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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1868.

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HOSPITAL REPORT, 1868.

THE Board of Management of the General Hospital have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31 December, 1868.

The cost of the Hospital for the year was £4338 7s. 11d., which contrasts favorably with any previous year. The cost in 1867 was £5407 6s. 1d..

The Board attribute this great reduction in the year's expenditure to the removal of the Female Invalids to the Cascades, as mentioned in their last Report.

On the 1st February last Dr. Stokell was, upon the recommendation of the Board, appointed to the charge of the Hospital, and has since satisfactorily performed the duties of Resident Medical Officer.

Only 21 children were vaccinated during the year, although the Hospital was open for gratuitous vaccination from the beginning of March to the end of July.

The additions to the Main Hospital, mentioned in the last Report, have been completed; but the new rooms have not yet been used. It has been suggested that those rooms might, with advantage, be fitted up and reserved for the accommodation of Insane Patients whilst under observation, instead of the cells now in use for that purpose.

Fire-plugs have been placed round the buildings; some of the out-buildings have been reshingled; and the wards of the main building have been painted and colored since last Report.

The sum of £369 12s. 3d. received from Paying Patients this year is far in excess of the amount received from the same source during any other year since the Hospital has been under Board management.

4967 Out-Patients were treated during the year as against 2615 in 1867.

The Board regret to have to report the death of one of their oldest Members, the late Mr. John Regan. They desire to express their sense of the attention he devoted to the business of the Hospital during his connection with it.

They desire also to call the attention of the Government to the vacancy caused in the Board by Mr. Regan's death.

The Board take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Honorary Medical Officers for the zeal and efficiency with which they have attended to the Hospital during the year. Thanks are also due to the Honorary Surgeon Dentist for his valuable services.

The Board have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the satisfactory manner in which the various Officers of the Establishment have performed their duties during the past year.

A. KENNERLEY, *Chairman*.
STEPN. SHEEHY.
C. M. MAXWELL.
R. OFFICER.
D. LEWIS.

STATISTICAL REPORT of the Resident Medical Officer.

During the past year there were admitted into Hospital 967 Patients, of whom 662 were males and 305 females.

There were remaining under treatment at the commencement of the year 102; so that the total number treated during the year ending 31st December, 1868, was 1069. Of these 658 were discharged, 128 died, and 114 remained under treatment.

Eleven persons died on the day of admission, eleven on the day after, ten on the second day, ten on the third, five on the fourth, seven on the fifth, and two on the sixth day.

The ages of those who died were as follows:—

Under 20 years	10
From 20 to 30 years.....	12
From 30 to 40 years.....	12
From 40 to 50 years.....	24
From 50 to 60 years.....	22
From 60 to 70 years.....	33
From 70 to 80 years.....	11
From 80 to 90 years.....	4
Total	128

Of the Patients admitted 131 were Self-supporting, 65 were either wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 873 were Colonial Paupers.

The number of Out-Patients treated during the year was 4967.

Annexed is a Return showing the Diseases treated during the year:—

CLASSES OF DISEASE.	NUMBER OF DISEASES TREATED IN			<i>Died.</i>
	<i>Hospital.</i>	<i>Out-Patients.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	
Diseases of the { Stomach	73	730	803	9
{ Lungs	141	1095	1236	33
{ Eyes	39	90	129	—
{ Brain and Nervous System.....	93	127	220	14
{ Skin	13	315	328	—
{ Liver	11	65	76	6
Abscesses and Ulcers	92	289	381	14
Rheumatic Affections	66	744	810	—
Wounds and Injuries	147	538	685	6
Venereal Affections	69	285	354	—
Fevers.....	7	2	9	2
Dropsies.....	15	10	25	2
Other Diseases	303	677	980	42
TOTAL.....	1069	4967	6036	128

GEORGE STOKELL, *Resident Medical Officer.*

The cost of the General Hospital for the year 1868 was £4338 7s. 11d.

	£	s.	d.	
Salaries	1704	13	0	
Provisions	1672	9	5	
Medical comforts	269	16	2	
Medicines (estimated)	200	0	0	
Fuel and light	359	14	0	
Clothing, bedding, &c.	148	5	6	
House Allowance	45	16	8	
Repairs to buildings	175	18	9	
Stationery	3	6	0	
Incidental expenses..... } Washing, funerals, &c. .. }	137	12	1	
	<u>£4717</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	
	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Cash received from Self-supporting Patients	369	12	3	
Delph supplied Launceston Hospital	9	11	5	
	<u>379</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	
	<u>£4338</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	
Number of Diets to Patients.....	41,449			
Ditto to Attendants	8,276			
	<u>49,725</u>			

Daily average number of Patients in the Hospital was nearly 113 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Average cost per diem, a fraction more than 2s. 1d.

C. M. MAXWELL,

Hobart Town, 23 February, 1869.