
REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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ROYAL HOSPITAL.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of inspecting the Royal Hospital beg leave to report as follows:—

The premises are in a very dilapidated condition, and the wards being so overcrowded with beds, they do not afford that comfort which is expected in an institution of that kind. The total number of patients on the roll, including the Home, is forty-three, all males, of which seventeen are from the Mainland, eighteen from the Island, and eight from foreign parts. Females have applied for admission, but were refused on account of there being no accommodation for them.

The Convalescent Home is all that could be desired, but the manner in which it is conducted in connection with the Hospital meets with general disapproval by the inmates, and we would recommend that a steward be appointed in connection with that place.

We also find that the funds are carefully expended, the daily expenditure averaging about fifty-four cents per head per diem. This includes medical attendance and medicine.

In conclusion, we would state that many complaints of unkindness towards patients by the Matron and Steward were carefully enquired into, and we trust that such acts will be unheard of in the future.

EDWARD ALLEN,
Chairman.