

FEVER HOSPITAL
CORK STREET.

House of Recovery Cork Street Fever Hospital

Annual Report and Medical Report

From 1st April 1865 to 31st March 1866

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REPORT
OF THE
MANAGING COMMITTEE
OF THE
House of Recovery
AND
FEVER HOSPITAL,

IN
CORK STREET, DUBLIN.

FOR ONE YEAR, FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1865, TO THE 31ST OF MARCH, 1866.

WITH THE
Medical Report Annexed,
FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1865, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1866.

BY
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LEGACIES

MAY BE BEQUEATHED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER :

“ I give and bequeath to the Treasurer of the House of Recovery in Cork-street, Dublin, the sum of —— (in trust) to be applied towards the benevolent purposes of the Institution.”

PATIENTS.

Admitted from 1st May, 1864, to 31st March, 1866, inclusive	187,921
Discharged cured, or relieved ...	174,655		
Died	13,160		
Remaining in hospital on 31st March, 1866	106		
Total, ...	—		187,921
Remaining in hospital 1st April, 1865	174		
Admitted during year	2,151		
Total, ...	—		2,325
Discharged cured, or relieved ...	2,056		
Died	163		
Remaining in hospital on 31st March, 1866	106		
Total, ...	—		2,325

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF PATIENTS

From 1st April, 1865, to 31st March, 1866.

Year	Months	Admitted	Discharged	Died	Monthly Aggregate.	Daily Average.	
1865	April	239	253	15	4311	143	
	May	201	187	16	4131	133	
	June	191	187	15	3515	117	
	July	182	180	12	3503	113	
	August	141	168	9	2830	91	
	September.....	158	135	8	2685	89	
	October.....	161	142	11	2971	95	
	November.....	175	150	20	3088	102	
	December.....	151	134	13	3425	110	
	1866	January	189	170	20	3511	113
		February	187	150	9	3389	121
		March	186	200	15	4309	139
	Total...	2151	2056	163	41668	114	

Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the **FEBER HOSPITAL and HOUSE OF RECOVERY,**
 Cork-street, Dublin, for the Year 1865-'66.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Parliamentary Grant	2,500 0 0	By Amount paid for Provisions	1,555 0 1
" Interest on Government Stock	371 16 11	" Clothing	95 16 6
" " Grand Canal	117 10 0	" Medical Expenses	501 2 6
" Rents	125 2 10	" Furniture and Bedding	191 19 4
" Subscriptions	228 2 6	" Repair of Buildings	254 0 11
" Donations	380 10 0	" Light and Fuel	238 6 1
" Accruals	42 1 6	" Soap and Sods	46 8 3
" Incidental	6 7 6	" Stationery, Printing, and Advertisements	62 16 4
" Other sources	106 5 0	" Conveyance of Patients	91 0 9
" Balance of Expenditure of 1865	508 21 11	" Rents and Taxes	109 0 5
		" Insurance	8 11 0
		" Drains	23 6 0
		" Incidental	28 4 10
		" Salaries and Wages	1,147 13 6
	<u>£4,381 6 2</u>		<u>£4,381 6 2</u>

By order of Managing Committee,

T. F. EUSTACE, Engineer.

Managing Committee :

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *JOSEPH ALLEN. | *SIR BENJAMIN L. GUINNESS, |
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| *Wm. D. LA TOUCHE, J.P., D.L. | RICHARD PERRIN. |
| *WILLIAM H. PIKE. | GEORGE CLIBBORN. |

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Physicians :

HENRY KENNEDY, M.B. | THOMAS P. MASON, M.B.

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THOS. W. GRIMSHAW, M.B. | CHAS. F. MOORE, M.B.

Surgeon:

J. H. WHARTON, F.R.C.S.I.

Resident Officers:

REGISTRAR.....	T. F. EUSTACE.
APOTHECARY.....	WM. BROWN.
HOUSEKEEPER	AMELIA MULLEN.
HEAD NURSE.....	MARY CARROLL.

Collectors:

HENRY HILLSWORTH.
W. H. TALBOT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS.

RECEIVED FROM 1ST APRIL, 1865, TO 31ST MARCH, 1866.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
A. E. H. ...	1	0	0		City of Dublin Steam			
Alexander and Co. ...	1	0	0		Packet Co. ...	10	0	0
Allen, A. and J. ...	3	3	0		Clibborn, George ...	2	2	0
Allen, R. (don.) ...	10	0	0		Coldington, Misses ...	1	0	0
do. ...	2	2	0		Collected by Miss Bai-			
A. M. ...	1	0	0		ley ...	0	13	0
Anonymous ...	0	5	0		Corballis, J. R. ...	5	0	0
Anonymous ...	0	10	0		Courtenay, H. ...	10	0	0
Arnott, Sir John ...	10	0	0		Creeth, John ...	1	0	0
do. ...	2	0	0		Croker, Dr. ...	1	1	0
Atkinson, Alderman ...	2	2	0		Croker, Mrs. F. H. ...	5	0	0
do. (dou.) ...	3	0	0		Crosthwaite, T., J.P. ...	2	2	0
Bagot and Co. ...	1	0	0		Cutley, General ...	1	0	0
Baker and Warrell ...	1	1	0		D'Arcy, J. and Co. ...	1	1	0
Ballast Board ...	6	6	0		Dawson, Charles ...	0	10	0
Bank of Ireland ...	20	0	0		Dockrell, Thomas ...	1	1	0
Barrington, E. and J. ...	4	4	0		Donohoe, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Barrington, R. ...	3	0	0		Dowling, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Barry, Rev. M. ...	1	0	0		Downs, J. R. ...	2	0	0
Behan, John ...	0	10	0		Doyle, Rev. M. ...	1	0	0
Bewley, H. ...	10	0	0		Drake and Son ...	0	10	0
Bewley & Hamilton ...	1	0	0		Drury, Thomas ...	5	0	0
Bewley, Samuel ...	2	2	0		Dublin and Glasgow			
Bewley, Samuel, jun. ...	2	2	0		Steam Packet Co. ...	10	0	0
Bewley, Thomas ...	2	2	0		Dublin, Wicklow, and			
Boland, Patrick ...	0	10	0		Wexf. Railway Co. ...	2	2	0
Boyd, A. ...	1	0	0		do. (additional) ...	2	2	0
Boyd, Samuel ...	2	2	0		Dudgeon, Henry ...	1	0	0
Brown, Thomas & Co. ...	5	0	0		Dunnill, Thomas ...	1	0	0
Brown, William ...	1	1	0		Edmundson, J. & Co. ...	1	0	0
Bruce and Symes ...	1	1	0		Fairbairn, William ...	1	0	0
Bulfin and Fay ...	0	10	0		Ferrier, Pollock & Co. ...	4	4	0
Butler, J. J. ...	0	10	0		Findlater, A. ...	10	0	0
Caffrey and Sons ...	1	0	0		Findlater, Alex. & Co. ...	1	0	0
Campbell, Alderman ...	2	2	0		Findlater, John ...	1	0	0
Cannon, Edward ...	0	10	0		Finlay, Miss ...	1	0	0
Carolan, May, & Co. ...	1	0	0		Finlayson, Rev. J. ...	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Fitzgerald, Baron ...	5	0	0
Fitzgerald, Lady ...	1	0	0
Flanagan, Wm. ...	0	2	6
Forester, Misses ...	4	0	0
Friend, per A. Tisdall	10	0	0
Frisalle, D. ...	1	1	0
Garrett Joseph, ...	1	0	0
Gatchell, Samuel ...	1	1	0
Goff, Jos. (additional)	10	0	0
Goff, Joseph (don.) ...	10	0	0
Greene, Brothers ...	1	0	0
Graham, S. ...	10	0	0
Guinness, Sir Benj. L.			
Bart. M.P. (don.) ...	20	0	0
do. (sub.) ...	3	3	0
do. ...	3	3	0
Halbert, John ...	1	0	0
Harris, Joseph ...	0	10	0
Harvey, J. C. ...	1	0	0
Haughton, Jas., J.P.	2	2	0
Haughton, Wilfred ...	0	10	0
Haughton, William ...	1	1	0
Hayes Brothers ...	1	1	0
Healy, Mrs. John ...	0	10	0
Heiton, Thos. ...	1	0	0
Hewson, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Hoey, Thomas ...	0	5	0
Hogg, William ...	1	1	0
Hone, T. ...	1	2	0
Hort, Sir Wm. Bart.	1	0	0
Hutton, Thomas ...	1	1	0
Jackson, Miss ...	3	0	0
do. (2nd don.) ...	2	0	0
Jameson and Son ...	5	0	0
Jameson, J. and Son	2	0	0
Jameson, Pim, & Co.	10	0	0
do. ...	5	5	0
Jameson & Robertson	5	5	0
do. (don.) ...	10	0	0
James, Sir J. K. Bart.	2	2	0
J. C., per G. Clibborn	1	0	0
J. D. ...	1	0	0
"Jury in Probate Court" per W. H. Pike ...	3	3	0
Jones, T. ...	5	0	0
do. (2nd. don.) ...	5	0	0
Jones, Theophilus ...	5	0	0
Kenna, Mathew ...	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Kinahan & Co. (sub.)	5	5	0
do. (don.)	20	0	0
Le Touche, Messrs.	21	0	0
Layard, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Leigh, Miss ...	1	0	0
Lealie, Charles ...	2	0	0
Lewis, A. G. ...	2	0	0
Lewis, Fred. ...	1	0	0
Mac Donnell, Thos. and Co. ...	1	1	0
Magee, J. ...	2	0	0
Magee, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Mahalm, William ...	1	0	0
Malsy, M. ...	1	0	0
Malone, Chas. G. ...	1	0	0
Malone, Isaac ...	1	0	0
Malone, William ...	1	0	0
do. ...	1	0	0
Manders and Co. ...	2	2	0
Manders, R. and Co. (don.) ...	10	0	0
Manly, J. ...	1	0	0
McBirney, Collis & Co.	1	0	0
McGarry, J. J. ...	1	0	0
McSwiney, Delany & Co. ...	1	0	0
M. M. ...	0	10	0
M. M. ...	5	0	0
Moore, P. A. and T.	0	10	0
Moses, Marcus ...	4	4	0
Murphy, John ...	1	0	0
Murphy, P. ...	0	5	0
Neill, C. & Sons ...	2	0	0
Noble, John ...	0	5	0
O'Brien and Shaw ...	10	10	0
Ogilvy, Alexander ...	1	0	0
O'Grady, Mrs ...	1	0	0
O'Neill, Maj. Gen. ...	1	0	0
Ord, Thomas ...	2	0	0
do. ...	2	0	0
Palgrave, C. & Co. ...	2	0	0
Parker, W. and T. ...	1	0	0
Parke, J. C. ...	1	0	0
Pattison, Henry ...	1	0	0
do. ...	1	1	0
Perrin, Richard ...	2	2	0
Perry, James ...	1	0	0
Peters, Miss C. ...	0	10	0
Phelps, H. ...	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Pike, W. H. ...	2	2	0
Pim Brothers ...	10	0	0
Pim, James ...	2	2	0
Pim, Jonathan, M.P. ...	2	0	0
Pim, Thomas ...	2	0	0
Pim, Thomas, jun. ...	1	0	0
Pim, Wm. H. ...	2	0	0
Pope, D. ...	5	0	0
do. (2nd. don.) ...	1	0	0
Power, Sir J. & Sons ...	1	0	0
Purser, J. T. ...	1	1	0
Rambaut and Sons ...	1	1	0
Roe, Messrs. ...	3	0	0
Roe, Mrs. Geo. ...	2	2	0
Royal Bank, (don.) ...	20	0	0
do. (sub.) ...	5	5	0
Ruddell, William ...	0	10	0
Russell, Wm., J.P. ...	2	2	0
Scott, G. ...	1	0	0
Spencer, Henry ...	1	0	0
Stokes, F. ...	5	5	0
Summers, John ...	1	0	0
Sweetman, Patrick ...	2	2	0
Taylor, W. and M. ...	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Thompson, Henry ...	1	1	0
Tisdall, Miss ...	5	0	0
Tisdall, Mrs. ...	2	0	0
Tisdall, W. A. ...	1	0	0
Todd, Burns and Co. ...	2	0	0
Turbett, James ...	3	0	0
Tyrrell, James ...	1	0	0
Vance and Beers ...	1	0	0
Waller, G. A. ...	2	2	0
Walpole, Edward ...	1	1	0
Walsh, Nicholas ...	1	0	0
Watkins, Joseph & Co. ...	2	2	0
do. (don.) ...	10	0	0
Webb, J. H. & Co. ...	2	0	0
Webb, John, jun. ...	1	0	0
Whitatt and Bailey ...	1	0	0
do. ...	1	0	0
Willcock, J. ...	1	0	0
Williams & Kelly ...	5	0	0
Wilson, Joseph ...	1	1	0
W. K. ...	1	0	0
Woods, Adam ...	1	0	0
do. ...	1	0	0

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MEDICAL REPORT.

FROM the earliest period of the history of Irish medicine typhus fever has occupied a most important position in its annals. The problems involved in its origin, extension, and treatment have long been subjects of continuous study to the Irish physician of the past and present eras. This disease has ever been amongst us; now manifesting its presence by a few scattered cases, again developing itself with a gigantic force, invading every town and village of the land, and equally rife in the rural districts—carrying grief and wretchedness into the homes of the rich and the poor.

It is not the province of this Report to discuss the origin of this fearful disease, or the causes which develop its equally fearful epidemic outbreaks; which latter, generally commencing in the labouring and artisan sections of society, invariably spread to the upper ranks, amongst whom its mortality is much greater. To meet and lessen the virulence of this disease, hospitals have been built and endowed both by the state and by private benevolence. Amongst the latter, this Hospital has

been founded solely for the treatment of typhus and allied febrile diseases, as small-pox, measles, scarlatina, etc. The Hospital stands on about four statute acres, and consists of three buildings. Firstly, the Fever Hospital proper, capable of accommodating ninety-eight patients; into which, when there is a press of fever, twenty-four additional patients can be admitted by means of stretchers in the centre of each ward. Secondly, a Sanitarium, or House of Recovery, to which the convalescent patients are sent until such time as they may be restored to sufficient vigour to follow their usual avocations. They are permitted to walk over a portion of the grounds of the Hospital in dry weather, and in wet or inclement weather there is a covered way where they may enjoy the benefit of open air exercise. Thirdly, a building which may be looked on as supplemental to the Fever Hospital proper, is for the reception of cases unfit for the usual fever wards, as severe cases of small-pox and scarlatina; or when peculiar complications may supervene in the convalescing stage of fever, as severe mental disturbance, etc.

The Hospital situated at the extreme end of one of the poorest districts of the city, has been of incalculable benefit to those who are without accommodation or means of meeting the trials and privations incident to disease, inasmuch as the only claim required for the right of admission is that the party should be suffering from contagious disease. No subscriber's letter of recom-

mendation is demanded. The Hospital and its grounds are almost free from surrounding buildings, and are within view of the country. The air may be said to be as pure as in the rural districts. The Hospital has borne its part at all times to check and lessen the force of the febrile epidemics which have ravaged the country during the past year.

From April 1st, 1865, to March 31st, 1866, there were admitted into the Hospital 2,151 patients; there were discharged cured 2,056, leaving an average mortality of 7.34 per cent. During the summer of 1865 there was a large number of cases of typhus, marked by the severe forms of the disease—namely, extreme prostration of strength, and dry, brown, tremulous tongue; the skin swollen with reddish brown spots; low muttering delirium, passing into almost complete unconsciousness; some of the cases complicated by severe pneumonia or bronchitis. But, notwithstanding the severity of the disease, the mortality was comparatively light. The treatment generally adopted was carefully adjusted—support, combined with stimulants suited to each case, and medicines as indicated by the individual symptoms. We found dilute acids, as nitro-muriatic acid, to be at once grateful and tonic to the patients. In some cases, marked by sleeplessness and nervous exhaustion, where the pupil of the eye permitted, opiates, cautiously ad-

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ministered, afforded decided relief. It was observed from the experience of the Hospital, that the form of the fever was slightly modified by the epidemic type of disease present. Thus, in the winter of 1865, the fever was complicated in a number of cases by tendency to sore throat, passing in some cases, into diphtheria, and in this summer, 1866, a portion of our cases are complicated by irritability of stomach and tendency to diarrhoea. The worst forms of fever were received from the districts of the Coombe, Meath-street, Townsend-street, and the block of streets, lanes, and alleys between Thomas-street and the Quay. In some instances, as many as three or four members of a single family were admitted into the Hospital, and on enquiring into the history of those cases it was found they came from houses where foul smells struggled for pre-eminence; the rooms being very much overcrowded, and an almost entire absence of ventilation.

A large number of cases of small-pox were admitted into the Hospital during the summer of 1865. To such an extent were the admissions, that a separate ward had to be set apart for them. The cases presented the usual characters of the disease in a more or less severe degree; but it is worthy of remark that the severe forms were only exhibited in the cases which had not been vaccinated, and amongst this class alone were there any deaths. The most formidable class of cases were those

in which the disease was confluent, with pustular eruption of the upper part of the great air-tube. The poor sufferers rapidly sank from difficulty of breathing and exhaustion.