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(54) see letter "Foundling Hospital"

July 9. 1868 I visited the Foundling Hospital, Mr Brownlow the Sec^y kindly took me over. The small girls 5-7 years were in the schoolroom the larger being put over. They crowded round us very cozily. were generally very pretty and engaging - very quiet & winning no shyness. Then we saw the older girls up to 10 or 11 in classes. They too were unusually nice looking but not quite so pretty as the younger ones. Some girls ~~12-14~~ 12-14 were helping in the kitchen & other offices. - they too were very nice looking. The boys were quiet & engaging. They learn music & from 20 to 30 were practicing at a brass band. The schoolmaster of the boys a hard raw Scotchman said they were like other children. They had plots of flower gardens very fastidiously kept. - I never saw such quiet & yet happy & healthy children.



Earlswood Asylum for Idiots I May 5/50

Introduced by Dr Langdon Down - went with Romanes & was hospitably received by the Senior Medical Resident Physician Dr Graham & by the Assistant Medical Officer Dr Spence. We arrived there about 12:15 & left at 4:30

It was the best conducted establishment I have ever seen clean orderly & every body happy no outward signs of discipline only the effects,

Stray notes

very little beer with intoxicating idiosyncrasy

Strange insensibility to pain - a toe nail removed - a finger nail removed the patients being unconcerned. Another for the sake of this sensation very severely burnt himself - I saw the scar some 2 1/2 inches diameter on back of wrist. Yet this youth turned in a lathe & felt the edge of his tool with his finger.

Some qualities are sometimes highly developed in an idiot
4 cases of tenacious memory 1 date - 2 Macphall's Questions -
3. (~~not only~~) 4. (a sad recital) Bible.

Music sometimes considerably, frequently faint indeed common to all apprehensive rhythm but their steps to music & dance exercises are far from sharp & true.

Mechanics Several in a degree. I remarkable say the one who made the ship. His contrivance to alarm when the door was opened. Lifting stage to get to the upper part of the window when dark below. His Guy Fawkes. His pictures writing his historical diary of his life a picture for each year ^{Has a cabinet}

Memory of time One when awake ~~sudden~~ in the night could always tell the hour within a few minutes - this experiment was frequently tried.

faulty
Kleptomania - Steal.

peculiarly
indifference to cold - pain see above.

Do not dream much - seldom at least talk about it
The memory seemed verbal in above cases except Puller
the mechanic

The meaning of this card of Puller is - "the fiddler in the tailor's shop (tailor's goose) is to have a pin put into a brooch for 3d."



very little beer with in tropical
immediately to pain ^{arms} ~~arms~~ ^{navis removed}
Qualities various developed ^{memory}
large development of organ no other paper
Obscene language & swearing
looks over wood cases seem pick up
some very good music
memory of time awake is with in a few minutes

May deaf & dumb
repeatedly overheard last 26 y ago
about 10 y ago. he heard it by toll call.
Mortis wonderful memory of date then a
long ramble they about - previous
Nicholas ^{and} Magnathic creation. Court class
highly in merit - Anti-Stephen Stephens. Learned Bush
Merrill & learned his father a doctor. Morning
grandiloquent - all abstract - the underhand
what he says - not out of hand like a date -
deftly and
Indifference to all by talked in 1870

the committee will meet in
the afternoon - just outside
the "Lake house" - on Wednesday
the 28th inst at 3 p.m.
Lake committee

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