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COMMITTEE ROOM,

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October 3rd, 1907.

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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 favour of your valuable aid and kind co-operation in this important work of practical benevolence.

I am, very obediently yours,

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P.S.—I was also requested by the meeting to draw the special attention of the several denominations to the great desirability of taking up all the collections on one and the same day.—R.H.S.A.

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MAINTENANCE.—This department has been always in financial difficulty since the subsidy was so ruthlessly retrenched some 4 years ago, which was not warranted in any sense even at the time. 25 per cent. at one fell swoop was simply dreadful, and this fund STILL feels the effect, and cannot recover under the PRESENT Government subsidy.

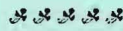
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Your Committee have been exercising economy to the best of their ability in every way compatible with efficiency. The public are more liberal for the number of the population than any similar place in the State, and as proof of this we have only to refer to the number of entertainments, sports and other means of procuring funds for the poor and others who, through accident or disease, are compelled to seek medical treatment and come within the walls of this Institution. A casual glance at the Balance Sheet will show this statement to be absolutely correct in every detail, which speaks volumes for the charitable instincts of the people living in the Bendigo district, and is a silent though eloquent reproach to the Government, who curtailed the subsidy from £3,300 to £2,600 per annum.

We regret the existing depression in the mining industry, which will have a bad effect on all institutions in this district. Your Committee can only trust that people, whom the Great Creator of the Universe blesses with His bounties, may think of their poorer brethren, stricken with disease and poverty, and cared for in our charitable institutions, and will, out of charity, contribute as far as their means will permit, to the maintenance and efficiency of an institution which is doing so much good, relieves so much suffering, and is such a boom to all who are compelled to rest within its walls, as the "Old Bendigo Hospital," and thus assist the Committee in their efforts to make both ends meet year by year. "For he that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord."

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During the year ended 30th June last, 397 persons were maintained in the institution, the daily average being 211, and of this number 100 were from 65 to 75 years of age, 88 from 75 to 85, and 31 85 and upwards, the remainder suffering from chronic and other complaints, which rendered them incapable of providing for themselves. Out-door aid was afforded to a daily average of 87 adults and 124 children, the amount expended under this heading being £627 6s. 8d.

The total expenditure for the year was £5,806, and to meet this the receipts from "private contributions" only amounted to £307 1s. 2d., while the Government grant has been for several years reduced to £2,000. It will be therefore seen that the Hospital Sunday and Easter Fair have to be depended on to enable the institution to carry on the work of relieving the aged, infirm and distressed of the district. At the close of the year there was a debit balance of £188 18s. 3d. The Committee, therefore, appeals to the residents of Bendigo and surrounding districts for a liberal response to enable its members to provide for the aged and destitute of the community.

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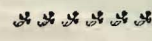
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