

THE
SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
OF THE
BENEVOLENT ASYLUM,
BALLARAT;
WITH THE
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INSTITUTION,
A
LIST OF ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1863,
A
FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
AND
STATISTICAL TABLE OF CASES TREATED,
FROM THE 1ST OF JANUARY TO THE 31ST OF DECEMBER, 1863,
ETC., ETC., ETC.

Ballarat:

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N.B.—The Committee meet at the Mining Board Room every second and fourth Monday, at 7:30 p.m., to consider applications for relief.

The House Committee meet on the first and third Monday in every month. All accounts against the institution must be sent in to the Master, at the Asylum, before four o'clock on the first Monday of every month.

BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.
LIFE GOVERNORS.

1858.

W. Bridges Esq. ...	£50	0	0	Messrs Monckton and Hassell	£10	0	0
Messrs Reid and Roy ...	20	0	0	A. Dimant, Esq., Hon. Sec. ...			

1859.

Hon. G. Coppin, M.L.C. ...	10	0	0	T. McDermott, Esq. ...	21	0	0
Messrs Evans and Barker ...	10	10	0	Messrs Rowlands and Lewis ...	10	10	0
Hon. J. R. Bailey, Postmaster- General, moiety of Goddard Fund ...	50	0	0	P. Russell, Esq. ...	10	0	0
Messrs T. and S. Learmonth ...	35	0	0	R. Smith, Esq. ...	23	2	0
Messrs Moore and Dunn ...	10	10	0	F. Summers, Esq. ...	10	0	0
Messrs Monckton and Hassell ...	10	0	0	R. Le Poer Trench, Esq. ...	10	5	0
R. M'Nice, Esq. ...	10	0	0	Messrs Wallis, Brothers and Turnbridge ...	10	10	0

1860.

T. Bath, Esq. ...	10	0	0	Rev. Dr. Shield, per St. Alipius' Church collection ...	20	0	8
R. M. Dickson, Esq., President of the Caledonian Society ...	20	0	0	Messrs T. and S. Learmonth ...	40	0	0
Rev. J. Potter, per Christ Church collection ...	24	8	0	R. Lewis, Esq. ...	10	0	0
Messrs Hassell and Monckton ...	10	0	0	P. Russell, Esq. ...	10	0	0
				R. Simson, Esq. ...	20	0	0

1861.

His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. ...	10	0	0	G. Munro, Esq., Hon. Sec. to the Caledonian Society ...	20	0	0
A. Drury, Esq., per Christ Church collection ...	20	16	6	Messrs Williams and Little ...	20	0	0
Rev. E. M'Carthy, per St. Alipius' Church collection ...	20	7	6	C. N. Simson, Esq., pro R. Simson, Esq., of Langkalkal ...	20	0	0
Rev. R. T. Cummins, per St. Paul's Church collection ...	20	0	0	P. Russell, Esq., of Carngham ...	10	0	0
Rev. J. G. Millard, per Wes- leyan Church collection ...	22	15	10	R. Lewis, Esq. ...	10	0	0
				Thomas Learmonth, Esq., of Ercildoum ...	25	0	0
				T. Bath, Esq., of Ceres ...	10	0	0

1862.

T. Sheppard, Esq., D.C.R., & T. S. Bellair, Esq., (Representatives of the Benefit by Ancient Order of Foresters) ...	10	0	0	J. Johnson, Esq., Mount Lodge Thomas Learmonth, Esq., Er- cildoum ...	10	0	0
T. Bath, Esq., Ceres ...	10	0	0	R. Lewis, Esq. ...	25	0	0
A. C. Kerr, Esq., President of the Caledonian Society ...	30	0	0	W. Scott, Esq., Prov. G.M., E. Steinfeld, Esq., G. Duncan, Esq., V.G., J. Hall, Esq., P.G., & J. Williams, Esq., P.G., Representatives of the Benefit by the Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Oddfellows ...	10	0	0
A. L. Lynn, Esq., per Christ Church collection ...	22	3	6	G. E. Robinson, Esq., pro Nel- son Company ...	25	0	0
Rev. E. Hayden, per St. Ali- pius' Church collection ...	30	0	0	P. Russell, Esq., Carngham Station ...	10	0	0
A. S. Park, Esq., per St. Paul's Church collection ...	20	1	0	R. Simson, Esq., of Langkalkal ...	20	0	0
Rev. J. S. Waugh, per Wes- leyan Church collection ...	30	0	0	J. Winter, Esq., of Bonshaw ...	20	0	0
J. A. Doane, Esq. ...	10	10	0				
B. F. Eaton, Esq., Creswick ...	10	0	0				
Somerville Learmonth, Esq., Ercildoum ...	25	0	0				

1863.

J. Allan, W. Jack, M. Gullen, J. Stoddart, & D. Clarke (Re- presentatives of the Benefit by the Amateur Ethiopian Minstrels ...	100	0	0	T. Bath, Esq., Ceres ...	10	0	0
Rev. Mr. Power, per St. Pat- rick's Church collection ...	21	5	0	J. A. Doane ...	10	10	0
Rev. J. Albiston, per collection from Wesleyan Congrega- tions ...	22	1	8	His Excellency Sir C. Darling, K.C.B. ...	10	0	0
				T. and S. Learmonth ...	25	0	0
				R. M'Niece ...	10	10	0
				P. Russell, Carngham ...	10	0	0
				R. Simson, Langkalkal ...	20	0	0
				J. Sinclair ...	25	0	0

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st-DECEMBER, 1863.

Anderson, A.	... £2	2	0	Brown and Reed, Melbourne			
Ahrens, J.	... 2	0	0	per Mr. F. Summers	...	2	2 0
A Friend	... 0	2	6	Bailey, C.	...	2	2 0
Ararat Hospital Committee,				Bath, per F. Summers	...	0	2 6
per J. Cannon, Secretary	5	5	0	Bell, J.	...	1	0 6
Amateur Ethiopian Min-				Bath, T., Ceres	...	10	0 0
strels, proceeds of benefit				Broadbent Bros.	...	2	2 0
by, per Messrs Jas Allan,				Ball, J.	...	2	5 0
W. Jack, M. Gullen, J.				Baird, Learmonth	...	1	0 0
Stoddart, and D. Clarke	100	0	0	Brewer, Mrs., per Mr. W. Scott	1	0	0
Amateur Histrionic Club,				Bolan and Hewitt, Carn-			
mocety of proceeds of be-				ham	...	1	1 0
nefit by, per J. Gilbert,				Butler, J., Clunes, per Mr.			
Secretary	...	7	17 6	R. Lewis	...	1	0 0
Anthony, J. W. Creswick	1	1	0	British Company, Happy			
Appleby, W.	...	2	2 0	Valley, per R. Arm-			
Bremner, Learmonth, per				strong, Manager	...	2	0 0
Mr T. Bath	...	0	10 0	Briant, G.	...	2	2 0
Bradshaw, S. J.	...	1	0 0	Biggs and Shoppee	...	2	2 0
Bank of Australasia, per				Cameron, W., & Co.	...	2	2 0
M. Elliott	...	10	10 0	Codlin, Mrs.	...	5	0 0
Bank, Union of Australasia,				Campbell, C., Buangor	...	3	0 0
per Mr Williamson, Mgr.	10	0	0	Crowther, Miss	...	1	0 0
Bank, Colonial, of Austra-				Cakebread and Co.	...	1	0 0
lasia, per Mr. A. S. Park,				Craig, amount collected by,			
Manager	...	5	5 0	at Stawell, per C.B. Play-			
Bank, London Chartered of				ford	...	10	10 0
Australasia, per Mr. G. G.				Clunes Quartz Mining Co.,			
Mackay	...	10	0 0	per Messrs. Harvey and			
Bank, National, of Austral-				Richmond	...	20	0 0
asia, per M. Morrison	...	10	0 0	Cornish	...	2	2 0
Box Collections, Benevolent				Capt. —, per Dr. Hillas	...	1	0 0
Asylum	...	5	19 5	Church Collections—			
Do. do., J. Baker	...	3	5 11	Christ Church, per Rev.			
Do. do., Municipal				J. Potter	...	16	13 11
Chambers	...	0	12 0	St. Patrick's Church, per			
Do. do., District Police				Rev. Mr. Power	...	21	5 0
Office	...	1	17 0	Wesleyan Congregations,			
Bute Comyany, Scarsdale,				per Rev. J. Albiston	...	22	1 8
subscriptions from work-				Creswick Municipal Council,			
ing men, per A. Mercer,				per Mr T. Cooper, M.C.C.			
Manager,				Clemesba	...	5	0 0
1st subscription	£4	4	6	Chomley, H. B., Creswick	...	1	0 0
2nd do	10	12	6	Cheney, J. S., Creswick	...	1	0 0
				Cooper, T., Creswick	...	1	1 0
		14	17 0				

Clarke Bros. ...	£2	2	0	Hollison and Alpen, Smythesdale ...	1	1	0
Collections from Chinese, per Rev. Mr. Young ...	2	18	6	Hudson, Smythesdale ...	1	0	0
Coundon, Clunes ...	1	0	0	Henderson, Carngham ...	1	0	0
Cohen, S. ...	1	1	0	Hobson, Dr. ...	0	5	0
Craig, W. ...	2	0	0	Hyman, Clunes ...	1	0	0
Clegg ...	2	2	0	Hood, Clunes ...	2	2	0
Drury and Wright ...	2	2	0	Hawkins, T. A. ...			
Dimant's estate, Trustees of ...	0	4	6	Independent Quartz Mining Company, per J. Eddy, Esq. ...	5	5	0
Draper, R. ...	1	1	0	Jones, J. ...	2	2	0
Dunn, R. ...	2	2	0	Jones, J. H. ...	2	2	0
Downes, F. C. ...	1	1	0	Jones, D. ...	2	2	0
Doidge, Clunes ...	0	5	0	Jebb, Creswick ...	0	10	0
Doane, J. A. ...	10	10	0	Jansen, Creswick ...	1	0	0
Dixie, J. M. ...	1	1	0	Jones, W. L., Creswick ...	1	1	0
Duncan, G. ...	1	1	0	Jones ...	0	1	6
Darling, His Excellency Sir C. ...	10	0	0	Johnson, Scarsdale ...	0	5	0
Eyres Bros., per R. Lewis ...	5	5	0	Knight ...	1	0	0
Eaves ...	5	5	0	Kipping, per Master ...	2	5	0
Forster, C. ...	3	3	0	Koh-i-noor Gold Mining Co., per Messrs Lamb and Cotter ...	26	0	0
Foy, D. ...	10	0	0	King, A. H. ...	2	2	0
Finlay, collected by, per Mr. A. Drury ...	2	4	0	Kibble ...	1	0	0
Francis, Mrs. ...	1	6	6	King, Dr. ...	2	2	0
Fisher, W. W. and Co. ...	0	10	0	Lewis, W., Stoneleigh ...	5	0	0
Fitzgerald Bros., Creswick ...	0	10	0	Lynn, A. L. ...	2	2	0
Fussell and Tress ...	2	2	0	Lakeland ...	2	2	0
Foster, W. H. ...	2	2	0	Lister and Angel ...	3	3	0
Golden Gate Company, per Messrs J. Ward and T. Holland ...	5	0	0	Learmonth, T. and S., moiety of prize at Skipton Show ...	25	0	0
Gerrard and Sleep ...	2	2	0	Lang, T. ...	15	0	0
Grant, D. ...	1	1	0	Longstaff ...	1	1	0
Great Extended Company, Redan, per Messrs James and Williams ...	52	0	0	Leonard ...	1	0	0
Gas Company, per Mr. Figgis ...	10	10	0	Lange and Thorfeman, Creswick ...	1	1	0
Goold, Rt., Rev. Dr. ...	1	0	0	Lewers, Creswick ...	1	0	0
Grimmett ...	1	0	0	Lewers, Linton ...	1	0	0
Gardiner, Creswick ...	0	10	0	Liebrich and Bang, Smythesdale ...	1	0	0
Greigg, J Carngham ...	1	0	0	Lynch, Scarsdale ...	1	1	0
Grundy, J. R. ...	1	0	0	La Motty, Smythesdale ...	1	1	0
Gubbins, Clunes ...	1	0	0	Loyd, T. W., Cardigan ...	1	1	0
Gibson, Stewart, and Scott ...	2	2	0	Larner, Sergt., proceeds of sale of fowls ...	0	6	0
Gibblings, R. ...	2	0	0	Luckraft, Clunes ...	0	10	6
Holthouse, Dr. ...	2	0	0	Magee, per Mr. A. Drury ...	1	1	0
Hudson, Dr. ...	2	2	0	Morrison and Walker ...	1	6	0
Hillas, A., Castlemaine ...	2	2	0	Main, D. G. ...	1	0	0
Hunter, A., Castlemaine ...	2	10	0	Murphy, E. ...	2	4	6
Hall, G., per F. Young ...	2	10	0	Muir Races, Stewards of, per Mr. Shiers ...	5	0	0
Healey, J. ...	0	10	0	Martin, W. ...	2	0	0
Hepburn, B. ...	1	0	0				
Henry, Learmonth ...	0	10	0				
Hepburn, Mrs. ...	2	0	0				

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Murton and Leggo ...	£2 2 0	Roberts, T., Clunes ...	0 10 0
Moore Bros., Creswick ...	0 10 0	Roberts, H. T. ...	1 0 0
Milson, G. ...	1 0 0	Serose and Ainley ...	2 2 0
McNiece, R. ...	10 10 0	Sherwood Company, Carngham, per Mr G. Perry ...	2 0 0
McDermott, T. ...	3 3 0	Steinfeld, E. ...	1 1 0
McDonald, J. and J. ...	2 2 0	Soirce at opening of North Wing, proceeds of ...	132 17 6
Mackay, G. G. ...	2 2 0	Shiel, Dr., Ven. Archdeacon ...	2 2 0
Macfarlane, Dr. ...	1 1 0	Strongman, Rev. J. M. ...	1 0 0
McCallum, Neill, & Co. ...	2 2 0	Stevenson, Creswick ...	0 10 0
Nash v. Duncan, per Mr. Mitchison ...	4 9 0	Southarwd and Sumpton ...	5 5 0
Nelson Company, Sebastopol, per Mr. Robinson ...	37 10 0	Sheppard, Linton ...	0 5 0
Norrie, A. ...	1 1 0	Smith, H. ...	1 1 0
Nicol and Wallace ...	1 1 0	Saenger, Dr., Smythesdale ...	1 1 0
Noble, Clunes ...	0 5 0	Stoddart, Smythesdale ...	1 0 0
Nonpareille Co., Springdallah, per D. Phillipson, Manager ...	1 0 0	Sheward, H., Carngham ...	1 0 0
Oddie, J. ...	2 2 0	Simson, R., Langikalkal ...	2) 0 0
O'Mearra, J. ...	1 1 0	Star Companionship, per Mr. Murray ...	2 2 0
Organ, Creswick, ...	0 5 0	Symons, T., Clunes ...	0 10 0
Oddie, T., Chepstowe ...	1 0 0	Sinclair, J. ...	25 0 0
O'Donnell, D. ...	1 0 0	Smith Bros. ...	5 5 0
Potter, Rev. J. ...	1 0 0	Twentyman and Stamper ...	2 2 0
Pohlman, collected at Beaufort ...	4 1 6	Thomson, G., Chalicum ...	5 0 0
Park, A. S. ...	2 2 0	Trench, R., Lepoer ...	2 0 0
Power, Rutherford, Ettershank, and Co. ...	5 0 0	Taplin ...	2 0 0
Paterson, J. ...	2 2 0	Thompson, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Pooley, W. T. ...	1 1 0	Turpie, D. ...	2 0 0
Port Phillip Co., Clunes, per Mr. R. H. Bland, Mgr. ...	5 0 0	Try-again Co., Springdallah per Mr. Maughan, Mgr ...	10 0 0
Pettett, W. H., Hawthorne ...	2 2 0	Taylor, J. G. ...	1 1 0
Pritchard, Clunes ...	0 10 0	Taxen, C. A. ...	1 0 0
Prince of Wales Company, Cobbles, per Mr. Tatham, Secretary ...	32 0 0	Tynan Bros. ...	2 2 0
Price ...	1 0 0	Von Bergin ...	1 0 0
Railway Company, Scarsdale, per Mr. Lynch ...	1 10 0	Underwood, Mrs. ...	3 3 0
Russell, A., Mahwallock ...	5 5 0	Usher, J. F. ...	1 0 0
Rand, E. ...	2 2 0	Whitten, E. T. ...	1 0 0
Rowe, A. F. ...	1 1 0	Warne and Rand ...	2 2 0
Roff and Co. ...	0 15 0	Wayne and Brind ...	2 2 0
Russell, P., Carngham ...	10 0 0	Wills, T. T. ...	1 1 0
Richards, per Master ...	0 4 0	Willey, W. B. ...	3 3 0
Roycroft, J., Creswick ...	1 0 0	Williams Bros., Creswick ...	0 10 0
Robertson ...	2 0 0	Wilson, S. ...	2 2 0
Roberts, J. P., Scarsdale ...	1 1 0	Warnicke, Smythesdale ...	0 10 0
Russell and Forrest, Carngham ...	1 0 0	Wrathall, Smythesdale ...	1 1 0
Ritchie, J., Fiery Creek ...	5 5 0	Whitpaine, Scarsdale ...	0 10 0
		Ware, J., Yalla Y. Poorra ...	5 5 0
		Wanlis, T. D. ...	2 2 0
		Young, F. ...	1 1 0
		Yankee Gold Mining Co., Clunes, per Mr. G. W. Scott, Manager ...	7 0 0

BALANCE SHEET OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE BALLARAT BENEVOLENT ASYLUM FOR THE YEAR 1863.

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BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

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52-17-2
150-2-4
25-2-6
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1863.	Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	To Balance, cash in Colonial Bank, 31st Dec., 1862				1484	17	3
	Government grant maintenance	3000	0	0			
	Maintenance of deserted children	1132	2	6			
	Subscriptions	1441	1	6			
					5573	4	0
	Balance, cash due to Colonial Bank, 1863				31st Dec.,	900	5 3
Dec. 31.—Total					7958	6	6

1863.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	By Building and repairs				2404	17	5
	Furniture				407	4	5
	Out-door relief				1240	14	5
	Salaries and wages				1105	13	9
	Bread				341	18	11
	Meat				300	6	0
	Groceries				415	10	6
	Milk				98	5	2
	Potatoes				91	12	7
	Wines, spirits, and beer				97	15	2
	Sick dietary				82	17	6
	Drugs and appliances				154	4	11
	Tobacco				65	3	6
	Clothing				315	6	6
	Fuel				98	14	0
	Gas				72	15	0
	Water				31	18	1
	Funeral expenses				15	11	6
	Advertising				33	19	6
	Printing				21	6	6
	Stationery				21	19	6
	Collector's expenses				28	17	0
	Garden				50	18	2
	Insurance				20	17	0
	Cow shed, cows, &c.				52	4	6
	Sundries				158	15	6
Dec. 31st.—	Bank interest				63	19	6
	Total				7958	6	6

Audited and found correct—Ballarat, 10th January, 1864.

(Signed)

A. S. PARK, Honorary Treasurer.
STEPHEN COOPER, Secretary.

(Signed)

JOSEPH COMB, }
J. M'QUIE, } Auditors.

THE
SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
OF THE
BALLARAT BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

THE Committee of Management of the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum, while submitting a report of their proceedings for the past year to the Governors and Subscribers to the Institution, cannot but congratulate them upon the completion of the front elevation of the building.

When it is remembered that the foundation stone was laid so recently as the 17th of March, 1859, and that since, the several Committees of Management have succeeded, through the liberality of the Legislature of the colony and the public of this district, in erecting a building which has cost £8,689 7s. 2d., independent of furniture, it reflects the highest credit upon the population who have raised such an institution for the relief of the aged and diseased among them.

By reference to last year's report it will be seen that when the Committee were called into office, tenders for the erection of the north wing had been accepted; this work has been satisfactorily carried out during the past year under the supervision of the Building Committee, was completed in June last, and was opened with a soiree on the 26th of August, under the patronage of the Freemasons of Ballarat, to whom the thanks of the Committee are specially due for their co-operation on the occasion, and by which the sum of £132 17s. 6d. was realised, as also to Mrs. Little, Messrs. D. and A. Oliver, Miller, and Signor d'Angri; the Ballarat Rifle Band, and the Junior Ethiopian Minstrels, for their honorary services in supplying the musical entertainment.

This addition to the institution will enable the Committee to accommodate 224 inmates, and has also given great facilities for classifying the inmates, which has been so much required, and has improved the sanitary condition of the house.

As stated in the last annual report, 54 males, 12 females, and 47 children—total 113, remained in the Asylum at the conclusion of the previous year; since 123 males, 52 females, and 67 children—total 242, have been admitted and 8 children born, making a total of 363 persons to whom the institution has afforded a home—which shows an increase on the year 1862 of 103; 95 males, 39 females, and 50 children—total 184, have left the institution: 16 males, 2 females, and 8 children—total 26, have died: and 66 males, 23 females, and 64 children—total 153, remain in the house. It is worthy of remark that, notwithstanding the greater number of cases dealt with by the institution, yet the deaths, as compared with the previous year, have been 13 less. The number of diseases treated (as will be seen by the appended report of the Non-Resident Surgeon) being 406, of which 308 have been cured, 21 have died, and 77, although relieved, still remain in the house.

As anticipated by the Committee, the average annual cost of maintaining each inmate has decreased. By referring to the table prepared it will be seen that the cost for the past year has been £22 19s 9d; this compared with the cost in 1862, viz. £26 3s 5½d, shows a decrease in the cost of maintenance of £3 3s. 8½d., per head for the year. This reduction is principally owing to the great increase in the number of inmates—the average for 1862 being 96, while during the past year it increased to 150.

The Committee earnestly hope that the institution with its increased accommodation will prove itself adequate to the requirements of the district, at least for some years to come; as there is no doubt that the erection of reformatories and industrial schools which at present are occupying the attention of the Legislature will eventually provide for the children maintained in the institute at the cost of the Government, and thus render the whole of the Asylum serviceable for the accommodation of the aged and infirm, for the relief of whom the institution was, in the first place, established.

The proper cultivation of the garden in connection with the Asylum has also been a subject of careful consideration with the Committee, and in consequence of the recommendations of a Sub-Committee appointed to enquire into the matter, a permanent gardener has been engaged, under whom all inmates capable of working are profitably employed. The grounds have all been relaid and planted with shrubs, trees, and flowers, for which the Committee have to offer their thanks to Dr. Mueller, of the Botanical Gardens, Melbourne, Mr. Bunce, of Geelong, and Mr. Langley and other gentlemen of Ballarat; also to Messrs. J. Baird, of Rosebank; T. B. Ivey, Mount Rowan; I. Barratt, Dowling Forrest; J. Wilson, Mount Pisgah; and T. Edwards, for supplying teams for plough-

ing the ground under the superintendence of Mr. Jas. M'Dowall; as also to Messrs. Rowlands and Lewis, for the supply of a large quantity of manure. The great improvement observable in the appearance of the grounds gives every promise not only of raising sufficient vegetables for the consumption of the inmates, but of being sufficiently reproductive to liquidate the necessary expense for its proper cultivation.

The establishment of a dairy in connection with the institution has also been effected by the House Committee, and, judging from the result, as well as the experience of other institutions, there is every prospect of a great saving being effected, not speaking of the great advantage of having a plentiful supply of milk of a superior quality for the use of the sick inmates, and the children, who are now enabled to procure it instead of coffee. The thanks of the Committee are specially due to Mr. T. W. Lloyd, of Cardigan, for his advice and co-operation, as also for the donation of a cow for the use of the institution. It may not be out of place here to mention that the sum of £69 12s. 10d. net was realised from the sale of pigs, calves, and kitchen refuse, during the past year.

With reference to the school, the Committee have to report that it still remains under the supervision of the Board of Education, although the attendance was not sufficiently large to enable the school to comply with the Education Act. Yet, considering the special circumstances existing, the Commissioners have kindly consented to continue the usual aid towards the teacher's salary. At present there are 70 children on the rolls, of whom 38 are boys and 32 girls, the average age being 7 years and 7 months. It is gratifying to be able to report that the children generally are making progress in their studies, as was evinced by the creditable manner in which they passed their Christmas examination, and which continues to ensure the confidence always felt by the Committee in their teacher, Mrs. Dixie.

With regard to the outdoor department, in connection with the Asylum, by reference to last year's report it will be seen that 57 families—consisting of 64 adults and 410 children—remained at the close of the year in receipt of relief from the institution; during the past year 234 fresh applicants have been relieved, making a total of 291 families, or 61 families in excess of 1862; of these, 109 families—consisting of 124 adults and 208 children—still remain on the books. It is a matter of considerable regret that the decrease noticed in the report of 1862 has not been continued during the past year; but, on the contrary, the positive increase in the number of destitute families is distressing. The average number of families relieved per week, during 1862, was 69, and has increased during the past year to 90; while the total ex-

penditure under this head has increased from £982 12s. in 1862, to £1246 14s. 5d. for the past year. It may be difficult to discover the several causes for this apparent increase of poverty in this district; but, from the experience of the Committee during the past year, it has become very evident that there are a number of heartless persons who have been led away to the gold-fields of New Zealand, while their wives and children have been left totally unprovided for; how far it is the duty of an institution of the character of the Benevolent Asylum to supply bread to the needy members of such families is a question which has occupied the earnest consideration of the Committee, particularly as the safeguard hitherto carried out of making it a condition that a warrant should be taken out for the husband for desertion, before relief could be afforded, has proved inadequate to check the evil, in consequence of the great expense of bringing back the husband, and nothing seems to occur to your Committee capable of dealing with the question, except the passing of an Act by the Legislature by which charitable institutions may be able to recover from the husband the cost of supporting his family. Notwithstanding the heavy expenditure entailed upon the institution during the past year, the Committee are happy to state that they resign their trust with the finances in a condition far from embarrassment. By reference to the balance-sheet it will be seen that the Institution was £900 5s. 3d. in debt at the end of the year; but against this there is a sum of £729 18s. due from the Government for the maintenance of the children, thus the actual deficit at the end of the year will only be £170 7s. 3d.

In addition to the usual subscriptions, the Committee desire to acknowledge with thanks the special collections made in aid of the Institution by the ministers and congregations of Christ, St. Patrick's, and the Wesleyan Churches; the benefit given by the Amateur Ethiopian Minstrels and the Histrionic Club, also to C. T. Sunderland, Esq., Mayor of the Borough of Clunes, and T. Cooper, Esq., Mayor of Creswick, J. Lynch, Esq., of Scarsdale, for their kind assistance in procuring subscriptions from their various districts.

The increased support received from the several mining companies of Ballarat and the adjacent gold-fields, as also this continued aid granted by the Borough Councils of Ballarat and Ballarat East, deserve the thanks of the Committee.

The services rendered to the institution by Messrs. W. C. Smith and D. Gillies, M.L.A.'s, and the other representatives of the district in Parliament, deserve the special thanks of your Committee.

In consequence of the adoption of the alteration suggested in Rule No. 3, your Committee advertised for a non-resident Surgeon, at a salary of £200 per annum. There were several applicants, and Dr. McFarlane was elected to fill the vacant office.

The Committee also desire, before resigning their trust, of bearing testimony to the efficiency and zeal manifested by the salaried officers of the institution in the discharge of their several duties.

In conclusion, the Committee have to express their thankfulness for the support rendered to them by the public of Ballarat and the surrounding districts, and sincerely trust that their successors in office may receive the same assistance which has been accorded to them.

TABULAR STATEMENT

OF THE

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

AT THE

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, HOUSE
COMMITTEE, AND BUILDING COMMITTEE.

During the year 1863.

NAME.	Committee of Management.		House Committee.		Building Committee.	
	No. of Meetings.	No. of times present.	No. of Meetings.	No. of times present.	No. of Meetings.	No. of times present.
EX-OFFICIO.						
R. Lewis, President	30	30	26	18	10	7
C. C. Shoppee, Vice-President ...	30	16	26	5	10	2
D. O'Donnell, Vice-President ...	30	29	26	23	10	9
COMMITTEE.						
A. Drury ...	30	27	26	17	—	—
J. Tugwell ...	30	26	26	23	—	—
J. Twentyman ...	30	26	—	—	—	—
R. Gibbings ...	30	24	26	24	—	—
W. J. Higgins ...	30	24	—	—	—	—
F. Summers ...	30	19	—	—	—	—
C. Lister ...	30	19	—	—	10	6
W. Scott ...	30	18	26	4	—	—
Rev. J. Potter ...	30	18	—	—	—	—
J. Oddie ...	30	14	26	10	—	—
S. J. Bradshaw ...	30	14	—	—	10	8
D. Robertson ...	30	14	—	—	10	4
J. Walker ...	30	15	—	—	—	—
Ven. Archdeacon						
Sheil, D.D. ...	30	12	—	—	—	—
E. Steinfield ...	30	12	—	—	10	2
J. Tynan ...	30	12	—	—	10	7

A RETURN SHOWING THE EXPENDITURE INCURRED
 UNDER THE DIFFERENT HEADS;
 AND ALSO THE AVERAGE COST OF INMATES PER HEAD
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1863.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF INMATES, 150.

TOTAL COST.

Groceries, Bread, Meat, Milk, Potatoes	...	...	£1346	13	2
Wines, Sick Dietary, Medicines, Tobacco	...	...	400	1	1
Clothing, Fuel, Water, Gas	...	...	518	13	7
Salaries and Wages, Advertising, &c.	...	...	1182	19	3
			<u>£3448</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

AVERAGE ANNUAL COST PER HEAD.

Groceries, Bread, Meat, Milk, Potatoes	...	...	£8	19	6½
Wines, Sick Dietary, Medicines, Tobacco	...	...	2	13	4
Clothing, Fuel, Water, Gas	...	...	3	9	1¾
Salaries and Wages, Advertising, &c.	...	...	7	17	8¾
			<u>£22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>

TOTAL COST OF OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Cash	...	...	...	£331	5	6
Groceries	...	...	...	502	16	5
Bread	...	...	...	233	3	1
Meat	...	...	...	163	7	4
Burial Expenses	...	...	...	6	14	0
Medicines	...	...	...	9	8	1
				<u>£1246</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>

Average Weekly Number of Families Relieved ... 90.

Average Annual Cost per Family	...	...	£13	17	0½
Average Weekly Cost per Family	...	...	0	5	3¾

**SYNOPSIS OF CASES TREATED IN THE BALLARAT BENEVOLENT
ASYLUM, FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1863, INCLUSIVE.**

Disease.	Number.	Relieved.	Cured.	Died.
Abscess	5	1	4	—
Amaurosis	2	2	—	—
Amenorrhœa	1	—	1	—
Anasarca	2	—	1	1
Asomnia	2	—	2	—
Asthenia	6	1	5	—
Asthma	4	3	1	—
Bronchitis	5	—	5	—
Cahexia	4	4	—	—
Catarrhus	19	2	17	—
Catarrhus Cœnitis	10	8	2	—
Cephalalgia Symp	40	—	40	—
Conjunctivitis	16	—	16	—
Constipatio	6	1	5	—
Corneitis	1	1	—	—
Diarrhœa	32	1	27	4
Diphtheria	17	—	17	—
Dysentery	21	2	18	1
Emesis	1	—	1	—
Epilepsy	5	3	2	—
Erysipelas	1	—	1	—
Fever Continued... ..	2	—	2	—
Flatus	34	1	33	—
Fracture	1	1	—	—
Gangrene	1	1	—	—
Gastritis	3	2	1	—
Gastrodynia	1	1	—	—
Gingivitis	3	—	3	—
Hæmorrhoids	1	1	—	—
Heart, Valves of... ..	3	1	—	2
Hernia	1	1	—	—
Herpes	2	—	2	—
Hydrocephalus	1	—	—	1
Hysteria	1	—	1	—
Influenza	1	—	1	—
Ischuria Renalis... ..	1	—	—	1
Lumbago	1	—	1	—
Marasmus... ..	1	—	1	—
Mama, Inflammation of	1	—	1	—
Morbus, Coxarius	2	2	—	—
Nebulæ	1	1	—	—
Necrosis	2	2	—	—
Neuralgia	1	—	1	—
Ophthalmia Gran	7	1	6	—
Ophthalmia Strum	1	—	1	—
Otorrhœa	1	—	1	—
Palpitation	1	—	1	—
Paralysis	7	7	—	—
Paraplegia	2	2	—	—
Paronychia	3	—	3	—
Parotitis	2	—	2	—
Phthisis	20	10	2	8
Phymosis	1	—	1	—
Pleuritis	1	—	1	—
Porriigo	3	—	3	—
Psoriasis	2	2	—	—
Pyrosis	6	1	5	—
Ramollissement (brain)... ..	2	—	—	2
Rheumatism	25	5	20	—
Scarlatina... ..	16	—	15	1
Struma	5	3	2	—
Struma and Syphilis	1	1	—	—
Stomatitis	14	—	14	—
Sycosis	1	—	1	—
Tonsillitis	11	—	11	—
Ulcer	5	2	3	—
Urine, Retention of	1	—	1	—
Urticaria	2	—	2	—
Wound	1	—	1	—
	406	77	308	21

RULES

OF THE

BALLARAT BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

OBJECTS:

TO RELIEVE THE AGED, INFIRM, DISABLED, AND DESTITUTE, AND TO MINISTER TO THEIR NECESSITIES, ACCORDING TO THE ABILITY OF THE INSTITUTE.

LIFE GOVERNORS.

1. Every donor of £10 or upwards, every person who shall raise by one or more collections in one year the sum of £20 or upwards from persons not claiming membership on account of their contributions towards such sum; any person appointed by any society paying the sum of £20; the executor, or, if more than one, the first named in any will, by which a bequest of £20 or upwards shall be paid to the institution, shall be considered Life Governors.

ANNUAL GOVERNORS.

2. Every subscriber of £1 and upwards annually shall be considered an Annual Governor, to date from the time of paying such subscription, and entitled to vote at all the yearly and other special meetings of governors, provided he shall have paid his donation or subscription seven days before such meeting.

3. The Institution shall be governed by a Committee of Management, consisting of a president, two vice-presidents, five trustees, a treasurer, three honorary medical officers, and sixteen governors.

4. The aforesaid officers, except the trustees, with the Committee of Management, shall be elected annually by the Governors in the month of January in each year.

5. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any of the honorary offices of the Institution, the election of a successor shall be at a general meeting of Governors, to be convened for that purpose.

6. The annual meeting of the Governors of the Institution shall be held in the month of January in each year, to receive report from the Committee of Management, and elect Honorary Officers for the ensuing year.

7. It shall be competent at any time for the President to call a special meeting of Governors, on receiving a requisition signed by eight members of the Committee of Management, or twenty-four Governors, requiring him to do so, on giving seven days' notice in not less than two of the daily Ballarat papers of such meeting and requisition, and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting except that for which it shall have been summoned.

8. At the annual or other special meeting of Governors, ten Governors shall form a quorum; but if, after the expiration of half an hour after the time appointed for such meeting ten Governors shall not be present, such meeting shall stand adjourned to the same hour of the day next following, when if five Governors be present they shall form a quorum at such adjourned meeting.

9. The Committee of Management shall manage and direct the general business of the Institution, shall frame bye-laws for its internal regulations, the same not being contrary to the general rules, appoint and discharge all officers and servants of the Institution, shall meet one day in each month, and at other days as they shall appoint, admit and discharge patients, and make rules and regulations respecting them and their treatment, and shall appoint sub-committees for all necessary purposes, and auditors; the chairman of committees to have a casting but no deliberative vote.

10. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be members *ex-officio* of all Committees.

11. All Sub-Committees shall have five members, three to form a quorum.

12. The Committee of Management shall, at each annual meeting of the Governors, present a general report of the affairs of the Institution.

13. The accounts of the Institution shall be audited in the month of January in each year.

14. No member of the Committee of Management, or officer of the Institution shall become security for any contractor, directly or indirectly, or vote in any contract in which he may have any interest whatsoever.

15. Any member of the Committee of Management absenting himself for one month without reasonable cause shall cease to be a member of the Committee of Management, and another shall be appointed in his stead.

TREASURER.

16. All monies received on account of the Institution shall be paid into the Bank appointed by the Committee of Management, to the credit of the Treasurer of the Institution, and be appropriated by him to the purposes of the Institution under direction of the Committee of Management.

17. No payment shall be made by the Treasurer out of the monies of the Institution until ordered by the Committee of Management.

SECRETARY.

18. The Secretary shall attend all annual, special, and committee meetings, and take minutes of all the proceedings transacted at such meetings, and transcribe them carefully into the books kept for that purpose, and carry out all the directions of such meetings in all particulars incident to his department.

19. The Secretary shall collect subscriptions and all monies due to or receivable by the Institution, and in all cases give receipts for the same, and shall pay over the same to the Treasurer once in each week, with an account of the sums received, and the names of the persons from whom received by him since the previous payment.

20. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and the clerical business of his department, and keep the accounts of the institution under the direction of the several Committees.

21. The Secretary shall compile all reports of the Committees, fill the cheques, and perform all the clerical duties connected with the office of Treasurer.

HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS.

22. The Honorary Medical Officers of the Institution shall be duly qualified medical practitioners, and shall attend daily, the rotation of duty to be left to themselves.

23. The Honorary Medical Officers shall have access to the Institution at all times, and perform all surgical operations, and report the same in a book kept for that purpose at the Institution.

24. Any Honorary Medical Officer neglecting his duty for one month without reasonable cause, shall cease to be a member of the Institution, and another officer shall be appointed in his stead.

INTERNAL GOVERNMENT OF THE ASYLUM.

DUTIES OF MASTER.

25. The Master shall have the charge, control, and management of the Institution, and of the inmates and hired servants thereof, subject to the Regulations and Orders of the Committee.

26. He shall have power to suspend servants for gross misconduct, until the next meeting of the Committee.

27. He shall keep an exact inventory of all the goods belonging to and in the Asylum, and shall present a report thereof to the Committee the first meeting in January and July of every year.

28. He shall examine, both as regards quantity and quality, all supplies, and enter an account thereof in the supply book, which shall be regularly laid before the Committee.

29. He shall keep an exact account of the admission and discharge of inmates, and also of all out-door almspeople, the nature of the relief given and its period of continuance, in the registry book.

30. He shall keep a Diet Book, according to the Dietary of the Committee, and according to the orders of the Honorary Medical Officers, as to sick inmates, so as to exhibit the individual and aggregate consumption of provisions.

31. He shall regularly visit every part of the Institution connected with the men's department daily, to enforce proper order and cleanliness.

32. He shall report all disorder, neglect, and misconduct to the next ensuing Committee.

OF MATRON.

33. The Matron shall, in like manner, superintend and daily visit the departments belonging to the female inmates, and maintain order and cleanliness therein.

OF ATTENDANTS.

34. The Wardsmen and Wardswomen, shall carefully keep clean their several Wards, and attend such inmates as may become sick, according to the direction of the Master or Medical Officers.

35. They shall withdraw, when desired, from the Ward on the entry of the Committee, and shall not receive any kind of gift or remuneration for anything done or to be done in virtue of their situation, upon pain of peremptory dismissal.

36. They shall immediately report any infringement of the Regulations to the Master or Matron as the case may be.

MISCELLANEOUS.

37. The Master or Matron shall not both be absent from the Asylum at the same time, and neither of them shall be absent from the house from ten p m to eight a.m., nor more than three hours at one time, without permission of the President or Committee.

38. Any inmate behaving in a disorderly manner, or leaving the premises without permission of the Master, shall be forthwith reported to the Committee, and be liable to be dismissed.

39. Any inmate entering into any Ward but his or her own, without permission, or playing at cards or dice, gambling, or smoking tobacco in the house, or habitually spitting on the floor or being guilty of other improper or rude behaviour, or using indecent or profane language, or defacing or injuring the property

of the Institution, or refusing to obey the directions of the Hon. Medical Officers or Master or Matron, shall be forthwith reported to the Committee and liable to dismissal.

40. All inmates who are judged by the Honorary Medical Officers to be capable, are to give their services, under the direction of the Master or Matron, in the work of the house, or in the cultivation of the garden and grounds.

41. The Master and Matron shall respectively preside at the Meal Tables of the Male and Female inmates, and duly say Grace before and after Meals.

42. The inmates shall be at liberty to receive religious instruction from the Ministers of the Church to which they belong, at such times as the Committee shall appoint.

43. That no application for admission be received without the usual forms being filled up by a Governor. And no applicant shall be admitted into the Asylum until *one week* shall have elapsed from the date of his or her application, in order to afford time for inquiry, but in the event of any urgent cases arising the President and any three members of Committee shall have the power of dealing with such cases as they shall require.

44. That in electing to any appointment by the Committee, when there are more applicants than are required, the voting shall take place by voting cards, and the lowest on the poll shall be struck off and the vote taken again for the remaining candidates, until one or more has a majority of the members of Committee then present, and so on with the remainder of the candidates, always striking off the lowest, until the required number have been elected by such majority.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
OF THE
BALLARAT BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

STANDING RULES AND ORDERS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The business of the meeting shall commence at the hour appointed, or as soon after as a quorum shall be present.

2. The presence of five members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee; but if, at the expiration of twenty minutes from the time appointed for the Committee to meet there is not a quorum such meeting shall proceed to business.

3. The minutes of any previous meeting, not previously confirmed, shall be read as the first business at all meetings of the Committee, in order to their confirmation; and no discussion shall be permitted thereon, except as to their accuracy as a record of the proceedings.

4. The reading of the correspondence unconnected with the orders of the day, and the bringing up of reports of Committee and notices of motion, shall have precedence in the order of business, but shall not be introduced during the consideration of the orders of the day.

5. Orders of the day shall include all matters arising out of the proceedings of previous meetings of the Committee; any business which the Chairman may think fit to bring under consideration; and such orders shall take precedence in the rotation in which they stand in the minute book.

NOTICES AND MOTIONS.

6. No member shall make any motion initiating a subject for discussion or for re-considering a motion previously disposed of, except in pursuance of a notice given at a previous meeting of the Committee, and such notice must be given either previous to the Committee entering on the orders of the day or after such orders have been disposed of.

7. Every member in giving notice of a motion shall read it aloud, and deliver to the Chairman a copy of such notice, together

with his name, and the day proposed for bringing on such notice of motion.

8. A member may give notice for any other member not then present, by putting the name of the member for whom the notice is given on the notice of motion.

9. No motion entered on the notice paper shall be proceeded with unless the member who has given such notice, or some one authorised by him, be present when the business is called in order. Notices not so proceeded with shall be struck out of the paper.

10. Any motion not seconded shall not be further debated, but shall lapse.

11. Any member who has proposed a motion may withdraw the same by leave of the Chairman, but should such motion be seconded, such leave can only be granted provided there is no negative voice.

12. The Chairman may order a complicated question to be divided.

13. So soon as a debate upon a question shall be concluded, the Chairman shall put the question to the Committee in a distinct and audible manner.

14. The question put shall be resolved in the affirmative or negative by a show of hands.

15. No question or amendment, which is the same in substance as any question which has been resolved in the affirmative or negative, shall be a resolution of the Committee unless carried by two-thirds of the members present.

AMENDMENTS.

16. A question having been proposed, may be amended by leaving out, substituting, or adding words, and such amendments shall be resolved by a majority of votes.

17. An amendment proposed, but not seconded, will not be entertained or entered on the minutes.

18. Amendments may be proposed to an amendment, as if such amendment were an original question.

19. When amendments have been resolved, the main question as amended shall be put.

20. When amendments have been lost, the original question shall be put.

ORDER OF DEBATE.

21. Any member desirous of proposing a motion or amendment, or of discussing any matter under consideration, must rise and address the Chairman, and no member, when speaking, shall be interrupted, unless called to order, when he shall sit down, in which case the member calling to order shall be heard thereon, in pre-

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ference to any other speaker, and the question of order shall be disposed of before the subject is resumed, or any other subject entered upon.

22. No member may speak to any question after the same has been put by the Chairman, and the voting has been given in the affirmative or negative thereon.

23. When two or more members rise to speak, the Chairman shall call on the member who, in his opinion, first rose in his place.

24. A motion may be made that any member who has risen "be now heard," or "do now speak."

25. A member may speak to any question before the Committee, and upon any amendment proposed thereto, and upon a question or amendment proposed by himself, or upon a question of order arising out of the debate, but not otherwise.

26. That any member proposing or seconding a resolution or amendment shall be held to have spoken, and that the mover shall have the right to reply.

27. Whenever the Chairman rises during a debate any member then speaking or offering to speak shall sit down, so that the Chairman may be heard without interruption.

28. Any member having used objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering an apology for the use thereof, to the satisfaction of the Committee, will be censured by the Committee, and shall not be allowed to hold his seat or vote on any question until the offensive words shall have been retracted by him, or an apology rendered to the satisfaction of the Committee.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

29. It shall be competent, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, for the Committee to suspend any order herein contained, provided the effect of such suspension shall not be the rescinding of any resolution previously adopted by the Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

30. That the foregoing Rules and Orders shall also regulate the proceedings of all Sub-Committees.