upon the poor and unfortunate. The house for women is particularly good.

JAMES DODGSHUN, *Melbourne.*

F. W. DODGSHUN, *Melbourne.*

FREDK. MOORE.

MUCH pleased with my visit: everything very clean and comfortable, reflecting the greatest credit upon the Superintendent and Officers of the Establishment.

21st August, 1882.

W. H. BURGESS.

My first visit to Invalid Depôt: highly pleased with cleanliness of whole place, and the comfort of inmates, reflecting great credit upon Superintendent and Officers.

28th September, 1882.

CHAS. B. GRUBB.

MARION GRUBB.

MARY HARRAP.

I HAVE inspected the whole of the buildings, &c. of the Invalid Depôt, New Town, and am much pleased with the cleanliness of the various rooms, &c., and the arrangements made for the comfort of the inmates, and think the whole reflects great credit on the Superintendent and Officers of the Establishment.

15th December, 1882.

J. CLARENCE HAWKER, *Lieut. Adelaide Rifles.*

I HAVE inspected the whole of the Invalid Depôt for men, and must congratulate the Superintendent and Officers on the satisfactory way the Institute is carried on. For cleanliness and comfort it can scarcely be excelled.

21st December, 1882.

JOHN HANBURY, *Government House.*