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By His Honor's command,

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Provincial Secretary.

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HIS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication of the following Reports and Returns for general information.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,
Provincial Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL SURGEONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1866.

HOSPITAL.

In last year's report we pointed out the insufficiency of the existing Hospital accommodation, and gave the details to which we now beg to refer, of the alterations and additions required. During the past year the number and severity of the cases admitted has been such, that many of them have not had as good a prospect of recovery as they might have had in a ward constructed for Hospital purposes. For example—35 cases of fever were treated this year as compared with 16 cases the year before, while, as we stated last year, there is not a room in the Hospital fit for the reception of one such case.

NUMERICAL RETURN OF PATIENTS TREATED.

Remaining March 31, 1865	17
Admitted during twelve months ...	118
Discharged, cured.....	87
" relieved or incurable..	9
Died	14
Remaining March 31, 1866	25
Total treated during 12 months ...	135

Of these 124 were males, 11 females, and 6 natives; 58 following gold-mining pursuits. A considerable number of the fever cases were from the West Coast. Some doubt exists among New Zealand medical men as to the exact type of fever prevalent in the Colony. We have made careful post-mortem examinations when practicable, and have met with some cases of true typhoid fever. Many cases present no distinctive anatomical lesion, and are probably relapsing fevers. We are at present recording the diurnal variations of temperature of some of them, with a view to identifying their exact type. No instance of typhus fever has come under our observation. Many of the cases of acute disease from the West Coast are also modified by cachexia acquired by exposure to wet, and paludal emanations.

NOMINAL RETURN OF DISEASES TREATED.

CLASS.	ORDER.	DISEASES.	No.	
1. Zymotici	1. Miasmatici	Febris Typhoides.....	10	
		Do. Recurrens.....	9	
		Do. Intermittens...	5	
		Do. Continua	5	
	2. Enthetici	2. Enthetici	Scarlatina.....	6
			Ophthalmia	2
			Dysenteria	2
			Syphilis.....	7
	3. Dietici	3. Dietici	Gonorrhoea	3
			Scorbutus.....	4
	4. Parasitici.....	4. Parasitici.....	Scabies	1
2. Cachectici	1. Diathetici	Rheumatismus.....	4	
		Podagra	1	
	1. Phthisici	Scirrhomia	1	
		Epithelioma	1	
	Phthisis Pulmonalis	4		
3. Monorganici ...	1. Cephalici	Paralysis	3	
		Amaurosis	2	
		Epilepsia	2	
	2. Cardiaci	2. Cardiaci	Morbus Cordis	5
			Aneurisma	2
	3. Pneumonici.....	3. Pneumonici.....	Bronchitis.....	2
			Pleuritis	1
			Pneumonia	2
	4. Enterici.....	4. Enterici.....	Obstipatio	1
			Hernia	1
	5. Nephritici	5. Nephritici	Dyspepsia.....	1
			Nephria.....	2
	6. Gennitici	6. Gennitici	Ischuria	1
			Orchitis	1
	7. Myostici	7. Myostici	Arthritis	1
			Synovitis	1
			Bursitis.....	2
			Enteritis	1
			Necrosis	1
	8. Chrotici	8. Chrotici	Paronychia	3
			Abscessus	2
Eczema			1	
9. Dysopia	9. Dysopia	Ulcus	2	
		Cataract	5	
		Iritis	1	
4. Metamorphici	1. Trophici	Lachrymal Fistula ...	1	
		Asthenia	1	
5. Thanatici.....	Accidents	Luxatura	1	
		Fractura	10	
		Contusio	7	
		Vulnus Incisum	2	
		Concussio	2	
Total			135	

POOR HOUSE.

Since last report the destitute poor have been removed from the old depot buildings to the houses formerly occupied by the Taranaki refugees, and their health has been satisfactory. But though it is not strictly within our province to refer to the matter, we may observe, that owing to the premises being unenclosed, and the absence of any resident authority the discipline and morality of the inmates has not improved.

GAOL.

The health of the prisoners generally has been very good, but the new comers from other parts, more especially from the West Coast, generally arrive with some disorders hanging about them, either the consequence of their own excesses or from exposure to the moist climate of that portion of the Colony, rendering medical aid necessary, and from the number of prisoners in the gaol calling somewhat heavily on the time and attention of the medical officers. The necessity of an infirmary attached to the gaol is becoming of much importance, as there exist at present no means of separating any prisoner, who may have any contagious or infectious disorder, from the others; thus at any time the health of the whole body of prisoners is liable to be affected, and should it

unfortunately happen, would entail a very heavy expense and burden on the Government. There has been one birth in the gaol which would have caused the greatest inconvenience had there been more than one other female prisoner in the gaol at the time it occurred.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The Asylum is in a very satisfactory state and will probably meet the requirements of the Province for some years.

NUMERICAL RETURN OF PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining March 31, 1865 ...	3	4	7
Admitted during the year.....	12	9	21
Discharged cured	12	8	20
Removed from Asylum.....	1	0	1
Died	0	0	0
Remaining March 31, 1866 ...	1	6	7

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The epidemic of scarlatina referred to in last report has ceased. The existence of sporadic cases of typhoid fever in the town indicates the necessity of investing the Inspector of Nuisances with greater powers than he at present holds.

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