

but one instance. This exception is Castlemaine, which, giving only an average of 533 cubic feet to each of 90 patients, provides no more than four nurses for them: two defects which seem to connect themselves with the fact that the average stay of the patients is here about 60 days, which is double the average of the other Australian hospitals.

The Fremantle asylum is almost destitute of land, or any other means for the employment of the insane; and the management of that at Yarra Bend must be impeded by the wide dispersion of the buildings. The state of this asylum is said to have improved much since Mr. Paley's arrival.

d. Constitution.

36. The four hospitals of Victoria are governed by boards, but very different ones from those which are responsible for the abuses permitted to exist in the West Indian institutions. Here the boards are not committees unconnected, except by their office, with the establishments of which they engross all the control, and uniting in themselves both the interest and the power to repress expenditure, but representatives elected by the subscribers, and responsible to them, placed in their position only by their own liberality, and likely to economise only to the extent of making the money which they have already contributed extend to do the greatest amount of good. In addition, these hospitals are immediately managed by resident medical officers, and are further protected by the public interest which they excite.

The Fremantle Convict hospital has been governed by the Comptroller-General; the asylum at the same place, and that at Yarra Bend, with the Perth hospital, are managed by paramount medical chiefs.

It is to be observed, in reference to the unsatisfactory condition of the Castlemaine hospital, that the Managing Committee complain that the action taken by the Government with reference to private contributions has helped to prevent them from adding a new female ward and making other necessary improvements; but there is no explanation of what is the action referred to.

e. Supervision and reports.

37. The provisions for visitation and reports are generally insufficient. The Yarra Bend asylum is inspected by a visiting board of five members (of whom two are medical) appointed by the Governor in council; but the Melbourne, Geelong, and Ballarat hospitals seem never to be visited by superior civil authorities; and the rest require a more systematic supervision than that to which they are at present subject.

38. The Governor of Victoria expresses his regret that a design of building three new lunatic asylums in different parts of that colony has been postponed.

39.—COMPARATIVE TABLE of Hospitals and Asylums in the Australian and Eastern Division.

| Name of the Institution. | Site or Quantity of Land | Cubic Feet of Space per Head. a. In Associated. b. In Single Rooms. | | Superficial Area, and Interval between Beds. | Average Numbers under Treatment at one Time. | Number of Medical Officers, and whole or Restricted and Practises. | Number of Nurses or Ke-pa. | Average Duration of Treatment. |
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| | | a. | b. | | | | | |
| Howa Howa General Hospital ... | — | 800 | ... | 2 ft. interval | 50 | 1 resident and restricted and 1 not resident nor restricted | 7 | — |
| Lock Hospital ... | — | 800 | ... | — | 33 | 1 not resident nor restricted | 3 | 22 days |
| TASMANIA | | | | | | | | |
| Hospital ... | 2 acres (?) | 1,500-1,500 | ... | 5 or 6 ft. interval | 126 | 1 resident and restricted and 4 not resident | 14 | 30 days |
| Asylum ... | 40 acres | 890-1,540 | ... | — | 264 | 1 resident, not restricted | 20 | 446 days |
| VICTORIA. | | | | | | | | |
| Melbourne Hospital ... | — | 774-1,162 | ... | 2½-3 ft. interval | 530 | 4 resident and restricted and 16 honorary | 33 day, 6 night | — |
| Geelong Hospital ... | — | 650-920 | ... | 2 ft. interval | 135 | 1 resident and restricted and 4 honorary | 1 to 11 patients | 37 days |
| Castlemaine Hospital ... | — | 533 (general average) | ... | 2½ ft. interval | 94 | 1 resident and restricted and 4 honorary | 4 | 60 days |
| Ballarat Hospital ... | — | 1,200 | ... | 4 ft. interval | 94 | 1 resident and restricted, and 6 honorary | 8 | 33 days |
| Yarra Bend Asylum ... | 649 acres. | 595 (general average) | ... | — | 702 | 3 resident and restricted | 80 | 9 months |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA. | | | | | | | | |
| Perth Hospital ... | — | — | — | 54 sq. ft. | 144 admissions | 1 not resident nor restricted | 2 | 21 days |
| Fremantle Hospital (Convicts) Asylum ... | 2½ acres rented. | 900-1,200 | ... | 2½-3 ft. interval | 903 gross cases | 1 resident, not restricted | 1 to 10 patients | — |
| | | | | | 42 (?) | 1 not resident nor restricted | 8 | 20 months |