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CHRONIC FORMS OF PARALYSIS; DROPPED HANDS, AND  
OTHER POISONOUS EFFECTS OF LEAD, MERCURY,  
OR OTHER MINERALS; SPINAL AFFECTIONS;  
DYSPEPTIC COMPLAINTS, UTERINE  
OBSTRUCTIONS, ETC., ETC.

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# Meetings of Trustees and House Committee, 1866.

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## ATTENDANCE OF TRUSTEES, 1866.

There have been 12 Ordinary and 10 Special Meetings of Trustees during the year, the attendance being as follows:—

|                               | Ordinary<br>Meetings. | Special<br>Meetings. | TOTAL. |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Dr. Robertson, Chairman ..... | 12                    | 10                   | 22     |
| Mr. R. Darwin .....           | 5                     | 2                    | 7      |
| Mr. W. P. Shipton .....       | 4                     | 2                    | 6      |
| Mr. S. Turner .....           | 10                    | 9                    | 19     |
| Mr. J. Milligan .....         | 6                     | 9                    | 15     |
| Mr. S. Bright .....           | 4                     | 6                    | 10     |
| Mr. R. R. Duke .....          | 5                     | 9                    | 14     |
| Dr. Bennet .....              | 3                     | 3                    | 6      |
| Dr. Dickson .....             | 11                    | 9                    | 20     |
| Mr. R. Broome .....           | 5                     | 7                    | 12     |
| Mr. J. T. Bullock .....       | 1                     | 1                    | 2      |
| Mr. M. Vavasour .....         | 5                     | 1                    | 6      |
| Captain Darwin .....          | 3                     | 5                    | 8      |
| Mr. J. W. Taylor .....        | 9                     | 10                   | 19     |
| Mr. F. Turner .....           | 8                     | 8                    | 16     |
| Dr. F. K. Dickson .....       | 7                     | 5                    | 12     |
| The Rev. S. R. Eddy .....     | 9                     | 8                    | 17     |
| Mr. M. M. Moore .....         | 5                     | 3                    | 8      |
| The Rev. C. Smith .....       | 3                     | 3                    | 6      |
| Mr. G. F. Barnard .....       | 3                     | 2                    | 5      |
| Mr. W. H. Flint .....         | 1                     | 1                    | 2      |

## ATTENDANCE OF HOUSE COMMITTEE, 1866.

There have been 30 Meetings of the House Committee during the year, the attendance being as follows:—

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|-----------------------------|----|
| The Chairman .. .. .        | 29 |
| Mr. J. Milligan .. .. .     | 18 |
| Mr. S. Bright .. .. .       | 3  |
| Dr. Dickson .. .. .         | 21 |
| Mr. J. W. Taylor .. .. .    | 23 |
| The Rev. S. R. Eddy .. .. . | 20 |

## PREFACE.

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The Buxton mineral water is discharged from several openings in very large quantities, at the temperature of 82 degrees, Fahrenheit. It is charged with nitrogen gas in, probably, a larger degree than any other mineral water; being estimated by Dr. Lyon Playfair to contain at the moment of issue no less than 206 cubic inches of nitrogen gas per gallon; and by Dr. Sheridan Muspratt, the most recent analyst, to contain no less than 504 cubic inches per gallon. This gas is presented in water, which has, otherwise, alkaline, earthy, and saline properties, and is remarkably detergent and softening to the skin when used as a bath; while it is free from odour or disagreeable taste, is clear and bright in its appearance, and of a singularly beautiful faintly blue colour.

The medicinal action of the water, whether used as baths, or drunk, has been from time immemorial known to be great in relieving or curing all conditions of a rheumatic or gouty character. It is stated by Dr. Jones, so long ago as in the year 1572, that it was then used for the relief of the same ailments as it is at the present time.

Dr. Jones says, that, in his time, Buxton was much resorted to by poor afflicted persons; and, towards the end of the sixteenth century, this was considered to be so serious an injury by the inhabitants of the adjoining chapelry of Fairfield as to render them unable to provide funds for the maintenance of their chaplain, by reason of the urgent and continual claims of the many poor sufferers resorting to the Buxton baths, as set forth in a petition on this matter addressed by them to Queen Elizabeth. These poor persons had been from time immemorial so far aided, as to have had gratuitous baths of the mineral water provided for them; and there seems to have been a fund called the "Treasury of the Bath," by which their pecuniary necessities were more or less ministered to. Dr. Jones writes, in reference to this fund, what may be quoted in this place; "If any think this magisterial imposing on people's pockets, let them consider their abilities and the sick poor's necessities, and think whether they do not in idle pastimes throw away in vain twice as much yearly; it may entail the blessings of them who are ready to perish upon you, and will afford a pleasant after reflection. God has given you physic for nothing; let the poor and afflicted (it may be members of Christ) have a little of your money,—it may be the better for your own health: heaven might have put them in your room and you in theirs, then a supply would have been acceptable to you."

Beyond this somewhat vague earlier history, there is no record of the Buxton Bath Charity until the year 1785, of which date there is extant a document, apparently an annual report of the Institution; from which time the use of the baths and waters and pecuniary aid had been regularly given to the poor patients until the year 1859, when the Devonshire Hospital was provided for the reception of the patients.

It has been gathered from the annual reports that in the eighteen years from 1820, 14,906 patients were admitted to the benefits of the Charity, of which number 12,608 were discharged as cured or much relieved.

In the twenty following years, from 1838 to 1858, 23,319 patients were admitted; and of these, 16,575 were cured or much relieved; 5,859 were relieved in some degree; and 885 were no better at the time of discharge.

The Devonshire Hospital was opened for the reception of the patients of the Charity in the year 1859. It is the successful result of the conversion of a very extensive range of building, erected and used as stables since the commencement of the present century. The structure, which is of important and substantial character, surrounds a parterre of considerable extent, and contains a colonnade of handsome proportions, is situated on a commanding eminence, presenting views of the town and valley of Buxton, and is near to the baths, the railway stations, and the principal buildings.

From the year 1820, then, to the beginning of September, 1858, when the Hospital was opened, or in 38 years, the Institution had received 38,225 patients; of which number, 35,042 were beneficially treated, and 2,183 were very partially if at all relieved. During those 38 years the Buxton Bath Charity received, on an average, upwards of 1,000 patients every year, and afforded cure or marked relief to 922 of that number. To a very large proportion of this important number of poor sufferers, chiefly from chronic rheumatism, the Charity gave a weekly allowance of 6s. during their stay in Buxton, in addition to all other benefits; until the funds became so seriously impaired, that the weekly money allowance was necessarily reduced to 5s., at which sum it remained until the opening of the Hospital. From the time of reducing the weekly money allowance, the pecuniary prosperity of the Buxton Bath Charity may be dated. The funds accumulated year by year, until the time of rebuilding the Buxton baths on the part of the Duke of Devonshire, when a capital of nearly £3,000 had been gathered together by the scrupulous management of the Trustees. The names may be mentioned, first and particularly, of Bishop Spencer, at one time Trustee and Incumbent of Buxton, and more recently one of the Vice-Presidents of the Hospital; of Mr. Heacock and Mr. Smithers, its successive Treasurers; and of Sir Charles Scudamore, Mr. Page, Mr. Cumming, and Dr. Carstairs,—as being no longer alive to witness and take part in the present development of the Charity; and also, in order of seniority as to connection with the Institution, of Dr. Robertson, the Hon. and Rev. F. R. Grey, Mr. Darwin, and the Rev. R. P. Hull Brown, as still living to rejoice in the well-doing of the Buxton Charity and its Hospital. Of these £3,000, £500 was judiciously expended on the rebuilding of the Charity Natural Baths; the large remaining sum which those baths cost, and the whole cost of the Hot Baths of the Charity, having been paid by the munificence of the late Duke of Devonshire. Again, in 1853-54, when the proposal of an hospital to receive the patients of the Institution was first brought before the public by Mr. Smithers and the other Trustees, the sum of £1,000 from the accumulated fund was given towards the Hospital; leaving a residue of £1,500 consols, which sum remains thus invested. (See Estate Account.)

The history and doings of the Buxton Bath Charity have thus been summarily brought down to the time of forming the Hospital, the expense of which was defrayed by the individual and collective liberality of the Trustees; by special subscriptions from the public; by the proceeds of a bazaar, that was bountifully supplied and supported,—&c.,—a total sum of £6,000 having been thus got together, and expended on the conversion of this valuable building to hospital purposes. This conversion, with its anxious details and successful results, was mainly due to the untiring exertions of the late Mr. Wilmot, aided by the architectural skill of Mr. H. Currey, and the liberal consideration of the late Duke of Devonshire.

It forms an interesting episode in this history, that, in the winter of 1862-63, during what will be long remembered as the Cotton Famine, a special fund was obtained, chiefly by the exertions of the late Mr. Wilmot; and 100 young women, under 30 years of age, selected by the Relief Committees of their respective towns, as being most likely to be benefited by the change of air and the comforts of the Hospital, were received, and taken care of, as to food, and as to medicines, and restored to their homes in the subsequent spring, with renovated health and strength, and full of gratitude for what they had received. The balance of the subscriptions, amounting with interest to £256, was invested as a separate fund for ever, to enable poor female operatives from factory towns to be received into the Hospital. This fund may be increased by special donations.

The last very important circumstance in the history of the Hospital is, that the grounds in front of it have been, with much kind consideration, made over to the Institution, on the part of the Duke of Devonshire, at a nominal rent: maintaining the detached position of the building, enhancing its appearance, and adding to the out-of-door advantages of the patients.

The building is the property of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire; and the conversion of it to the use of the Hospital for ever, on the payment of the rent of £5 yearly, was benevolently granted by the late Duke of Devonshire, as testified on the stone over the principal entrance, on which is inscribed: "The last munificent Charity of William Spencer, 6th Duke of Devonshire, K.G., who allowed these buildings to be converted to the use of the sick poor, January, A.D. 1858." A considerable sum of money that had been collected for the construction of the Hospital was expended upon the work. The walls and roof of the structure were fortunately found to be in good preservation; the interior was entirely removed and re-arranged; the subsoil carefully taken away; and about two-thirds of the building occupied for the purposes of the Hospital, by a chaplain's house, a house for the master and matron, kitchen, day-rooms, dining-hall, and spacious dormitories affording separate beds for 120 patients, in addition to the beds provided for cases of accident, and in addition to the rooms required for the servants of the establishment.

During the eight years since the Hospital was opened, there have been 8,199 patients under treatment, of which number 7,264 have been treated beneficially; and 1,145, or about one-seventh of the whole, were not suffering from any of the forms of rheumatism, but were such cases as are ordinarily met with in hospitals. On the average of the eight years, the patients remained under treatment 24 days; and 6,830 cases of rheumatism, embracing every conceivable variety of this obstinate disease, were thus extensively relieved by the remedial agency of the Buxton mineral waters.

This prefatory account has seemed to be needful for the information of those not already acquainted with the nature and merits of this Institution. The operations of the eight years have shown the desirability of forming or modifying definite rules for the government and regulation of the Charity; and these are submitted to the public in the expectation that as they are founded upon the experience of the wants of the Institution, and modelled on the rules of similar charitable foundations, they will be of use, meeting the wishes of the subscribers, and contributing to the well-doing of the Hospital.

W. H. R.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

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THE Trustees are thankful to be able to report that the Hospital has been increasingly useful during the past year.

The number of In-Patients admitted during the year 1866 was 1124, or 32 more than in 1865, 139 more than in 1864, and 250 more than in 1863. Of the 1124 patients, 966 have been beneficially treated, 110 were no better at the time of discharge, 5 have died, 13 were discharged at their own request, 6 cases were found to be unfitted for the Hospital, 2 left without report, 1 was advised to go home, and 21 remained on the books at the end of the year.

The number of Out-Patients admitted during the year was 157, of whom 129 were beneficially treated, 6 were no better at the time of discharge, 20 left without report, 1 was made an in-patient, and one remained on the books at the end of the year. There have been 31 fewer Out-Patients than in 1865; but the number is in excess of that in 1864 and in 1863.

That the number of Out-Patients should be so small in comparison with that of the In-Patients is, however, a proof of the value of the Hospital, and of the estimation in which it is held by the subscribers and the patients. It should be told that when the Hospital was about to be established, it was said by many, that there would be difficulty in finding subscribers or patients to give it a preference, and that the tickets of admission for Out-Patients would be issued in greater numbers than those for In-Patients; and yet, notwithstanding that four tickets of admission for Out-Patients are only of the same value as one ticket for an In-Patient, the comparatively small number of Out-Patients consists in part of those unable to be accommodated in the Hospital, and unable or unwilling to wait for an In-Patient's vacancy.

The average number of Patients daily in the Hospital has been as nearly  $77\frac{2}{3}$ ; the average number of days of every In-Patient has been as  $25\frac{1}{4}$ ; the average cost of every In-Patient has been £1 17s.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and the average cost per day of every In-Patient has been 1s.  $9\frac{1}{4}$ d.

In the aggregate the Patients have consequently remained three days longer in the Hospital than during the preceding year, and the cost per day has exhibited an increase. The gratifying circumstance in the statement is, that the beds in the Hospital have been occupied during a greater number of days of the year, as represented by  $66\frac{1}{2}$  days in 1865, and nearly  $77\frac{2}{3}$  in 1866. Until the number is made up to 120, the number of beds in the Hospital, the value of the building is not equal to its power. Subscribers would be exercising a wise discretion, in withholding recommendations from more chronic conditions during the months of the year when the demands upon the accommodation of the Hospital are much in



excess, and sometimes more than double the amount of its capabilities; thus leaving room for those whose cases require more immediate relief, and filling the Hospital during the less occupied months. It cannot be too often or too urgently stated, that the Hospital is quite as beneficial, and the baths and waters of Buxton quite as useful, from January to April, and from October to December, as from May to September.

The great cost of the Hospital is referable in an important degree to the unrestricted dietary, especially as to the consumption of animal food, the price of which has been so unprecedentedly high during the last year; but this dietary is an important instrument of good to the patients. The Hospital occupies in some degree the position of a convalescent hospital. Patients are received, especially from the manufacturing districts, much weakened by suffering and disease; and there can be no doubt that the air of Buxton, and the liberal dietary of the Hospital, aid the medicinal uses of the Buxton mineral waters, and contribute much to the benefit derived by the patients. It should be stated, that the majority of the patients are not only relieved from rheumatism, and the wearing and disabling causes and consequences of disease, but leave the Hospital strengthened and restored, better fitted to work for their subsistence and that of their families. It should moreover be stated, that the returns of relief afforded by the Hospital are found to represent very inadequately the amount of benefit eventually derived. Patients are placed at the end of the course at such an advantage, in regard to strength, and ailment, and power of restoration, that, as a rule, they continue to become less and less invalided during the subsequent weeks or months.

The financial position of the Hospital continues to be a matter of anxiety to the Trustees. The difference between the One Guinea received from the Subscriber and the £1 17s. 5½d. expended on the patient absorbs much of the income of the Hospital that is otherwise obtained, and leaves but little margin for the most necessary outlay on the improvement or extension of the Hospital. During the year 1865, two legacies were added to the funds of the Hospital; during the last year no money has been received under this head. If this were due to the preservation of the lives of all the friends and benefactors to the Institution, it might well give ground for thankfulness; but it is not so; and during the past year many charitable institutions have so very different a tale to tell, that it is felt by the Trustees to be only right to direct the attention of the supporters of the Hospital to this particular way in which its great wants may be provided for. As some set-off to this statement, it is gratifying to mention a donation to the investments of the Hospital of £100 from the Rev. J. A. Rhodes, of Carlton. Only £147 have been received from Life Subscriptions during the past year, probably in some degree owing to the increased charge which had to be made for this privilege at the commencement of the year. It is to be much regretted, that the low state of the available funds renders it impossible to invest any of the money thus received, in order to provide for the yearly liability produced by it.

The sum required for establishing and stocking the Dispensary, and supplying a sitting-room and bedroom for the Dispenser, has also been a drain upon the immediate pecuniary resources. The Dispensary has, however, been a gain to the Hospital, even during the first year of its establishment; and on the supposition, which is below the fact, that no more medicines have been supplied to patients than during previous years.

There had been an omission in the original construction of the Hospital, no rooms having been provided in which the Medical Officers could receive and examine the patients. This duty had to be performed at much disadvantage in one of the public rooms,—a disadvantage which disturbed the domestic duties of the establishment, interfered with the comforts and regularity of servants and patients, and was an inconvenience and hindrance to the Medical Attendants. At very little sacrifice of space, and at small outlay in reference to the gain as to all material interests which has resulted, two consulting rooms have been provided and furnished. These items have, however, necessarily so far helped to exhaust the available balance at the end of the year.

The capital sum of £500 was duly invested in consols, as stated in the last Annual Report, to represent the life subscriptions, legacies, &c., received during 1865, and to produce a total investment of £2,000 as a security for the yearly liability upon the £2,980 then existing in regard to life subscriptions.

It will be seen that, in consequence of the investment of the £500, the increased cost of the patients, the increased number of the patients, the outlay in establishing the dispensary, and the outlay in forming and furnishing the consulting rooms, &c., the balance at the end of 1865 amounting to £873 7s. 10d. was wholly exhausted, and that the accounts show a balance against the Hospital of £13 16s. 4d. (*vide* Statement of Accounts.) The Trustees hope that this fact only requires to be made known to the public.

There is, moreover, a necessary outlay to be immediately incurred in regard to the fences and laying out of the grounds in front of the Hospital, which have been munificently made over to it by the Duke of Devonshire, at a nominal rent. Open spaces around buildings occupied by numbers of people, and especially by numbers of sick people, are necessary to health, and still more necessary to the restoration of health. The possession of these grounds is an invaluable guarantee as to the operations of the Hospital during future years, and the sum to be spent upon them will be well spent money. The grounds will, moreover, supply a valuable means of exercise and recreation to the patients.

The subscribers and supporters of the Hospital will observe with regret the appearance in the accounts for the first time of a charge upon the Hospital for rates and taxes. The Trustees have applied to the authorities, and appealed against the charges in vain. They feel convinced as to the impolicy and injustice of such an impost on Charitable Institutions, whose power and usefulness even in relieving the poor-rates must be so far lessened; and they solicit the attention and assistance, as to a reconsideration of the question on the part of the Legislature, of such subscribers and friends of the Hospital as have seats in Parliament.

During the year, the Hospital has been deprived by death of one of its oldest and kindest friends and patrons. Bishop Spencer had been connected with the Buxton Bath Charity during 40 years, and had promoted its interests in many ways: advocating its cause from the pulpit on numerous occasions, contributing to its funds, and during his Incumbency of Buxton attending the meetings of the Trustees and Subscribers, and manifesting always, from first to last, a warm interest in its well doing. The Trustees have also to lament the recent loss by death of another of the Vice-Presidents of the Hospital,—Edmund Buckley, Esq.,—a very old and kind benefactor to its funds.

The Rev. J. A. Rhodes has been made a Vice-President of the Hospital.

Dr. Robertson has been re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

One of the Medical Officers of the Hospital, Mr. Milner M. Moore, has resigned his appointment during the year. Mr. Moore had served the Institution advantageously during eleven months, and deserves the thanks of the Trustees and Subscribers. The vacancy thus occasioned has been satisfactorily filled by the appointment of Mr. W. H. Flint, M.R.C.S.

One of the Trustees, Dr. E. D. Moore, has ceased to reside in Buxton. The vacancy has been filled by the election of Mr. Isaac Walton.

The Trustees tender their thanks to the Clergymen and Ministers who have kindly made collections in aid of the funds of the Hospital; to the Ladies and Gentlemen who have acted as Monthly Visitors; to the Members of the Medical Staff; to the Treasurer; to the Auditors; to the Chaplain; and to the various Officials, who, in their several capacities, whether honorary or otherwise, have served the Hospital during the year. An omission occurred in the Report for last year, as to tendering the thanks of the Trustees to such of the Hotel-keepers, Lodging-house-keepers, and other Inhabitants of Buxton, as had exerted themselves to collect funds in support of the Hospital. It is impossible to feel otherwise than grateful for such services, and thanks are hereby given by the Trustees. It has, moreover, been felt that some consideration might be properly rendered in return for such exertions; and the Trustees beg to offer to any inhabitant of Buxton who shall during the year obtain *donations* to the funds of the Hospital of Five Guineas or upwards, the power of recommending one In-Patient. It must be understood that this offer does not apply to the collection of *subscriptions*, which are already a charge to the funds of the Hospital of so much more than the amount received.

The Trustees regret that Mr. and Mrs. Dawn, who have faithfully served the Hospital as Master and Matron from its commencement, have tendered their resignations. The Trustees hope to be able to find suitable successors.

In regard to Subscriptions and Subscribers, it is earnestly requested, that the fact of the much larger outlay upon every patient than the amount of the subscription received, be constantly remembered, and be held as a strong reason why recommendations should not be used, unless when the wants and deservings of the sick poor are personally known, or have been satisfactorily ascertained. In reference to this, it will be observed that a notice has been appended, in red ink, to every form of recommendation.

The Trustees submit the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending December 31, 1866, and also an Estate Account and general Balance Sheet of the Hospital. These accounts show the receipts from the public and the outlay upon the Hospital, and justify an earnest appeal for liberal support, to enable the Hospital to continue and extend its services to the infirm, disabled, and suffering poor.

The Auditor's Report for the year is printed for the farther information and satisfaction of the Subscribers and Benefactors of the Hospital. It confirms the statements above given as to the excess of expenditure; and as to the expediency of investing the Life Subscriptions received during the year, and the impossibility of doing so; and justifies the strong and anxious appeal which the Trustees now make to the liberality of the public.

It is matter of anxiety that, while donations are earnestly solicited, a fair statement as to the occasion of the deficiency should be set forth.

Much of the expenditure will not have to be incurred again ; but there will be an excess beyond ordinary expenditure during the present year, in laying out the grounds in front of the Hospital, and in furnishing the rooms in the Master's house to replace the furniture belonging to Mr. Dawn.

The diminished income of the Hospital during the year may, with every probability, be referred to the disastrous effect of the cattle plague on the neighbouring districts and the country generally, and to the extensive commercial panic of the year ; and the excess of expenditure may be referred to the increased price of provisions, more particularly as to animal food,—and the greater number of patients, and their longer continuance in the Hospital.

With a view to make the income as secure as may be from the Annual Subscribers, it will be noticed (see rules) that if subscriptions for the year are not paid before June 30, they are in future to be considered as being in default, and to be raised to thirty shillings. This alteration does not affect the payment of new subscriptions. This advance is made in reference to the greater charge of every patient than the amount of subscription, and to aid in maintaining the solvency of the Hospital. The Trustees will resort with great reluctance to a general increase of the amount of annual subscription ; and only, if unable by means of donations, &c., to maintain in any other way the expenditure of the institution.

There is also a statement of account of the "Wilmot Cotton-factory Operative Relief Fund," created by the balance of special subscriptions during the cotton famine, and intended to be used for the gratuitous admission to the Hospital of poor young women from the cotton factories, suffering from rheumatism. This fund may be added to by special donations.



# HOSPITAL, BUXTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1866.

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| <b>HOUSE EXPENSES:—</b>                                                                                                |      |    |    |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Provisions .. .. .                                                                                                     | 1419 | 13 | 7  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Medicines .. .. .                                                                                                      | 87   | 15 | 6  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Gas .. .. .                                                                                                            | 27   | 4  | 6  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Coals .. .. .                                                                                                          | 111  | 0  | 7  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| <b>Salaries and Wages:—</b>                                                                                            |      |    |    |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Secretary .. .. .                                                                                                      | £60  | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| *Master and Matron .. .. .                                                                                             | 100  | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| *Dispenser .. .. .                                                                                                     | 40   | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| *Nurses, Servants, &c .. .. .                                                                                          | 291  | 7  | 6  | 491 | 7  | 6  |      |    |    |
|                                                                                                                        |      |    |    |     |    |    | 2137 | 1  | 8  |
| N.B.—Those marked with an asterisk (*) board in the house.                                                             |      |    |    |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS:—</b>                                                                                                 |      |    |    |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Repairs to Hospital, &c. . . . .                                                                                       | 41   | 8  | 7  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Renewals and Repairs of Furniture, &c. . . . .                                                                         | 85   | 1  | 6  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Printing, Stationery, and Advertising .. .. .                                                                          | 89   | 18 | 4  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Postage Stamps .. .. .                                                                                                 | 31   | 17 | 1  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Bankers' Commission .. .. .                                                                                            | 8    | 13 | 9  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Insurance .. .. .                                                                                                      | 2    | 18 | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Auditor's Fees .. .. .                                                                                                 | 2    | 2  | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Rates and Taxes .. .. .                                                                                                | 5    | 3  | 6  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Annual Charge for Heating Baths. . . . .                                                                               | 30   | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| Sundry Payments for carriage, &c. . . . .                                                                              | 22   | 9  | 9  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| **Chaplain's Stipend .. .. .                                                                                           | 70   | 0  | 0  | 389 | 12 | 6  |      |    |    |
|                                                                                                                        |      |    |    |     |    |    | 2526 | 14 | 2  |
| PAINTING HOSPITAL, internally and externally .. .. .                                                                   |      |    |    | 53  | 12 | 11 |      |    |    |
| TESTIMONIALS to Dr. Robertson and Mr. Shipton .. .. .                                                                  |      |    |    | 11  | 0  | 3  | 64   | 13 | 2  |
|                                                                                                                        |      |    |    |     |    |    | 2591 | 7  | 4  |
| Less Discounts, Allowances, &c., on Tradesmen's Bills .. .. .                                                          |      |    |    |     |    |    | 15   | 6  | 0  |
|                                                                                                                        |      |    |    |     |    |    | 2576 | 1  | 4  |
| LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS, transferred to Estate Account to be capitalised, according to Minute of December 1st, 1866 .. .. . | 147  | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
| DONATION from the Rev. J. A. Rhodes, to be capitalised .. .. .                                                         | 100  | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |      |    |    |
|                                                                                                                        |      |    |    | 247 | 0  | 0  |      |    |    |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS in advance, transferred to Balance Sheet .. .. .                                                         |      |    |    | 30  | 6  | 0  |      |    |    |
|                                                                                                                        |      |    |    |     |    |    | 277  | 6  | 0  |
| BALANCE, carried to Balance Sheet .. .. .                                                                              |      |    |    |     |    |    | 61   | 14 | 3  |

January 25th, 1867.—The above account examined and found correct.

EDWARD LACEY, }  
 JOSIAH TAYLOR, } AUDITORS.

WILLIAM HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

£2915 1 7

\*\* It should be explained, that the Offertories on three Sundays in the year, at Buxton churches, are given on the understanding, that this payment is made by the Trustees to their Chaplain.



# HOSPITAL, BUXTON.

ACCOUNT.

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|                                                          | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| <b>BATHS, &amp;c. :—</b>                                 |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| Rebuilding in 1853 .. .. .                               | 500   | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| Four Douche Pumps, 1855 .. .. .                          | 72    | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| Two Bath Chairs, 1858 .. .. .                            | 24    | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
|                                                          | <hr/> |    |    | 596   | 0  | 0  |
| <b>HOSPITAL—Preliminary Expenses, namely :—</b>          |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| Printing, Stationery, and Advertising .. .. .            | £193  | 19 | 7  |       |    |    |
| Bazaar Expenses, 1856 .. .. .                            | 96    | 3  | 9  |       |    |    |
| Architect's charges .. .. .                              | 259   | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| Secretary's allowance .. .. .                            | 10    | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
| Banker's commission on Building account .. .. .          | 8     | 11 | 0  |       |    |    |
|                                                          | <hr/> |    |    | 567   | 14 | 4  |
| Buildings .. .. .                                        | 2907  | 3  | 3  |       |    |    |
| Heating Apparatus .. .. .                                | 554   | 13 | 9  |       |    |    |
| Furniture .. .. .                                        | 1008  | 0  | 11 |       |    |    |
| Grounds .. .. .                                          | 118   | 16 | 11 |       |    |    |
| Surgical Instruments .. .. .                             | 26    | 6  | 6  |       |    |    |
| Chaplain's House .. .. .                                 | 323   | 0  | 5  |       |    |    |
| Alterations at Stables and making New Road .. .. .       | 500   | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
|                                                          | <hr/> |    |    | 6005  | 16 | 1  |
| <b>INVESTMENTS :—</b>                                    |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| Consols, nominal value £2073 .. .. .                     | 1926  | 8  | 10 |       |    |    |
| Midland Mortgage Preference Stock .. .. .                | 100   | 0  | 0  | 2026  | 8  | 10 |
|                                                          | <hr/> |    |    | <hr/> |    |    |
|                                                          |       |    |    | £8628 | 4  | 11 |
| <b>1866.</b>                                             |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| <b>HOSPITAL :—Additions during the year :</b>            |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| Consulting Rooms and Dispenser's Apartments .. .. .      | 126   | 19 | 2  |       |    |    |
| Dispensary .. .. .                                       | 47    | 5  | 1  |       |    |    |
| Chaplain's House .. .. .                                 | 27    | 1  | 6  |       |    |    |
|                                                          | <hr/> |    |    | 201   | 5  | 9  |
| <b>INVESTMENTS :—Consols, nominal value £112 .. .. .</b> |       |    |    |       |    |    |
|                                                          | 102   | 6  | 9  |       |    |    |
|                                                          | <hr/> |    |    | 303   | 12 | 6  |
|                                                          | <hr/> |    |    | <hr/> |    |    |
|                                                          |       |    |    | £8931 | 17 | 5  |

25th, 1867.—The above account examined as far as relates to 1866, and found correct.

EDWARD LACEY, }  
JOSIAH TAYLOR, } AUDITORS.

WILLIAM HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

DECEMBER 31st, 1866.

|                                                                      | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| Medicines in Stock .. .. .                                           |       |    |    | 46    | 4  | 1  |
| Unpaid Casual Subscriptions .. .. .                                  |       |    |    | 3     | 0  | 0  |
| Cash—In Sheffield and Rotherham Bank .. .. .                         | 594   | 4  | 4  |       |    |    |
| In Master's hands .. .. .                                            | 7     | 8  | 2  |       |    |    |
| In Secretary's hands .. .. .                                         | 3     | 3  | 3  |       |    |    |
|                                                                      | <hr/> |    |    | 604   | 15 | 9  |
| Balance of Moneys invested in Estate account during the year .. .. . |       |    |    | 56    | 12 | 6  |
|                                                                      | <hr/> |    |    | <hr/> |    |    |
|                                                                      |       |    |    | £710  | 12 | 4  |

25th, 1867.—The above account examined and found correct.

EDWARD LACEY, }  
JOSIAH TAYLOR, } AUDITORS.

WILLIAM HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.



## AUDITORS' REPORT.

Buxton, January 25, 1867.

GENTLEMEN,—We have examined your accounts for the past year, and in reporting on the statement of receipts and expenditure we desire to call your attention to the facts that, while your available receipts to meet the current expenses for 1866 were only £2264 7s. 9d., the expenditure in House and other expenses connected with the working of the Charity during that period amounted to £2576 1s. 4d., being an excess of expenditure over receipts of £311 13s. 7d. With regard to the Estate Account, we are glad to find that the suggestion we offered last year with regard to the desirability of having an account of this kind has met with your approval, and we think affords valuable information as to the property of the Charity, and the source from whence it has been derived.

We have taken for granted that the items in this account previous to 1866 having been adopted by you, by a minute dated the 1st December, are substantially correct; and have only certified that part of the account which relates to the past year, and which shows that £56 12s. 6d. has been taken from the revenue, as follows:—

|                                                    |      |    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|----|-------|
| Amount expended in additions to buildings, &c..... | £203 | 12 | 6     |
| Less amount received from Life Subscribers .....   | 147  | 0  | 0     |
|                                                    |      |    | <hr/> |
| Balance .....                                      | £56  | 12 | 6     |

To complete the accounts we think it is desirable to append a balance sheet, shewing on one side the accounts owing by the Charity to tradesmen, &c., the balance on revenue account, and the subscriptions received in advance; and, on the other side, the cash in hand to meet these demands, the stock of medicine, and the amount taken from revenue during the past year on the Estate Account. We think the intention of your minute of the 1st December, 1866, with regard to capitalizing the Life Subscriptions, was that the amount received under that head was to be funded: if such was your intention it has not been carried out; but the money has been spent in additions to the building, instead of being invested in the funds, as that minute would seem to direct it should have been. We are, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,

EDWARD LACEY, }  
JOSIAH TAYLOR, } Auditors.

To the Chairman and  
Trustees of the Devonshire Hospital.

## Wilmot Relief Fund, 1862-3.

Cr.

Dr.

|                                                                                  | £   | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| To Balance in Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, on the<br>15th February, 1866 .....  | 256 | 0  | 0  |
| By Borough of Liverpool Loan for seven years, at<br>4½ per cent. per annum ..... | 256 | 0  | 0  |

WILLIAM HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

N.B.—A balance of 1s. 9d. remaining on the above account, with £4 9s. 5d., the amount of the coupon received on July 1st, is accounted for as a portion of the income of the Hospital; From this the sum of £1 15s. 3d. has been paid on account of the Relief Fund for advertising in 1862, leaving a balance of £2 15s. 11d. available for the recommendation of patients. This fund, in future, will be published as a separate account.

# GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS.

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## Title and Trustees.

1.—This Institution shall be known and distinguished by the name of the DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL AND BUXTON BATH CHARITY.

2.—The power of making and repealing rules for the government of this Institution, and the property belonging thereto, shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being.

3.—The number of Trustees shall not exceed twenty, inclusive of the Trustees *ex-officio*, and shall be elected from the resident life and yearly subscribers; the incumbent of Buxton and medical officers being Trustees *ex-officio*.

4.—No new rule shall be made, or existing rule altered, without three months' notice being previously given; and all such alterations or additions shall be made at a special meeting called for that purpose, of which meeting the Trustees shall have, farther, two weeks' notice beforehand.

\*.\* The Trustees shall select from the List of Subscribers and Benefactors, persons of eminent rank, or who may have been distinguished by their contributions or services, to hold the honorary positions of Patrons, President, and Vice-Presidents.

## General and Special Meetings of the Trustees.

5.—The Trustees shall have full power to manage and conduct the Institution, but no Trustee shall be entitled to vote on any question in which he is *personally* interested, nor shall voting by proxy be allowed.

6.—Voting by Ballot shall be adopted, and the proposer of a motion may have the option of taking the votes in this way.

7.—Should the number of Trustees fall below seventeen, the Trustees shall proceed to elect a new Trustee or Trustees at their next meeting, notice having previously been given that a vacancy has occurred.

8.—Any Trustee being absent from the meetings for six months continuously, without sufficient cause alleged, shall be disqualified to act.

9.—The Trustees shall meet on the first Saturday of each month, at such place and at such hour as they may appoint, for the transaction of business, four forming a quorum. The order of business shall be as follows: The reading and approving of the minutes of the previous meetings; the appointment of the honorary visitors; the examination of the visitors', chaplain's, and other books; the reception of the report of the House Committee; the passing and signing cheques for all payments due; the transaction of any other business that may come before them.

10.—The Annual Meeting of the Trustees shall take place on the first Saturday in January, when they shall elect from their number a Chairman and a Treasurer for the year ensuing, and also a House Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman and five other Trustees; and may fill up any existing vacancies in the Board of Trustees, which can only be done at this meeting, unless the number of Trustees fall below seventeen. Names of candidates for the office of Trustee to be publicly announced at an ordinary meeting of Trustees, at least a month

previously: The Chairman shall retain his seat as Chairman until the Annual Meeting of Subscribers in each year. The same rule to apply to the Treasurer and House Committee.

11.—They shall also hold an Annual Meeting of the Subscribers, in February, at such time and place as the Trustees may appoint, when the Annual Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer for the past year shall be received.

12.—The proceedings of the Trustees at their monthly meetings may be reported in the local papers.

#### House Committee.

13.—The House Committee shall meet once a week in summer, and every alternate week in winter, at such time as they may appoint.

14.—They shall examine the books of admissions and discharges, and all other books kept by the master.

15.—They shall investigate any complaints of neglect or misconduct of any one connected with the Hospital.

16.—The register of attendance of the Medical Officers and the Chaplain shall be laid upon the table, and the remarks in the House Visitors' books read.

17.—They shall prepare a statement of, and examine and sign, all such accounts as may require to be laid before the next monthly meeting of Trustees for payment.

18.—They shall present at the monthly meeting all contracts for the supply of provisions and coals required for the use of the Hospital.

19.—They shall superintend all alterations, or improvements, the care of the grounds, and the conservation of the Hospital.

20.—They shall examine from time to time the inventories of household goods, furniture, linens, &c., belonging to the Institution.

21.—They shall replace and renew from time to time, as circumstances may require, all such internal fittings and furniture of the Hospital as may urgently require renewal; and make the contracts for these and all other ordinary domestic purposes; and shall expend, should it seem to them expedient to do so, any sum not exceeding £10 in any one month for the general purposes of the Hospital.

#### Treasurer.

22.—The Treasurer shall receive all monies and deposit them in such bank as the Trustees shall direct.

23.—He shall cause all money received on behalf of the Hospital to be paid into the bank, and all payments to be made by cheque, signed by the Chairman, and one other Trustee, and countersigned by the Secretary.

24.—He shall cause all deeds, evidences, and writings relating to the Hospital to be deposited at the Hospital in a chest provided for that purpose, the keys whereof shall be kept by himself and the Chairman of the Trustees.

25.—He shall insure from fire the building, furniture, &c., to such an amount and in such offices, as the Trustees may direct.

26.—He shall annually cause a full statement of accounts of the Hospital to be made up to the 31st of December in each year, which, after having been duly examined and signed by the Auditors, shall be presented by him to the Chairman at the annual meeting, and shall afterwards be printed and circulated with the annual report.

#### Medical Officers.

27.—The Medical Officers shall be appointed by the Trustees.

28.—No Medical Officer shall be considered eligible who is not a Fellow, Member, or Licentiate of the Royal Colleges of Physicians or Surgeons of London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, or who does not hold a degree in medicine of a recognised British University, such qualification having been obtained after due examination; and no medical man shall be a Medical Officer of the Institution who only resides during certain seasons of the year.

29.—The three senior officers shall attend every week-day in rotation to admit patients, such patients being under their charge during their residence in the Hospital. The number of acting Medical Officers for the present to consist of four, to be from time to time increased as the exigencies of the Institution may require.

30.—The last elected Medical Officer shall take the sole charge of the out-patients.

31.—Any Medical Officer, after officiating for twelve years, may, upon his resignation of his office, and subject to the sanction of the Trustees, become a Consulting Physician or Surgeon.

32.—Consulting Physicians and Surgeons may be summoned to attend consultations, operations, and inspections.

33.—No medical man shall be eligible as a candidate for a vacancy in the Medical Staff, who, in addition to his professional qualification, follows the occupation of a chemist and druggist.

#### Chaplain.

34.—A Clergyman of the Church of England shall be appointed by the Trustees as Chaplain, on such terms as they may determine.

35.—He shall read prayers every morning and night.

36.—He shall visit the wards as often as he may see occasion, and such patients in particular as may request his attendance.

37.—He shall have the charge and superintendence of the books and tracts, which may be supplied for the use of the patients.

38.—He shall keep a journal in which he shall record the times when prayer has been read.

(*Note.*)—Other ministers of religion are at liberty to visit such patients as are confined by sickness to their rooms and may desire their attendance.

#### Duties of Master and Matron.

39.—They shall be appointed by the Trustees.

40.—The Master and Matron shall be responsible for the good and orderly management of the Hospital and premises and see that the domestic affairs of the Institution are conducted with the greatest possible attention to regularity, cleanliness, and economy. They shall devote their whole time and attention to the business of the Hospital, and shall not both absent themselves from the Hospital except by the authority of the House Committee.

41.—They shall hire all nurses and servants, under the direction of the House Committee, subject to a month's notice on either side.

42.—They shall take care of all household goods, linen, and furniture; keep a correct inventory for production when required by any meeting of the Trustees; and shall see that all the linen be marked with the words "Devonshire Hospital," and be numbered progressively accorded to the several classes.

43.—They shall take care of all the keys of the Hospital, and see that all the outer doors are locked, and shall keep the keys of them from five in the evening

till eight in the morning, from Michaelmas to Lady Day; and from eight in the evening until six in the morning, from Lady Day to Michaelmas. The keys of all the outer doors of the basement story shall be always kept by the Master and Matron.

44.—They shall cause every key to be numbered progressively by an engraved figure, and the doors to which such keys belong to be marked with corresponding numbers, and shall keep a book with similar numbers showing to what doors the keys belong.

45.—They shall purchase such provisions and stores as the Trustees shall direct, and shall see that their quality be good. They shall weigh or measure the whole as they are received, and enter them in a receiving-book with exact particulars of their weight or measure. They shall keep them under their own care, and deliver only such a quantity at a time as shall enable them to know that it is consumed at the Hospital, and they shall not permit anything belonging to the Charity to be sold or disposed of, without the knowledge of the Trustees.

46.—They shall treat the patients with kindness and civility, and shall never suffer any degree of cruelty, insolence, or neglect in the nurses or servants towards them to pass unnoticed.

47.—The Matron shall superintend the Cook in preparing the food, and they shall take care that the meals are served at the regular hours, and that no food is wasted; also, that neither liquors nor provisions are brought to the patients by their friends.

48.—They shall cause the meals of the patients to be ready at the following hours, and see that those hours are punctually kept, viz.:—breakfast, eight; dinner, twelve; tea, five; supper, eight.

49.—They shall take care that grace is said at the commencement and conclusion of every meal, and order preserved during meals. They shall also visit the wards, to see that those patients who are unable to dine in the convalescent rooms have the diet prescribed for them, and that it is properly and comfortably served.

50.—The Master shall visit the men's wards, and the Matron the women's, at least every morning and evening, and see that all the patients are present; and shall inquire whether they have had their medicines regularly given them, and report to the proper medical officer if they have not been regularly taken. They shall also inquire whether they are properly attended to and well used by the nurses; and they shall examine into the conduct of the patients, and if they find anything improper shall report it to the next meeting of the House Committee.

51.—They shall see that all nurses, servants, and patients strictly observe the rules and do their duty, and in cases of improper behaviour in the nurses or servants, *they shall have full power* to discharge them, stating the particulars to the next meeting of the House Committee.

52.—They shall not employ any patient without first obtaining leave from the medical officer under whose charge the patient has been placed.

53.—They shall take care that daily prayers be read, and that all such patients as are able, attend prayers, and also Divine service at St. John's Church, or some other place of worship, on Sundays. They shall themselves attend these services with as many of their servants as can be spared from their household work. During the occasional absence of the Chaplain the Master shall read prayers, from a form of prayers approved by the Chaplain.

54.—None of the friends of patients, or visitors, shall be allowed to eat or be entertained in any other way at the cost of the Institution, nor to remain in the Hospital after the hour of locking doors for the night.

### Duties of Secretary.

55.—He shall be appointed by the Trustees, and shall attend all meetings of the Trustees and all Committees appointed by them; receive the recommendations of the patients to be admitted; and shall give to the patients who return thanks a note of their discharge to their recommenders, and to the minister of their respective places of worship, signifying their desire to return public thanks. He shall read the minutes of the last Meeting of the Trustees, and the reports of the House Committee; report any new subscriptions, or subscriptions withdrawn, donations or legacies; fill up the "weekly reports" for the newspapers; draw the minutes of the proceedings; read them over; and procure their signature by the Chairman.

56.—He shall examine all bills presented for payment, and also examine the Master and Matron's cash account—draw the cheques for their payment; and, after they have been signed, enter them in the "cash book;" and shall keep all vouchers for payment made, with the name, date, and amount endorsed on each.

57.—He shall collect the annual and other subscriptions, under the direction of the Trustees, and give security to be approved of by them, if required.

58.—He shall keep an account of all the expenses under their proper heads in the "expense book," add up the payments at the end of every thirteen weeks, and produce the amount to the Trustees, on the second Saturday afterwards, with statements of the average cost per patient, for provisions, and of the average cost per head of the whole establishment. He shall, on or before the second Saturday after the 1st of January, make up, and lay before the Trustees, the annual accounts of receipts and expenditure, with statements of the average cost per patient, and, also, per head of the whole establishment, for the year, for provisions, and every other expense.

59.—He shall make up the "cash book," once a month, from the "Treasurer's Pass Book," post the various items to their proper accounts in the ledger, state the balance due from the treasurer, enter the subscriptions paid in the "Alphabetical Subscription Book," and in the "Treasurer's Receiving Books," and, every quarter, lay before the Trustees a list of the subscriptions six months in arrear.

60.—He shall make up the "Servants' Wages Book," quarterly, stating the amount due to each individual, when a cheque for the total amount shall be given to the Master to pay them.

61.—He shall write all letters belonging to his department, and keep copies of them—make copies of orders and resolutions of meetings; when necessary, prepare and insert all advertisements. He shall, within fourteen days after the 31st December, make out an abstract of the receipts and expenditure, for the year, including a list of the collections, donations, subscriptions, legacies and fines received, for insertion in the annual report, and attend the meetings of auditors, for the purpose of passing the accounts, and attend to all other matters of a casual nature which pertain to his office, and shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of the Hospital. Office-hours from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., from November to April; and from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m., from May to October, inclusive.

### Duties of Dispenser.

62.—He shall be appointed by the Trustees.

63.—He shall scrupulously attend to the orders, and promptly make up the prescriptions of the Medical Officers; and shall be generally responsible for the accuracy and regularity with which the medicines ordered are provided for the patients. He shall have the charge of and be responsible for the surgical instruments, and of the Dispensary and its contents. Unless under an emergency, he shall order all drugs, &c., from wholesale druggists, through and with the sanction of the House Committee. When not engaged in the duties of his department,

he shall be expected, during office hours, to assist the Secretary in the duties of his office.

### Auditors.

The Auditors, not being Trustees, shall examine the Annual Statement of the Treasurer's Accounts, previous to its being presented to the annual meeting of the Trustees, and for this purpose all books and vouchers relating to the accounts shall be open to them, and on their being satisfied as to the correctness of the accounts, the signature of each Auditor shall be appended to the said statement. The honorary fee of one guinea only, to be paid to each Auditor.

### Extracts from the Rules and Regulations for Patients.

- 1.—An In-Patient will be entitled to Board, Lodgings, Baths, and Medicines, for three weeks; after that time, a charge of 10s. per week will be made for so long a time as the Patient may remain in the Hospital with the sanction of the Medical Attendant.  
An Out-Patient will be entitled to Medical Advice, Medicines, and Baths; but the Medical Officers will attend these Patients only at the Hospital at the appointed days and hours.  
No Patient will be allowed to remain more than six weeks on the Books of the Institution without a special order signed by at least two of the Medical Staff of the Hospital.
- 2.—All Applicants for Admission, either as In or Out-Patients, will be required to produce a recommendation, signed by a subscriber, and a certificate from the officiating minister, churchwarden, or some other parochial officer, or respectable inhabitant of the place from which they come, that they are fit objects of charity, and unable to pay for themselves.  
*N.B.—Subscribers are earnestly requested to pay particular attention to this rule, as it is much feared many have been admitted who were not fit objects for any charity.*
- 3.—The Medical Staff are authorised to refuse admittance to, or discharge any Patients they consider unfit objects of the Charity; such refusal, or dismissal, to be signed by at least two of their number.
- 4.—Every In-Patient will be required to bring a proper change of clean body linen, and will have to pay for his, or her, own washing out of the Hospital. Out-Patients will have to provide their own towels for bathing. All Patients must be provided with money for their travelling expenses when leaving the Hospital.  
All the Patients will be required to observe strictly the Rules laid down for their guidance; any infringement of them will render the Patient liable to immediate dismissal.
- 5.—Cases of Accidents will be admitted to the Hospital on payment of 10s. per week for board and lodging, and a guarantee given for payment of any extra charges that may be required.
- 6.—All Patients are required to give at least One Week's Notice before coming to the Hospital, and not to come until they receive notice that there is room for them, as no allowance of any kind will be given to those who cannot be taken in.  
Such notice to contain the name and age of the Patient.
- 7.—In-Patients are admitted into the Hospital every day between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Sundays excepted.)  
Out-Patients will be attended by one of the Medical Staff every Wednesday and Saturday, at 4 p.m.

### General Rules and Regulations for Subscribers.

- 1.—A Donation of Twenty Guineas shall constitute a Subscriber for Life, with power to recommend One In or Four Out-Patients annually.  
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### Analyses of the Buxton Waters.

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|                                              | <i>Gallon.</i>       |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Silica .....                                 | 0·666                |
| Oxide of iron and alumina ..                 | 0·240                |
| Carbonate of lime.....                       | 7·773                |
| Sulphate of lime .....                       | 2·323                |
| Carbonate of magnesia.....                   | 4·543                |
| Chloride of magnesium ....                   | 0·114                |
| Chloride of sodium .....                     | 2·420                |
| Chloride of potassium .....                  | 2·500                |
| Fluorine, (as fluoride of calcium).....      | trace                |
| Phosphoric acid, (as phosphate of lime)..... | trace                |
|                                              | 20·579               |
|                                              | <i>Cubic Inches.</i> |
| Free carbonic acid.....                      | 15·66                |
| Nitrogen.....                                | 206·00               |

#### DR. MUSPRATT'S ANALYSIS, 1860.

|                                | <i>Grains in the<br/>Imperial Gallon.</i> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Carbonate of lime.....         | 8·541                                     |
| Carbonate of magnesia.....     | 3·741                                     |
| Carbonate of protoxyde of iron | 0·082                                     |
| Sulphate of lime .....         | 0·330                                     |
| Chloride of calcium .....      | 1·227                                     |
| Chloride of magnesium ....     | 0·463                                     |
| Chloride of sodium .....       | 2·405                                     |
| Chloride of potassium .....    | 0·260                                     |
| Silica .....                   | 1·044                                     |
| Nitric acid .....              | trace                                     |
| Organic matter .....           | 0·341                                     |
| Fluoride of calcium .....      | trace                                     |
| Phosphate of lime .....        | trace                                     |
|                                | Total per gallon..18·434                  |
|                                | <i>Cubic Inches.</i>                      |
| Free carbonic acid.....        | 3·5                                       |
| Nitrogen.....                  | 504·0                                     |

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