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THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

The following Report from the Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee with enclosure published for general information.

By Command,

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SIR,—I have the honour to report that during the year at and in this Hospital was 56,466 against 48,232 in 1876, an excess of 8,234 and 9,705 respectively over the preceding year. The patients were generally of the poorest class of the Colony, and in many cases were brought to the Hospital, to provide them with the means of discharge from the Hospital, to provide them with the means of support. The number of persons thus provided for during the year was 116.

The number of deaths recorded last year was 624. Of these persons who were brought into the Hospital during the year, 100 were their admission.

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Vaccination is practised at the Hospital during the cool months of every year, and the number of persons who underwent the operation at the Hospital during the year under review was 1,063. Vaccinators were sent to the neighbouring villages and to various districts of Kwangtung Province. The result of their mission was very satisfactory, and their returns show that they had 5,641 operations.

Since the establishment of this Hospital, Chinese who are found destitute and homeless by the Police, and young girls that have been kidnapped or decoyed into the Colony are generally sent to the Hospital by the Magistrates and the Registrar General. In such cases, the Committee either provide them with the means of returning to their native places, or in the case of young girls they find out their parents or relatives that they might receive them back; but if they are friendless, and they wish to marry in order to have the support of a husband, they are at liberty to do so. The total number of persons sent to the Hospital under such circumstances during the year 1877 was 45, of whom 15 were males and 30 females.

They were dealt with as follows:—14 males and 12 females went home provided with means, 5 females married, 2 females were adopted as daughters; 1 male and 11 females were sent away by the Registrar General.

On account of the famine at the North, and of the floods in the Kwangtung Province, the Hospital Committee canvassed for subscriptions for the relief of the distressed. It is gratifying to note that their appeal was generously responded to, and they were soon enabled to remit altogether the sum of \$68,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

On the occasion of our new year, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to pay a formal visit to this Hospital. I beg to append a summarised account of it.

