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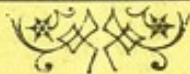
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BY

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CIVIL SURGEON.



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The MacLaren Leper Asylum,

DEHRA DUN, U. P. INDIA.

FOR THE YEAR 1903.

1. I have much pleasure in submitting the Report on the above institution for the year 1903.

2. The following table shows the vital Statistics for the last six years.

Table I.—Number of Inmates.

	1898.		1899.		1900.		1901.		1902.		1903.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Admitted during the year ...	16	12	48	8	46	5	44	9	34	9	55	14
Left ...	11	2	21	12	40	7	28	5	15	7	22	8
Died ...	14	4	12	1	21	5	18	3	19	6	20	1
Born ...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Number at close of the year ...	80	42	96	39	80	32	78	33	78	29	86	36
Total ...	122		135		112		111		107		122	

3. There were 21 deaths during the year under review, *viz*:—20 men and 1 woman, giving an average death rate of 17·21 per cent. of the total population, as against an average of 23·33 per cent. for the last preceeding year.

4. The following table shows the ages of those remaining at the close of the year:—

Tables 11.—Number of inmates by their ages in decades.

	M.	F.	Total.
Number of inmates between 50 & 60 years of age	23	6	29
„ „ „ 40 & 50 „ „	25	13	38
„ „ „ 30 & 40 „ „	25	9	34
„ „ „ 20 & 30 „ „	12	8	20
„ „ „ 10 & 20 „ „	...	...	...
„ „ „, under 10 years „ „	1	...	1
Total	86	36	122

5. No special treatment has been tried during the year.

6. Colonel and Mrs. G. Strahan are most frequent and regular viistors. Their sympathy and kindness to the European are unbounded and most heartily appreciated by him.

Mr. Bose, the visiting pastor continues his good work among the lepers.

Hospital Assistant Ahmad Ali has again devoted much care and attention to the sick inmates of the Asylum.

The Institution has again been greatly indebted to the Mission to lepers in India and the East for the kind assistance they have given.

7. At the close of the year, of the 122 inmates remaining in the Asylum, there were 49 Christians *viz* :—30 men and 19 women. There were 16 men and 3 women under voluntary instruction prior to baptism, and 19 Christians were baptized during the year.

8. From the Financial statement appended it will be seen that the year opened with a cash balance of Rs. 14,430-14-2 and closed with a cash balance of Rs. 14,388-4-4. The decrease in funds is entirely due to the Mangoe crop being unsaleable, as it proved a failure. The sum of Rs. 220 is yearly realised by this sale alone.

9. On the 26th November, Sir Benjamin Franklin, Surgeon-General I. M. S. and Director-General, visited the Institution. His remarks recorded in the visitor's book are as follows —

I visited the MacLaren Leper Asylum this morning, with Major Fischer the Civil Surgeon, and was very pleased with all I saw. The arrangements for the comfort and care of the inmates are excellent. The garden is so well cultivated, that it affords not only an ample supply of vegetables for the lepers, but I was told that a considerable sum is yearly realised from the sale of vegetables to the public. This Leper Asylum is without exception the best managed institution of its kind that I have seen in India, and reflects great credit on those responsible for its administration.

(Sd.) B. FRANKLIN,

Surgeon-General, I. M. S. and

Director-General.

November 26th, 1903. }

10. The Expenditure on maintenance has been Rs. 7,422-2-11 which calculated on the daily average number of inmates 118·94 shows that the average cost per head per annum has been Rs. 57-2-6 an increase of Rs. 4-14-4, over the cost per head during 1902, due to the payment of the salary given to the European, acting as Assistant Superintendent of the Asylum, beside the cost of his food. Also owing to the rationing of the inmates as there are a larger number remaining throughout the year, than the previous.

11. The garden besides yielding a plentiful supply of good vegetables to the inmates throughout the year has added Rs. 661-12-3, to our funds by the sale of surplus fruits, vegetables and tea. The out-turn of the garden may be estimated as follows :—

Cash realised for produce sold	Rs. 661-12-3
Value of vegetables issued to inmates	} Rs. 303-0-0
101 Maunds @ Rs. 3 per Maund	
Tea issued to inmates 100 lbs @ 4 As. lb.	Rs. 25-0-0
Balance outstanding for produce sold	Rs. 268-0-0
Total Rs.	... 1,257-12-3

This excellent result is entirely due to the energy shewn by the late Mr. Row, who I regret to say died on May 18th, and by the present Assistant Superintendent Mr. Honey, who has shown great interest in the affairs of the Asylum, and the care not only of the garden, but its inmates. Mr. Honey is a young man of excellent abilities, and possesses a good knowledge of book keeping &c.

No lepers are employed in the garden, the work being carried out by a special staff of gardeners and coolies. It is necessary again to note this, as some people have objected to the sale of vegetables to the public from the Asylum garden, under the mistaken impression that lepers worked in the garden.

12. I beg to tender my special thanks to the following *viz* :—The Leper Mission, the Dehra Dun and Mussoorie Municipalities, His Highness the Maharajah of Tehree, the Estate of late Mrs. Critchell, also the Mahant of Dehra who very kindly refunded the rent of ground on which the Asylum stands.

13. At the close of the year we had 122 inmates and the table below shows the localities from which they come.

15.57 per cent.	are	inhabitants	of	Dehra Dun.
1.64	„	„	„	British Garhwal,
75.40	„	„	„	H. H. The
				Rajah of Tehree's State.
9.84	„	„	„	of Other districts.

I am glad to state that His Highness the Raja of Tehree has liberally subscribed to our funds more than last year. He presented the sum of Rs. 1,000 and sincerely hope he will continue his support.

During the year all the inmates received their usual treats on allotted festivals.

15. Though I regret that so young a man should have been unfortunately attacked by leprosy, I have been very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Honey as Assistant Superintendent. He is himself under treatment and having the disease in a mild form, there is I think hope of his ultimate recovery. His health has improved very much since coming here, and the special symptoms from which he suffers, have become very much less marked. He will gratefully receive any papers periodicals &c, as his life here is very lonely, will be very glad to see any one who may be able to call.

16 In conclusion I beg to thank all who have so kindly helped the institution by subscribing to our funds, and trust that the same generous aid will be accorded to the Asylum in the future as in the past. The work carried out in this Asylum is thoroughly appreciated by the lepers, and I would bring so deserving an object strongly to the charitably-inclined.

L. G. FISCHER, MAJOR I. M. S.

DEHRA DUN, }
1st January, 1904. }

Civil Surgeon and Superintendent,

MACLAREN LEPER ASYLUM.

Income and Expenditure Statement of the MacLaren Leper Asylum, Dehra Dun, for the year 1903.

RECEIPTS.	ITEMS.		TOTALS.		DISBURSEMENT.	ITEMS.		TOTALS.	
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
In hand on 1st Jan. 1903	6,000	0 0							
	3,377	3 11							
Invested in 3½ per cent					To Purchase of food stuffs including fuel and Tobacco	5,185	2 5		
In deposit Delhi and London Bank					Establishment ordinary	345	0 0		
Fix deposit Bhugwan Dass & Co.	5,000	0 0			Salary of European Leper	420	0 0		
Cash in Hand	53	10 3	14,430	14 2	Establishment Medical	100	0 0		
					Purchase Medicines	181	0 0		
					Maintaining Garden	436	4 6		
					Burial charges	40	0 0		
<i>Subscriptions.</i>					Irrigation charges	46	15 2		
Estate late Mrs. Critchell	1,000	0 0			Purchase clothing	281	4 0		
Europeans Dehra and Mussoorie	958	8 0			Printing charges	23	12 0		
Natives	82	0 0			Miscellaneous contingencies	362	12 10	7,422	2 11
H. H. The Rajah of Tehree	1,000	1 0							
Municipality of Dehra	350	0 0			Salary of Visiting Pastor and Catechist defrayed by Leper Mission...	240	0 0		
Mussoorie	300	0 0	3,690	9 0	Cost of Cheque book and incidental Charges	4	2 0	244	2 0
By Mission to Lepers-through W.C. Bailey	369	15 0	369	15 0					
Government Grant N.-W.P. and Oudh ..	2,527	8 0	2,527	8 0					
By Interest on Investment	341	14 10			Invested in 3½	6,000	0 0		
Sale proceeds	661	12 3	1,035	11 1	Fix deposit Bhugwan Dass & Co.	5,000	0 0		
Miscellaneous Receipts	32	0 0			Balance in Delhi and London Bank	3,343	10 3		
					Cash in Hand	44	10 1	14,388	4 4
Total Rs.	22,054	9 3	Total Rs.	22,054	9 3

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