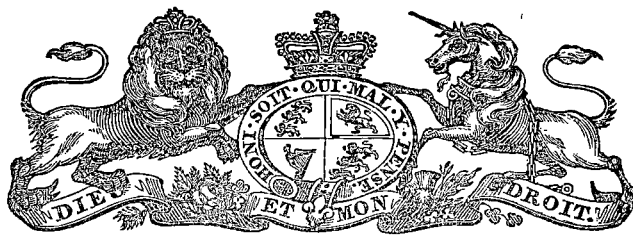


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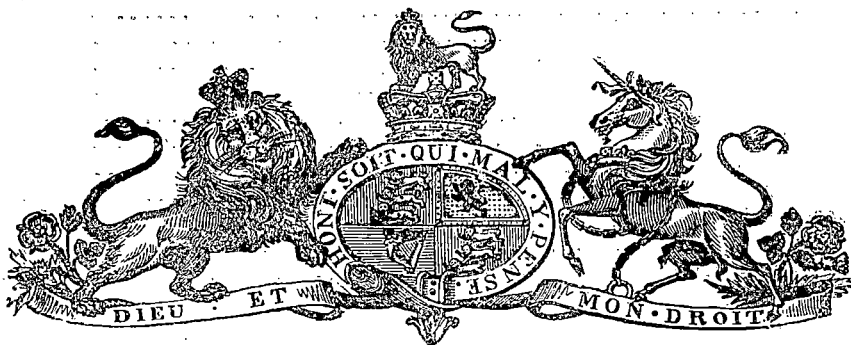
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REPORT FOR 1875.

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## LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

### *ANNUAL REPORT for 1875.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Report of the Launceston General Hospital for 1875.

The past year was a comparatively uneventful one in the annals of the Institution, and there is nothing important to report.

The admissions were more numerous than in the previous year, but the daily average number in the house was smaller.

The total expenditure in 1875 exceeded that of 1874, the increase being chiefly in clothing, bedding, and stores, and in medicines and instruments.

The number of Out-patients increased during the past year; and I desire again to express my conviction that many persons obtain advice and medicines at the Hospital who, were there no such place, would contrive to pay for medical aid elsewhere.

There were admitted during 1875, 402 Patients, of whom 285 were males and 117 females.

There had remained at the close of the previous year 62 Patients, so that the total number treated in 1875 was 464; and of these 347 were discharged cured or relieved, 67 died, and 50 remained under treatment.

The great majority of those who died were admitted in a hopeless state, and nearly three-fourths of them were over 50 years of age.

Of the Patients admitted, 64 were Self-supporting, 3 were wholly or in part chargeable to Imperial Funds, and 335 were Colonial Paupers.

The sum of £211 17s. 6d. was received from or on account of Self-supporting Patients during the year.

I have to express my satisfaction with the attention paid by the House Surgeon, Dr. Murphy, to the duties of his office.

I append the usual statistical information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. MILLER, F.F.P.S.,

*Chief Medical Officer at Launceston.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

*EXPENDITURE on account of the Launceston General Hospital in 1875.*

	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	857	19	0
Provisions and medical comforts .....	765	19	8
Clothing, bedding, and stores .....	233	1	6
Fuel and light.....	297	18	7
Medicines and instruments, &c.....	368	1	2
Water supply.....	30	0	0
Washing (at Gaol).....	57	9	7
Funeral expenses.....	58	7	0
Stationery and advertising.....	11	17	8
Repairs to buildings.....	103	3	6
Insurance of House Surgeon's residence.....	7	10	0
	<u>2821</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Medical attendance and medicines supplied to the Gaol and Houses of Correction.....	£	s.	d.
Ditto to the Invalid Depôt.....	33	10	0
Paid into Treasury for Self-supporting Patients .....	211	17	6
	<u>277</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>£2543</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>

No. of Diets issued to Patients, 20,875.

No. of Diets issued to Attendants, 4380.

Daily cost of each Patient, nearly 2s. 5½d.

Yearly cost of each Patient, about £44 9s. 9d.

The Cases treated during the year were:—

	<i>Indoor Cases.</i>	<i>Outdoor Cases.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Diseases of the respiratory system .....	69	211	280
brain and nervous system.....	15	28	43
heart and blood-vessels .....	22	21	43
eyes.....	19	28	47
skin .....	20	62	82
bones and joints .....	49	85	134
digestive system.....	30	218	248
urinary organs .....	25	80	105
Fevers.....	9	36	45
Dropsies .....	1	1	2
Rheumatic affections.....	29	33	62
Venereal affections.....	24	38	62
Abscesses and ulcers .....	33	34	67
Wounds and injuries.....	16	32	48
All other diseases.....	40	38	78
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1346</b>

The Diseases and Injuries which proved fatal were:—

Cancer.....	Cases.	13	Inflammation of bladder .....	Cases.	1
Senility .....	3	Erysipelas.....	1		
Inflammation of the lungs.....	8	Abscess of liver.....	1		
Pulmonary consumption .....	6	Disease of brain (1 abscess 1 softening)	2		
Disease of the kidneys.....	3	Bronchitis.....	4		
Paralysis.....	5	Gangrene .....	2		
Privation.....	2	Concussion of brain.....	1		
Blood-poisoning .....	1	Pleurisy .....	1		
Diabetes .....	3	Fracture of skull.....	1		
Organic heart disease.....	4	Apoplexy.....	1		
Dysentery.....	2				
Typhoid fever.....	1				
Burn.....	1				
			<u>67</u>		

The Ages of those who died were as follows :—

Under 20 years.....	4
From 20 to 30.....	5
From 30 to 40.....	3
From 40 to 50.....	6
From 50 to 60.....	17
From 60 to 70.....	14
From 70 to 80.....	15
From 80 to 90.....	3
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