

29.—COMPARATIVE TABLE of Hospitals and Asylums in the Mediterranean Division (with Africa).

Name or the Institution.	Size of Site or Quantity of Land.	Cubic Feet of Space per Head.		Superficial Area, and Interval between Beds.	Average Numbers under Treatment at one time (or Annual Admissions).	Number of Medical Officers, and whether Residents and Restricted in Practice.	Number of Nurses or Keepers.	Average Duration of Treatment.	
		a. In Associated.	b. In Single Rooms.						
GIBRALTAR.									
Hospital	acres.	—	1,886-471	...	100-48	60	2 resident, not restricted	7	82 days
Asylum	9,090 sq. ft.	...	1,086	—	—	3 or 5	—	8	—
GAMBIA.									
Hospital	—	—	700-900	...	4 ft. interval	—	1 resident, not restricted	2	—
SIERRA LEONE.									
Hospital	—	—	1,120-714	...	2-24 ft. interval	505 gross cases treated 1862	2 not resident nor restricted	9	85 days
Asylum	10	603 (general average)	—	—	—	8	2 not resident nor restricted	5	646 days
ST. HELENA.									
Hospital	—	—	845	...	3 ft. 8 in. interval	15-27	1 not resident nor restricted	4	93 days
Asylum	14	—	—	—	—	8	None	3	No cures or discharges
CAPE.									
Somerset Hospital ...	—	—	1,200	...	—	664 admissions	1 resident and restricted	7	12 days
Albany Hospital ...	—	—	908-1,818	...	4 ft. interval	12	2 not resident nor restricted	3	21 days
Port Elizabeth Hospital ...	5	—	925	...	3 ft. interval	36	2 not resident nor restricted	4	26 days
Robben Island Asylum ...	2 (?)	—	500	...	—	166	1 resident and restricted	1 to 12 patients	40 months
NATAL.									
Grey's Hospital ...	—	—	Sometimes 2 patients in 7183 feet	...	130-88	113 gross cases	1 not resident nor restricted	7	204 days
Durban Hospital ...	2	—	700	...	4 ft. interval	92 gross cases	1 not resident nor restricted	2	21 days

NOTE.—No answer has been received from Malta, but from other sources of information it appears that a model hospital is in course of erection there. (See Miss Nightingale's "Notes on Hospitals," p. 104.)

AUSTRALIAN AND EASTERN COLONIES.

30. Hong Kong falls under no natural group. The prominent defects of its two public hospitals are the usual ones of sanitary condition and supervision.

HONG KONG.

31. There remain Tasmania and the Australian colonies. The public hospital and asylum of the first are apparently faultless in every respect, except that in the asylum three wards are very deficient in space. Since 1860 the hospital has been under the management of a board of twelve members, appointed by and responsible to the Colonial Government. The asylum is administered by nine Commissioners appointed by the Governor.

32. Of the Australian colonies, Victoria and Western Australia have furnished accounts of the condition of six public hospitals and two lunatic asylums. In this case, as in the other colonies generally, the asylums are inferior to the hospitals, not only in matters belonging specially to their particular province, but in the common requirements for sanitary and economical efficiency.

33. The four Victorian hospitals appear to be supported chiefly by private endowments and subscriptions. They are managed liberally, and are objects of general interest. The Yarra Bend asylum in Victoria, and in Western Australia the Perth hospital, appear to be supported by the colonial Governments; whilst the Fremantle hospital, and, apparently, the asylum at the same place, are portions of the convict establishment.

34. The Melbourne and Fremantle hospitals alone are sanitarily efficient. Of the rest, the Geelong and Castlemaine hospitals, and notably the two asylums, are very deficient in space. Geelong, Ballarat, Perth, and the Fremantle asylum have no proper sewerage or drainage, the last being also without baths or lavatories. There appears to be only a single latrine provided with water in the whole three-quarters of a mile over which the buildings of the Yarra Bend asylum are scattered.

b. Structure and sanitary state.

35. The internal economy of these institutions seems to be generally satisfactory. The Perth hospital and Fremantle asylum are the only ones without a resident medical officer, and the staff of attendants is ample in all

c. Internal economy.