

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship *Cadet*
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 Between the 9th August 1847 and the 2nd January 1848
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Copy of the sick list of the *Cadet* Female Convict Ship

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
1847						
Aug ^t 29	Rebecca Hills	25		Febris	Sept. 11	Dead
Sep ^t 4	Agnes Meek	31		Dyspepsia	“ 14	Cured
“ 5	Louisa Ferris	27		Obstipatio	“ 7	“
“ 5	Comfort Cox	20		Dyspepsia	“ 9	“
“ 5	Mary Clarke	51		“	“ 30	“
“ 6	Mary Ann Dunn	25		Phlegmon	“ 11	“
“ 6	Emily Ellwood	19		Dyspepsia	“ 12	“
“ 9	Mary Ann Capper	20		“	“ 14	“
“ 9	Marg ^t Vernon	21		Obstipatio	“ 12	“
“ 9	Jane Walker	21		Contusio	“ 16	“
“ 11	Bridget Cliance	19		(Sec ^y) Syphilis	Oct. 3 rd	“
“ 11	Jane Eyres	22		Syphilis	“ 10	“
“ 17	Mary Gordon	19		Rheumat.	Sept. 23	“
“ 18	Jane Hills	15		Febris	Sept 29	“
“ 27	Martha Thorpe	24		“	Oct. 4	“
Oct. 3	Marg ^t Kerr	26		Gastritis	“ 14	“
“ 7	Ann Wemyss	25		Obstipatio	“ 13	“
“ 9	Eliza Gall	21		“	“ 14	“
“ 11	Charlotte Jackson	19		Menorrhagia	“ 22	“
“ 13	Jane Sterry	24		Dyspepsia	“ 20	“
“ 15	Mary Cullen	42		Pleurisy	“ 26	“
“ 17	Ellen Wishart	49		Contusio	“ 24	“
“ 17	Margt McRae	21		Ulcer	“ 25	“
“ 19	Mary Rae	41		Dyspepsia	“ 26	“
“ 19	Julia Higgins	23		Ch. Hepatitis	Nov ^r . 17	“
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Oct ^r 20	Marg ^t Findlater	32		Obstipatio	Oct ^r 24	“
“ 24	Barbara Hay	26		do	“ 25	“
“ 26	Jane Pattison	41		Ulcer	Dec ^r 4	“
“ 27	Ann Smith	27		Obstipatio	Nov ^r . 1	“
“ 28	E. Salisbury	16		Gonorrhœa	Dec ^r 19	“
“ 29	Bridget Cliance	21		Ophthalmia	Nov ^r . 5	“
Nov ^r 2	E. Boatwright	26		Parturition	“ 12	“
“ 2	M.A. Wilcoxon	27		Catarrh	Jan ^y 1/48	“
“ 2	Marg ^t Kerr	22		“	Nov ^r . 7	“
“ 3	Marg ^t Deas	44		“	“ 4	“
“ 3	E. Edwards	34		“	“ 5	“
“ 3	Mary Brown	34		Hæmatamesis	Jan ^y 4	Hospital
“ 10	Charlotte Campbell	23		Rheumatism	Dec ^r 3	Cured
“ 10	Sarah Gibson	48		Catarrh	Nov ^r . 19	“
“ 14	Jane Miller	49		Dyspepsia	“ 20	“
“ 15	Sarah Brian	19		Catarrh	“ 19	“
“ 17	Ann Armstrong	33		Ophthalmia	“ 22	“
“ 23	E. Vowles	29		Diarrhœa	“ 25	“
“ 24	Mary Cullen	42		Contusis	Dec ^r 10	“
“ 24	Ann Hanney's child	7m		Sec ^y Syphilis	Jan ^y 4	Hospital
“ 26	Jane Hills	15		Catarrh	Dec ^r 3	Cured

“ 30	Mary Williamson	26		Catarrh	Dec ^r 3	“
“ 30	Susan Clements	31		Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 6	“
“ 30	Jane Walker	21		Catarrh	Dec ^r 7	“
Nov ^r 30	Deborah Hill	19		Gastritis	Jan ^y 4	Hospital
Dec ^r 3	E. Boatwright	26		Phlegmon	Dec ^r 7	Cured
“ 3	Mary A. Toy	31		Catarrh	“ 6	“
“ 3	Mary Elliot	33		Rheumatism	“ 9	“
“ 4	Harriet Williams	19		Catarrh	“ 10	“
“ 7	Eliz th McCann	37		“	“ 9	“
“ 7	Elia Smith	29		“	“ 10	“
“ 7	Ann Armstrong	33		Diarrhoea	“ 11	“
“ 10	Agnes Meek	31		Hæmatamesis	“ 20	“
“ 19	Esther Martin	26		Epilepsy	Jan ^y 2	“
“ 19	Eliz th Olson	47		Diarrhoea	“ 3	“
“ 24	Mary Rae	41		Catarrh	“ 1	“

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**A List of persons Vaccinated on board
The Cadet Female Convict Ship**

Date	Names	Result
1847		
Sept ^r 2 nd	Mary McCullum (child)	Successful
“	Emma Murphy (do)	“
“ 10 th	Mich ^l Sullivan	“
“ 18 th	Cath. Murdoch	“
“ 26 th	George Brown	“
“ 26 th	Eliza Thomas	Unsuccessful
October 4 th	William Allan	Successful
“	Eliza Thomas	Do
“ 12	Jane Smith	Do
“ 20	William Allan	Do
“ 28	Esther Allan	Do

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**Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship *Cadet*
between the 9th August 1847 and the 2nd January 1848 during which time the said ship
has been employed in a voyage from England to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land**

Nature of Disease	No. of Case	Men's Names, Ages, Qualities, Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Hurt.
<p style="text-align: center;">Febris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PB100081. JPG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PB100082. JPG</p>	1	<p style="text-align: center;">Rebecca Hills An ætatis 25 29th September Taken ill on the 29th August and died on the 11th September.</p>	<p>Came on board of the "Cadet" at Woolwich on the 28th August, & on the following morning I found her complaining of sickness & vomiting, with headache & pains in the limbs. She told me that she had been very delicate for some time and had been under treatment in the Infirmary at Millbank and treated for a stomach complaint. As soon as her stomach was settled a little I gave her a dose of <i>Castor Oil</i> ℥i.</p> <p>1st Sept^r. She complains of pain over the Epigastric region with tenderness on pressure, skin dry & hot – nausea with a tendency to vomit. One motion from the Castor Oil. <i>Rx. Pulv. Seidlitz et app: Sinapisma Regioni Epigastrico.</i> P.M. Symptoms still the same. <i>H^b [Habeat] Calomel gr iv Pulv Zingib g^r iij Ol. Menthe g^{ss} iij</i></p> <p>2nd Sept^r Complains of sickness & vomiting. Bowels not open. <i>H^b Enema purgans, et Mist Morphiea c̄ Camph [4?] hora</i></p> <p><i>Emp Cantharidis sinciput et supra regioni Epigastrico.</i> P.M. Bowels not open – <i>Repet Enema c̄ ol volatilis [Pinci Lauricis? (perse Laurus) ℥fs</i> Blister has risen on the nape of the neck – that on the epigastric region imperfectly & it has been reapplied.</p> <p>3rd Symptoms much the same with headach. <i>Detrahatur sanguis ad indicium. Cont mist Camph. c̄ Carb Magnesie et Spt. æther Nitros.</i> P.M. Blister has risen – one motion no vomiting – <i>Cont Mist.</i> A very small quantity of blood was obtained.</p> <p>4th Has slept during the night – vomited once this morning a quantity of green mucous fluid. Blisters discharging. <i>H^b. Calomelanos g^r iij opii g^r i et cont mist.</i></p> <p>5th A restless night – headach continues Blisters discharging <i>Reapp. Enema Purgans et H^b Pil colocoe (colocyn?) no ij</i> 12 noon. No vomiting. The Enema did not operate, and it has been repeated with Terebinth & blisters have been applied to the Temples. Two motions at 3 – dark in colour with scibalous (scybalous) matter. Complains still of headache. Blister on Temples discharging.</p> <p>6th Headach still continues with drowsiness, tongue dry & furred in the centre. No motion <i>Rx ol Crotonis g^{ss} i in forma Pilulæ</i> which caused vomiting in an hour after. P.M. No motion. <i>Repet ol Crotonis et H^b Enema c̄ Terebinth.</i></p>

<p>PB100083. JPG</p>			<p>7th A good night. Enema brought away a large quantity of bilious looking matter. She feels a little better this morning. Pain in the head less. Croton oil did not operate, but produced Borborygmus. <i>Repet Enema c̄ ol Ricini</i> Noon. The Enema has not operated & it has been repeated with <i>Terebinth Rx Ol. Crotonis g^{tt} ij c̄ Ext Coloc co g^r v. App Ungt Hyd Fort ʒ ij supra abdomini.</i> Midnight Lethargic – Has passed a copious involuntary stool followed by another shortly after. Wine & water to be given during the night.</p> <p>8th Seems a little more sensible this morning – abdomen not so tense & swollen. Pulse 90, regular & soft – Lethargy continues – Extremities warm – Febrile symptoms continue.</p> <p>9th Has passed a quiet night. Is insensible to what is going on around her. A discharge of saliva from the mouth. Has difficulty of swallowing. Skin cool. Pulse 90. 12. One motion (involuntary) 3 Seems more feverish – slight strabismus of the right eye – coma not so great; but the difficulty of wallowing continues. <i>Administ Enema c̄ Sulph Mag ʒ ij</i> 10 Still comatose with stools passing involuntarily, & on the 11th September she died. No Post mortem examination. .</p>
<p>Syphilis</p> <p>PB100084. JPG PB100085. JPG</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Bridget Cliaance An ætatis 20 Put on the List 11th September & Discharged cured 3rd October 1847</p>	<p>The patient presented herself to e with sores on the vulva apparently of some standing, and of a whitish colour – indolent with a fœtid discharge; accompanying them was a discharge from the vagina of glasy mucous with odour urinæ, and heat in the parts. She likewise complained of constipation & straining & bearing down when she went to stool. I found a large condyloma at the verge of the anus with a most fœtid discharge which she considered to be a hæmorrhoid. This state of the parts had been existing for some time & she had been repeatedly under treatment. Her mode of living previous to conviction had been anything but regular.</p> <p>The mode of treatment in this case consisted of great attention to personal cleanliness. The sores were touched occasionally with Nitrate of Silver a Solution of which was injected every morning. Vegetable diet with a few brisk cathartics, & afterwards <i>Hyd. Potassæ g^r ij ter die.</i> She was discharged cured on the 3rd October.</p>

<p>Syphilis</p> <p>PB100086.JPG</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Jane Eyres Put on the List 11th September & discharged cured 4th October</p>	<p>This patient presented herself with phagedænic sores all round the vulva, but most extensive on the right side, she stated that she had been frequently under treatment at Millbank but had never been effectually cured.</p> <p>She was also suffering from sore throat with enlargement of the glands. She was of a cachectic habit, & had very evidently led a very profligate life. I put her upon a regimen of diet applied fomentations to the parts which were considerably swelled. nitrate of Silver was afterwards applied to the sores with but little benefit. I gave her a Solution of <i>Hyd. Potass</i> three times a day & applied a mixture of the Solution of the <i>Chloride of Zinc</i> to the sores of the strength of ζi to the ζi of water applied daily.</p> <p>This caused the sores to take on a healthy appearance & promoted a speedy cure.</p> <p>This was the first time I had used the Sol: of the Chloride of Zinc which is supplied to the ships, as a disinfecting agent; & can speak highly of its qualities. The patient was restored perfect health, & no bad symptoms appeared during the remainder of the voyage.</p>
<p>Hæmatemesis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Mary Brown An ætatis 31 Put on the List Nov^r 3rd & sent on shore to the Colonial Hospital Van Diemen's Land 4th January 1848</p>	<p>Came on board the "Cadet" a poor emaciated individual, & lay in bed during the 1st month in a state of apathy – seeming to care for nothing earthly. She had no particular complaint but sea sickness – little appetite & occasional vomiting of blood from retching. My object was to alley the gastric irritation &, if possible, to get her on deck. She was supplied with such diet as the service admitted of – attention was paid to the state of the stomach & bowels, but she was bed ridden the greater part of the voyage – occasional attacks of diarrhœa made their appearance which was generally cured by the <i>Mistura Cretæ</i>, & she was landed on the 4th January to the Hospital</p>

**A Nosological Synopsis of the Sick Book kept during the Period of this Journal, in
conformity with the 30th Article of the Surgeons' Instructions.**

Diseases Nosologically arranged	Numbers						Nos. of such Cases as are detailed in the Journal
	Total	Discharged to Duty	Sent to the Hospital	Died on board	Invalided	Remaining	
Pyrexiae							
Ord. I. Febres.							
Internulleates Quotutiana Tertiana							
Continua Synochus							
Typhus	1			1			
Ephemera	2	2					
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis	1	1					
Pneumonia-Gastric	2	1	1				
Rheumatismus	3	3					
Pleuritis	1	1					
Chronic Hepatitis	1	1					
Ophthalmia	2	2					
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas							
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Menorrhagia	1	1					
Parturitio	1	1					
Haematemesis	2	1	1				
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	14	14					
Dysenteria							
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Epilesia	1	1					
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia	8	8					
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	4	4					
Colica							
Ord. IV. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania							

Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes							
Ord. II. Intumescenciae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis	3	2	1				
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apocenosos.							
Gonorrhoea	1	1					
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	7	7					
Dysuria							
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
Luxatio							
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Abscess Vulnus	1	1					
Ulcus	2	2					
Contusio	3	3					
GENERAL TOTAL	61	57	3	1			
NOTE.—Medical Officers are desired particularly to Notice that the Numbers in each Disease and the general Total must not only correspond with the Sick Book, but also with the particulars contained in the several Nosological Returns for the period.							

GENERAL REMARKS

The "Cadet" of 376 tons was chartered to convey Female Prisoners from England to Hobart Town, & received on board part of the prisoners at Woolwich on the 25th August 1847. It is customary for the Surgeon Superintendent to examine the convicts in the Prison before they embark, but owing to the miscarriage of a letter from the Medical Inspector of the Millbank Penitentiary I had not that privilege, but I made a hasty examination of them as they came on board and out of 170, I rejected five for bodily infirmities. Along with the Prisoners we received a Matron & Religious Instructor from Millbank, & the duties of the Surgeon Sup^t were lightened considerably by the clothing being all marked, & the messes formed previous to embarkation. The women were chiefly young & healthy looking. One death occurred in the channel from Fever. The Patient complained the day after she came on board & I have no doubt but it was induced by mental anxiety, & depression of spirits. Sea Sickness prevailed at first to a considerable extent, but they soon recovered, and came on deck to enjoy the fresh air & taste a glass of wine which was denied them if they did not make an appearance.

We were detained in the Channel for 10 days by contrary winds, which blew strong from the Westward, & it was necessary to use great precaution to keep the Prison dry, & at the same time to keep up a proper degree of ventilation. The practice of dry holystoning was always adopted in damp weather & hanging stoves put down during the day. The women were kept on deck when the weather was fine, & the bedding got up every morning as well as their clothes bags. A minute inspection of the prison every morning at 10 prevented any accumulation of filth or wet; & the prison soon presented the appearance of a clean, wholesome & well-regulated establishment – one mess striving against another for the liberal allowance of tea and sugar awarded daily to the best regulated messes, & it was seldom indeed that I had to find fault with the appearance of the Prison, or the state of the women's persons, & I only wish I could say the same as regards their tempers.

The Synopsis shews the total amunity (sic) from disease of any endemic character. A few slight cases of ophthalmia appeared at first starting which I attributed to the keenness of the season compared to that of a Prison. Two cases of Syphilis of old standing were put under treatment, in one of these (Case No 3) I remarked the great use of the Chloride of Zinc which healed up the sores very speedily after the other remedies usually adopted had failed.

I recommended this application to the Surgeon of the Convict Hospital at Hobart Town, & he had a case under treatment when I left, but as my stay in the Colony was so short, I cannot speak of the result. In the Tropics the women were never allowed to go below during the day, but were kept on the Poop sewing & knitting, & it was in these Latitudes where I found the benefit of the benefit of the Chloride of Zinc as a disinfecting agent.

We did not touch at any Port on the passage, as we were not in want of any refreshments, and we arrived at Hobart town on the 2nd of January in a very healthy state.

One hundred and sixty-four prisoners were embarked at Woolwich together with 29 children. One death occurred in the channel, and one birth on the passage, so that the total number landed amounted to 163 women, and 30 children.

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