

FIFTEENTH CELEBRATION  
OF  
**BENDIGO HOSPITAL SUNDAY**

(First inaugurated—in the Colonies—at Sandhurst, March 1873).

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**Committee Room,**

*Town Hall, Sandhurst.*

*Dear Sir,*

*At the Meeting of the above Committee, held in the Town Hall, Sandhurst, on the 5th July last, it was resolved that the 23rd October should be the day upon which the Simultaneous Collection should be made. It was also resolved that, for the current year, the following Institutions should participate in the amount received, in equal proportions:—*

- The Bendigo Gold District General Hospital,**
- The Bendigo Benevolent Asylum.**

*Appended, I have the pleasure of handing you some general particulars of the claims and positions of these Institutions, as supplied by their respective officers, and to ask the favor of your valuable aid and kind co-operation in this important work of practical benevolence.*

*I am, very obediently yours,*

JOSEPH H. ABBOTT, Hon. Sec.

## BENDIGO HOSPITAL.

THE Hon. Treasurer reports as follows :—

During the last 12 months the Bendigo Hospital has afforded relief to the very large number of 1220 indoor patients ; and 1534 persons have been treated as outdoor patients during the same time, on 9828 different occasions. From these figures it will be seen at a glance that this Institution has attained one of the most important positions, as a charitable Institution, in the southern hemisphere ; and shows pre-eminently that the medical treatment which patients receive must be of the most skilful character, and results are, in consequence, of a most pleasing nature, quite equal to any Institution of the kind in the Australian colonies.

One prominent feature in connection with the Institution is the very small percentage of deaths which occur, compared with the number of cases admitted, a large majority of which were practically incurable prior to their admission. Only 136 deaths have occurred during the past 12 months, shewing most clearly that the treatment patients receive is of a most exemplary character. No doubt the healthy nature of the climate in Sandhurst has great effect in these cheering results ; but the charitable dispositions of the inhabitants of Sandhurst and district form a very much larger factor, in assisting the Committee of Management to procure the best food and the best medical appliances for the comfort and safety of the patients which it is possible to obtain.

The Hospital Sunday collections have been of great assistance to the funds of the Institution, and every member of the community has an opportunity of contributing towards the maintenance of one of the noblest charities in the colony ; and one of which the residents of Sandhurst should feel justly proud.

During the past year, several necessary alterations have been made, which will still further increase the comfort of the patients, and these have been a considerable drain upon the funds—which, at present, are in much need of replenishing ; and the Committee are anxious to still further add to the efficiency of the Institution, but lack of funds prevent their ideas in this direction being carried into effect ; and they trust that the Hospital Saturday and Sunday collections of 1887 may be even more liberal than any of the previous years since the inception of the movement—the maintenance account at the bank being overdrawn some £500 at the present time.

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## BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

During the year just ended, 350 persons have received the benefits of the Institution, at a cost of £3892 4s. 5d. ; and there are, in the Institution, this day (20th September), 161 males, 27 females, 5 lying-in patients, 3 infants ; total 196.

Owing to the depressed state of the district, the amount of outdoor relief afforded has been largely in excess of previous years. 14,822 distributions were made, at a cost of £2394 5s. 10d. We are relieving outdoor, at present, 313 adults and 155 children ; total 468 weekly.

Under these circumstances, the Committee confidently appeal to the congregations and public generally for assistance in carrying on the work.

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**It is worthy of particular notice that the whole of the proceeds of the Collections on Hospital Saturday and Sunday is handed over to the Charities without any deduction for cost of collection ; and that, since established here, the sum of £9357 has been received from these sources.**