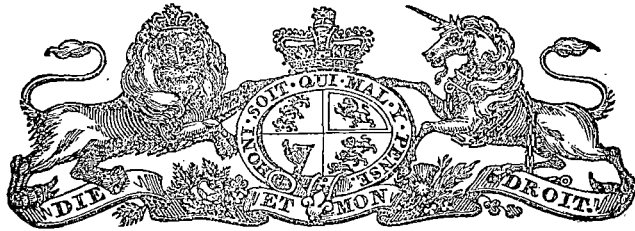


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SESSION II.

T A S M A N I A.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION FOR
INDIGENT FEMALES.

REPORT FOR 1876.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be
printed, April 24, 1877.



New Town Charitable Institution, 2nd March, 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the third Annual Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females.

In my Report for the year 1875 I furnished the following particulars showing the number of women in the Institution on the 31st December, 1875, to be 134; the daily average number during the year, $133\frac{1}{3}$; cost of each inmate, £13 2s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; number of deaths, 22; total amount of expenditure, £1756 12s. 10d. The number of women admitted during the year 1876 was 97; the number discharged, 83; the number died, 10; number remaining in the Institution at the close of the year 1876, 138; daily average number of inmates during the year, $137\frac{1}{3}$; average cost of each inmate, £13 6s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The total cost of the establishment for the year amounted to £1832 14s. 8d.

The following is a summary of the items of expenditure :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	272	13	2
Clothing	65	11	4
Bedding	31	12	0
Stores	13	4	6
Provisions, including medical comforts.....	1243	6	10
Fuel and Light	165	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Repairs to Buildings.....	21	8	2
Medical attendance and Medicines.....	35	10	0
Miscellaneous, Incidental expenses	19	16	9
	£1868	3	5
<i>Reimbursements.</i>			
Cash received for maintenance.....	35	8	9
Net expenditure for the year.....	£1832	14	8

The staff consists of—

Superintendent, part salary	50	0	0
Matron.....	40	7	10
Clerk and Storekeeper, part salary.....	60	0	0
Cook and Head Nurse	36	0	0

and 18 of the inmates employed as helpers or nurses; these receive a small payment varying from two to three pence each per diem.

The clothes are made by the inmates, and they also do all the mending and washing of the establishment.

The number of deaths in 1875 was 22, whilst last year there were only 10; the average age of the 10 was 73 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Admission to the Institution is by the Administrator of Charitable Grants, who before issuing his order is furnished with a medical certificate respecting applicant's incapacity to work for her living, and also report of an officer of his department as to the woman's circumstances or indigency.

The accommodation is extensive, as will be seen by the following Table, the situation very healthy, and the aspect and surrounding scenery charming. 150 women can be accommodated.

<i>Sleeping Apartments and Dining Hall.</i>	<i>Length.</i>		<i>Breadth.</i>		<i>Height.</i>	
	<i>feet.</i>	<i>inches.</i>	<i>feet.</i>	<i>inches.</i>	<i>feet.</i>	<i>inches.</i>
No. 1. Dormitory	75	9	22	3	18	9
No. 2. Ditto.....	76	0	22	0	18	2
No. 3. Ditto.....	70	6	25	0	18	9
No. 4. Dining Hall.....	70	8	25	0	18	2
No. 5. Dormitory.....	31	0	25	8	17	0
No. 6. Ditto.....	30	5	25	8	17	0
No. 7. Ditto.....	22	5	9	5	11	6
No. 8. Ditto.....	22	0	9	5	11	6

There is also a large Kitchen, Scullery, Matron's quarters, &c.

All inmates who are able to attend their respective places of worship on Sunday are, by regulation, required to do so. Service is also held once a week in the Institution, and reading and singing more frequently conducted by sympathising friends; the women have also the privilege of reading books belonging to the Library of the establishment.

I have, as far back as December, 1875, represented that the woodwork of the exterior of the buildings required painting; the wood is quite bare of paint, and perishing.

A short time since I brought under notice the want of suitable laundry accommodation; and remembering the large number of old women, and that not a few of them are worse than helpless; it will at once be seen that the matter is important. A warm bath is also much required.

I beg to subjoin the Statistical Returns of the Institution for the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SANDFORD SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN showing the Number of Inmates in the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females on the 31st December, 1876; also, the Number of Admissions and Discharges during the Year 1876, their Religion, and the Funds on which they were borne.

Number of Inmates remaining 31st Dec., 1875:—		Transferred from Imperial to Colonial Fund	1
Colonial.....	126	Number of Inmates remaining 31 Dec., 1876:—	
Imperial.....	8	Colonial.....	132
TOTAL.....	134	Imperial.....	6
		TOTAL.....	138
Number of Inmates received during the Year 1876:—		Religion:—	
Colonial.....	97	Protestant.....	79
Imperial.....	0	Roman Catholic.....	59
TOTAL.....	97	TOTAL.....	138
Number of Inmates discharged or died during the Year 1876:—			
Colonial.....	92		
Imperial.....	1		
TOTAL.....	93		

RETURN showing the Expense of the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females; the average Cost per head of each Inmate; and the Amount of Cash Receipts during the Year 1876.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Allowances.....	272	13	2
Other expenses.....	1595	10	3
TOTAL	£1868	3	5
Cash Receipts.....	35	8	9
Net cost of Institution.....	£1832	14	8
Cost per head.....	£13 6s. 11½d.		

RETURN showing the average Age and Number of Deaths at the New Town Charitable Institution for Indigent Females, during the Year 1876.

Average Age.....	64		Number of Deaths*.....	10
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* The average age of these 10 was 73½.