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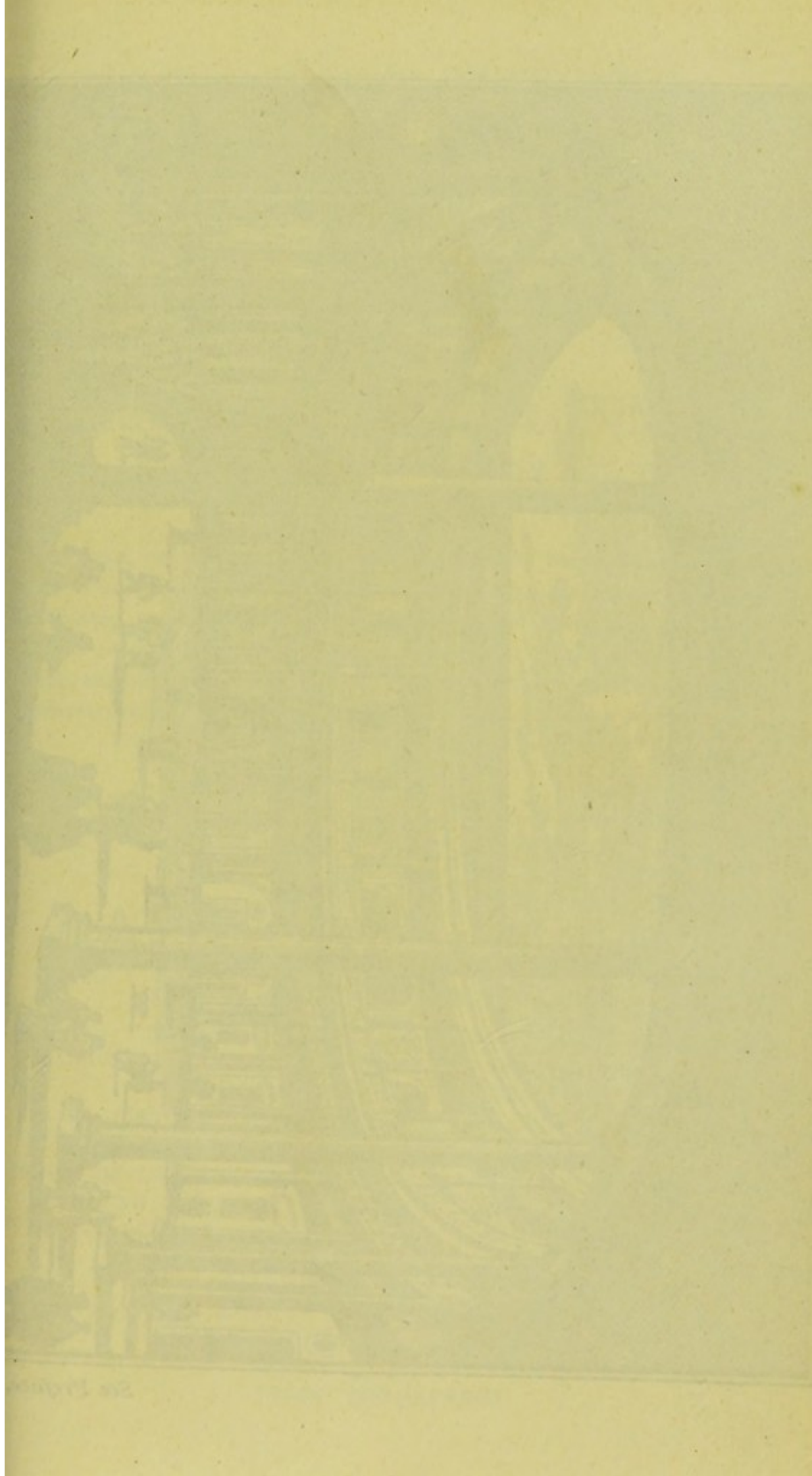


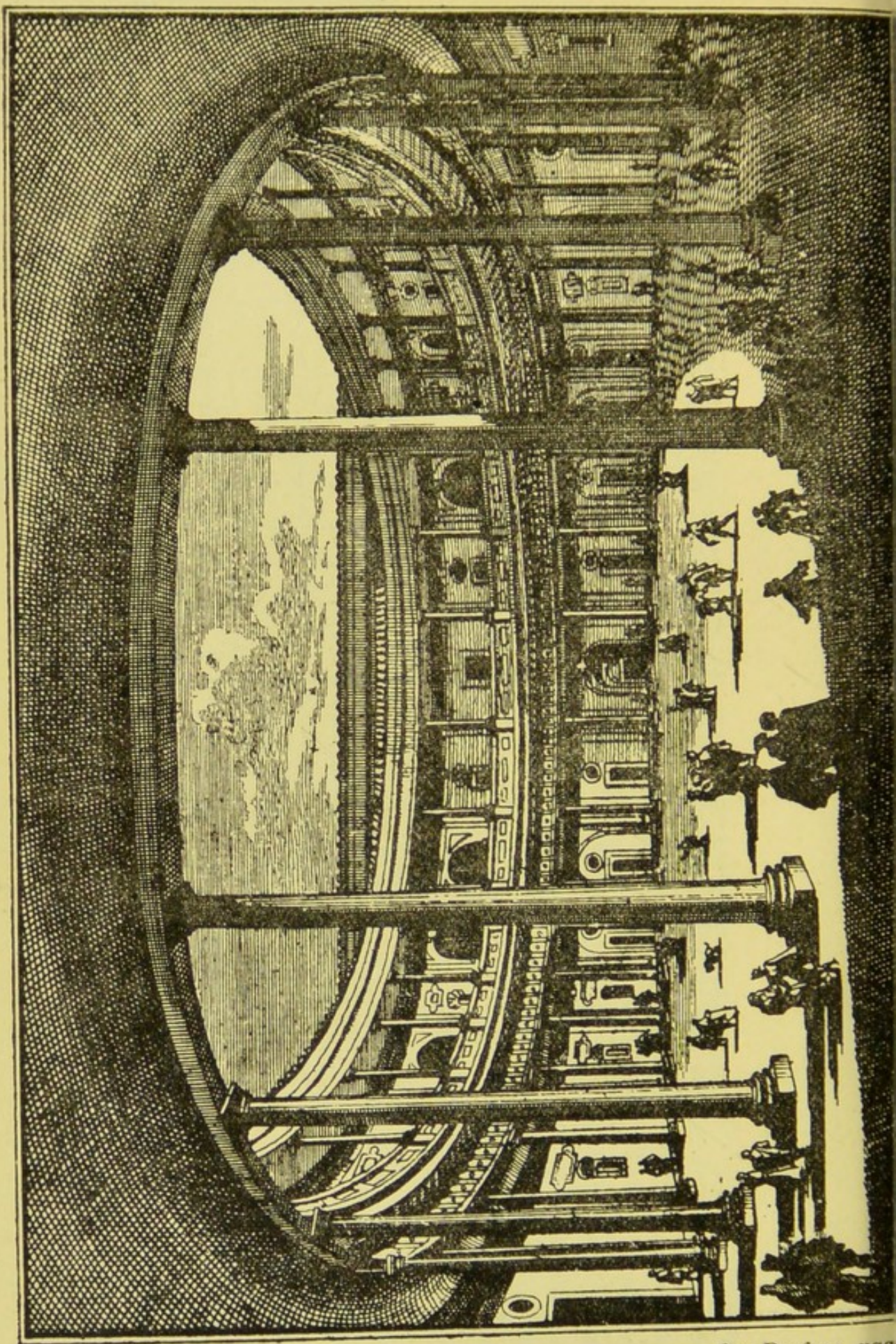
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1896.

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W. H. Robertson, Chairman	11	J. W. Maclure	...	0
R. R. Duke	9	T. H. Lowthian	...	8
R. O. G. Bennet	1	J. H. Orme	...	9
J. W. Taylor	7	A. O. Haslewood	...	1
F. Turner	7	J. Parlane (the late)	...	2
F. K. Dickson	3	C. C. Nation	...	5
I. Walton	4	J. King	...	0
G. Robertson	0	J. Hadwen	...	0
H. Shaw	3	J. H. Grafton	...	0
Josiah Taylor	9	F. Drewry	...	7
E. C. Milligan	11	H. A. Hubbersty	...	8
A. Shipton	1			

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Thirteen Meetings.

The Chairman	10	E. C. Milligan	...	8
R. R. Duke	12	J. H. Orme	...	11
I. Walton	4	F. Turner	...	5
F. K. Dickson	7	T. H. Lowthian	...	4
Josiah Taylor	8	F. Drewry	...	8

SUB-COMMITTEE—THREE MEETINGS.

The Chairman	0	F. K. Dickson	...	0
R. R. Duke	3	E. C. Milligan	...	2
R. O. G. Bennet	0	F. Drewry	...	3

HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.

Three Meetings.

W. H. Robertson	2	F. K. Dickson	...	1
R. O. G. Bennet	1	A. Shipton	...	3
F. Turner	3	A. O. Haslewood	...	1

PREFACE.

The Buxton mineral water is discharged from several openings in very large quantities, at a temperature of 82 degrees, Fahrenheit. It is charged with nitrogen gas, in, probably, a larger degree than any other mineral water. 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 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 16th 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 continued 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 at the Hospital, a document (*vide* pages 42-43), 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.

The air of Buxton, resting on the large area of the mountain limestone and millstone grit formations, at an elevation of 1000 feet and upwards above the sea level, must be an important factor in enhancing the health advantages of the situation of the Hospital; and the sanitary position that has been secured by the efficient drainage and sewerage of Buxton, and its conveyance to a distance from the town; and complete chemical defœcation, and the destruction of all remaining refuse in a powerful furnace, must have completed the sanitary advantages, and lessened beyond calculation the risks of zymotic or epidemic disease. The reduction of the yearly death-rate to one or one-and-a-half per cent., as recorded by Mr. Frederick Turner, the Medical Officer of Health, is the well-earned result of the well-devised action of the Buxton Local Board.

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; 5859 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 buildings, erected and used as stables since the commencement of the present century. The structure, which is of an 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. It is curious and interesting, that in what purports to be the first volume of a work, entitled "*Les Delices de L'Espagne et du Portugal*," dated 1707, plate 495, is an exact representation of the interior area of the Devonshire Hospital. (*See frontispiece.*) The plate is inscribed "*Palais des Rois Chrétiens à Granade, vu par dedans de la Cour.*" It does appear to be an extreme turn of what we may surely think to be Providential fortune, that such a building should have been

used as the design for stables, and the stables have become, little more than half a century after erection, a Hospital for the reception and care of the poor afflicted sufferers, resorting to Buxton for the use of its mineral waters.

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 2183 were very partially if at all relieved. During those 38 years, the Buxton Bath Charity received, on an average, upwards of 1000 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 6th Duke of Devonshire, when a capital of nearly £3000 had been gathered together by the scrupulous management of the Trustees. The names may be mentioned, first and particularly, of the late Bishop Spencer, at one time a 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, Dr. Carstairs, the Rev. R. P. Hull-Brown, and the Rev. the Honourable F. R. Grey, as being no longer alive to witness and take part in the present development of the Charity. Of these £3000, £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 6th Duke of Devonshire. Again, in 1853-4, when the proposal of a Hospital to receive the Patients of the Institution was brought before the public by Mr. Smithers and the other Trustees, the sum of £1000 from the accumulated fund was given towards the Hospital; leaving a residue of £1500 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 expenses of which were 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 £6000 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. E. W. Wilmot, aided by the architectural skill of Mr. H. Currey, and the liberal consideration of the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

During the years 1851 to 1858-9 the office of Secretary to the Buxton Bath Charity was held by the late Mr. James Wardley; and the Secretarial duty, in connection with the large and liberally-supported Bazaar, was willingly and sedulously performed by Mr. Wardley, until the Hospital was instituted.

It forms an interesting episode in this history, that, in the Winter of 1862-3, 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.

A very important circumstance in the history of the Hospital is, that the grounds in front of it were, with much kind consideration, made over to the Institution on the part of the late Duke of Devonshire; maintaining the detached position of the building, enhancing its appearance, and adding to the outdoor 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, was benevolently granted by the 6th Duke of Devonshire, as testified on the stone on the south front of the building, on which is inscribed: "The last munificent Charity of William Spencer, the 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 a Hospital, and by a chaplain's house, a dispensary, and a dispenser's apartments, 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 year 1868, a legal Conveyance of the buildings and grounds of the Hospital was given to the Trustees by the late Duke of Devonshire, at the nominal rent of five shillings yearly ; on the condition that they shall be used exclusively for the purposes of the Charity. (A copy of the Conveyance is appended at page 35.)

During the year 1872, the Chaplain's house was converted to the general purposes of the Hospital ; the number of beds for Patients was raised to 150, and better accommodation afforded to the Out-Patients, Dispensary, &c.

During the year 1878, a legal Conveyance of additional buildings and ground was made by the late Duke of Devonshire. This addition was acquired by the Trustees, to enable them to accept a proposed grant from the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund for the extensions described below. (A copy of this Conveyance will be found at page 37.)

During the same year, 1878, the land and buildings of the Charity Hot Baths were legally conveyed by the late Duke of Devonshire to the Trustees, at the nominal rent of five shillings yearly. (A copy of this Conveyance will be found at page 39.) An undertaking was entered into during the same year, by which the Charity Natural Bath is held by the Trustees under a nominal rent of five shillings yearly.

During the thirty-eight years since the Hospital was opened, there have been 70,275 Patients under treatment, of which number 62,748 have been treated beneficially ; and 8034, or about one-ninth 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 thirty-eight years, the Patients remained under treatment nearly 24 days ; and 62,241 cases of rheumatism, embracing every conceivable variety of this obstinate disease, were thus extensively relieved by the remedial agency of the Buxton mineral waters.

During the year 1881, the great extension works of the Hospital were practically completed, and the Hospital was formally opened by the Patron, His Grace the late Duke of Devonshire, and the Governors of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, on the 11th of October. The accommodation for the additional number of Patients, under the grant of £24,000 from the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, was obtained by the removal of the two walls which traversed the entire circuit of the main building, and formed the corridor communicating with the various wards ; the whole space from the outside to the inside of the building was thus thrown open, and inner and outer

windows supplied to all the wards; the internal area was thus increased very greatly, and ample space provided for wards and day-rooms to receive and accommodate the 300 Patients. But an independent means of access to all the rooms of the Hospital was rendered necessary in consequence of this arrangement; and this was obtained by covering the large area of the interior, and giving access to the ground floor rooms from the floor of the inner basement, and to the rooms of the upper floor, from a gallery above this. This arrangement has, however, not only supplied the means of access to all parts of the Hospital, but has enabled all the wards to be practically detached from one another, almost giving the advantages of the deservedly praised pavilion principle of hospital construction; while it has facilitated the ventilation of the whole building to an important degree, and increased the free and ready admission of light to every part of the interior. The gallery has with much ingenuity been constructed exclusively of bricks and iron, by which it has been rendered entirely fireproof, giving all possible security in the event of fire. The great, covered, dry, warmed area of half-an-acre, canopied by the largest dome that has ever been erected, supplies very obvious and valuable contingent advantages for the recreation of the Patients in all cold or doubtful weather; advantages which must represent a value to the afflicted and often crippled inmates, beyond any calculation. As the whole of the main building is now devoted to the Patients of the Hospital, new buildings have been erected on the north side, for all purposes that might be desirably detached, such as kitchen and kitchen offices, laundries, engine rooms, cellars, storerooms, bedrooms for household servants, separate wards for accident cases, and rooms for the immediate isolation of any cases of infectious character that might become manifested. The extensions were carried out under the architectural superintendence of Mr. R. R. Duke. The £24,000 expended from the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund give a prior claim on the 150 additional beds to the nominees of the Fund; and these beds have been allotted to the principal Hospitals within the area of the manufacturing districts. It cannot but be a subject of much regret that the extension has cost a larger sum than the grant by nearly £9000, besides the £5000 paid for the land and premises for the Hospital Extension. It is of evident importance that this outlay should not be left as a charge on the means and resources of the Hospital.

During 1896, the Terrace surrounding the Hospital building has been laid down with asphalt, rendering this extensive promenade available for Patients whose ailments have hitherto debarred them from taking exercise thereon owing to the irregularity of the gravelled surface, and its condition after rains.

This Prefatory account has seemed to be needful, for the information of those not already acquainted with the nature and merits of this Institution.

W. H. R.

A Clock Tower was erected in 1882, over the principal entrance of the Hospital, by subscriptions specially given for this purpose; the late Duke of Devonshire contributing the sum of £200 thereto, and also presenting a clock, with Cambridge chiming apparatus, and four illuminated dials, at a cost to His Grace of £500. The expense of lighting this clock, during the hours of night, has been kindly undertaken by the Buxton Urban District Council. It was intended that a portico of architectural character should have been erected as an ornament and protection to the principal entrance; but funds were not forthcoming. Such a completion is evidently desirable, and is commended to the kind consideration of munificent benefactors. It is needful to the architectural completion of the exterior of the Hospital.

The general wish which was expressed that the successive Patrons and Presidents and Vice-Presidents, the Trustees and members of the Committee of Management of the Buxton Bath Charity, and more recently of the Devonshire Hospital, should be requested to present photographic copies of their portraits of suitable size and plainly framed, to be hung on the walls of the Board Room of the Hospital, as an interesting record of its history, benefactors, and executive friends, has been attended with marked success, and fifty of these photographs are now displayed in the Board Room. A photographic portrait of the fifth Duke of Devonshire has been recently presented by Lady Clifford; and it is earnestly wished that the portraits of the sixth, seventh, and present Dukes of Devonshire, each having occupied the position of Patron, may be kindly granted. The portrait of the Duke of Rutland, the President of the Hospital, has been kindly given by the Duchess of Rutland at the personal request of the Chairman; and those of the remaining Vice-Presidents, &c., not hitherto obtained, will be most gratefully received. The walls thus decorated are a signal and permanent record of numbers of deceased friends and benefactors, and must be a constant record of the grateful sense of priceless services, and be the contemporary record of the friends who are still working and striving for its advancement and history.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
OF THE
DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL
AND
BUXTON BATH CHARITY,
FOR THE YEAR 1896.

The Hospital has sustained, during the past year, an important loss by the decease of James Parlane, Esq., J.P., one of the Nominees of the Governors of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, on the Committee of Management. Mr. Parlane's genial kindness, and assiduous attendance at the meetings of the Hospital Committee of Management, from a comparatively distant residence, have left a lasting sense of grateful value to the interests of the Institution.

The Annual Report of the Committee of Management will be thankfully found to confirm the successive yearly reports of the usefulness, and probably increasing usefulness, of this great Hospital, as to the value which these buildings have added, during the last thirty-eight years, to the importance of the Hospital, by affording lodgement and board, and every desirable care and attendance, medical and otherwise, to the Patients of the Charity, which appears to have been in active usefulness to sufferers from rheumatism, and its allied or consequent infirmities, during the several preceding centuries. Rather more than half of these extensive buildings had been occupied as the Devonshire Hospital, since the month of September, 1858, under the benevolent kindness of the sixth and seventh Dukes of Devonshire; and the whole of the great structure was obtained in the years 1879-80, and, aided by a munificent grant of £24,000 from the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, at the special instance of the late Mr. Edmund Ashworth, of Egerton Hall, Bolton, was converted into this large and important

Hospital, under the architectural superintendence of Mr. R. R. Duke, for which a deep sense of value must be felt to the successive Dukes of Devonshire, to the Governors of the Cotton Districts Fund, and to the architect, supplying as it does separate beds for 300 Patients, with a covered central area of half-an-acre in extent, giving the large space of warmed and ventilated interior, for recreation, occupation, and exercise; ample day-rooms, all needful contiguous buildings, rooms for medical residents, steward and matron, nurses and servants, secretary's offices, consulting rooms, laundries, &c.; the Hospital is believed to be unique in its structural advantages for its remedial and restorative purposes; and its commanding site, detached position, and exceptional and extensive views from all its sides, and its immediate surroundings of asphalted terrace, and its southern frontage of terraced walks and shrubberies, cause it to be probably unequalled by any similar Institution. The increased powers of usefulness that have been obtained, will have afforded constant gratification to all who have been concerned in supplying so much of the expenditure required, to all who have been occupied in the work of the Hospital, and to those who have sent Patients to the Hospital; and to the Patients themselves, must have given a continued sense of comfort and advantage. The experience of the fifteenth year since the great extension was practically completed, has more and more confirmed the hopes and expectations of all interested, both as to the powers and opportunities added to the work of this public charity, and as to the number of Patients receivable, and as to the amount of benefit that may have been received.

During the year 1896—2645 In-patients have been received. This is more by 83 than the number received during the previous year, but practically corresponds with the number received during 1894. This is the more remarkable, from the generally prevailing wet weather during the greater part of the last five months of 1896, not only in Buxton, but throughout the United Kingdom. But differences, larger or smaller, year by year, may be affected by various circumstances, of which the state of the weather is probably the most important. The average number of Patients may, however, be said to have been received throughout the year. It should be mentioned, however, with some anxiety, that with few exceptions, nearly all the Patients have their homes, in towns and districts at a distance from Buxton, and that the journey to and fro involves outlay, which may place Buxton beyond the means of some deserving sufferers, even when a recommendation will have rendered any other expense unnecessary. A fund that would provide a return railway ticket to necessitous sufferers, or a reduced railway charge to such persons, or perhaps a free pass, which might be considerably

and charitably granted by the leviathan Railway Companies who are able to do so, would be a kind and valuable benefaction, and supplement to the Samaritan Fund of the Hospital.

The total number of Patients received under the powers of the Cotton Districts Fund during the year 1896, has been 365. This number is somewhat larger than were received during the previous year. It need not be said, how much it is wished, that these numbers should be considerably increased, as the amount of benefit derived by this class of poor and deserving working people, is probably exceptionally great, from the situation of Buxton, and the medicinal powers of the Mineral Waters, in removing or relieving contractions and depositions of the joints, renders the results of the Hospital treatment, especially valuable to the operatives of the cotton manufacture.

Of the 2645 In-Patients admitted during the year ending December 31st, 1896, the large number of 2430 were discharged as "improved;" 99 as "no better;" 9 "by own wish;" 4 as "unfit cases;" 3 for "intemperance;" 2 were "transferred" to Out-Patients; 2 as "infested with vermin;" 2 for "misconduct;" 6 had "died" in the Hospital; 2 left "without report;" and 84 remained "on the books" at the end of the year. It is always a remarkable and very thankful record, year after year, that so few of these Patients have had to be sent away from the Hospital, without noteworthy benefit, after the residence of three weeks or upwards. Some of the benefit, in all reasonable probability, must be referred to change of air, and scene, and social circumstances, the removal to this large and sanitary building, with all the valuable concomitants, good food and medical and nursing care, and the possible and probable removal from less sanitary homes, and perhaps from multiplied mental anxieties and bodily privations. But the experience of long periods of time has proved to demonstration, that the main factor in the benefit derived has been the medicinal effect on rheumatic conditions, general and local, of the Mineral Water of Buxton, happily in connection with the upland and dry air of the extensive district of mountain limestone and millstone grit formations. The effect of this atmosphere has been shewn by Mr. Haviland, M.R.C.S., to have been increased by the position of the valleys of the Buxton district, causing them to be traversed by the prevailing westerly winds. In connection with the value of Buxton and its Hospital, it is interesting to have ascertained that the anxious form of Arthritic Disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, or deforming Rheumatism, is found to be greatly benefited if received before the destruction of the affected tissues, and that advancement has been checked when the Patients have been sent to the Hospital year after year; and especially if sent when the Hospital is less full, and the Patients may be allowed

to remain in the Hospital during a considerable number of weeks.

The number of Out-Patients admitted during the year has been 209. Of these 166 have been discharged as "improved," 8 as "no better," 1 "transferred" to In-Patients' list, 31 "left without report," and 3 remained "on the books" on December 31st. It has to be urged with regretful reiteration, that the Subscribers should more and more charge themselves with the duty of lessening the complaint that so many of the Out-Patients leave without reporting the result. The Out-Patients are, for the most part, those who have been unable to obtain In-Patients' recommendations; but they sometimes include Patients of a different social class, who may not need the provision of board and lodging in the Hospital, and yet whose needy circumstances deserve every kindly consideration.

It was a frequent subject of regret, during the earlier years of the existence of the Hospital, that no report seemed to be obtainable as to what might be taken as the final result of the Hospital treatment, and, during the last twenty-three years, a form, printed on a post card, has been given to every In-Patient on leaving the Hospital, to be filled up, and returned, six weeks after having been discharged. During the 23 years 39,057 of these cards have been received; 28,559 are reported as "improved," 10,366 as "no better," and 132 as having "died," during this short period after discharge. The long duration, the chronic character, and the severity of a very large number of these cases, must be borne in mind, in estimating the value of this record; it is evident that it may be imperfect at the best; and that the inferences from it may be more or less uncertain. Any remaining lameness or disability would probably influence the report adversely, as would any more salient interference with health or strength, notwithstanding any amount of general improvement, constitutional or otherwise. The number of deaths thus recorded, within so few weeks after having left the Hospital, indicates the grave nature of many of the cases. But, taking all the circumstances into consideration, as to the probable chronic condition, and as to the failure of previous treatment, it must be held that the returns, thus reported, are remarkable and satisfactory, beyond any reasonable expectations that could have been formed. The post cards received during 1896 are equally conclusive: 2188 post cards have been received during the year, and of these, 1654 are stated to have "improved," 528 to be "no better," and 6 to have "died." Such results may be left to speak for themselves.

The average number of Patients daily in the Hospital has been 172.6. This number in the Hospital has, as usual, varied considerably during the several months of the year. The number

of beds occupied during January was only 55·7 ; during February, only 90·6 ; during March, only 128 ; during April, 171·5 ; during May, 239·5 ; during June, 248·9 ; during July, 261·4 ; during August, 249·6 ; during September, 260·9 ; during October, 170 ; during November, only 94·6 ; and during December, only 92·5. The average number of days of every In-Patient has been 23·8.

The average cost per day of each Patient during the past year has been 2s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. ; the average cost per week has been 14s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., or 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per week more than the cost of the previous year. The average cost per Patient for three weeks has been £2 3s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. This additional outlay has been occasioned by asphaltting the whole of the terrace surrounding the Hospital, facilitating the use of this immediate external area, more particularly on the sunny side of the Hospital, which has already been shewn to be a comfort and advantage, more particularly to the more infirm and crippled Patients. And has also been occasioned by the division of one of the larger wards into three smaller ones, at the urgent wish of the senior House-Surgeon, with obvious medical convenience. There has also been some increase in the general cost of provisions. It has been frequently urged by well-meaning friends that the expenditure of the Hospital should be more and more reduced. It has been said, from time to time, that the Patients should be put upon a regular and perhaps restricted dietary. But it has been uniformly held, on the other hand, ever since the Hospital was established, that a practically unrestricted allowance of food, and more particularly of animal food, of course without avoidable waste, is a very important means of securing the most restorative and curative results. It is well known to those concerned in receiving the Patients, that they are commonly admitted in an enfeebled condition. This would be expected from their usual immediate antecedents. They will, for the most part, have been ailing during many weeks or months; they may have been unable to work, and depressed in mind, and more or less restricted, or perhaps stinted, as to food; they may have been racked with pain, and worn with the difficulties of moving their joints; and may, perhaps, have suffered from the comparatively close atmosphere of the home, or of the densely peopled district from whence they may have come. But, however caused, the depressed condition of health and strength is usually in evidence; and restored strength must be a valued auxiliary in obtaining relief from disease or its consequences. In considering the often-mooted question of cost, the need of the staff of nurses employed causes an important yearly outlay; and it is found that, independently of its necessary and charitable work, the necessity of ministering to cases of severe accidents, in connection with the railway and quarrying undertakings of

the district, has required more nurses to be engaged during the past year, and this outlay may be expected to increase still further. But, in addition to the expenditure on food, medicines, salaries, nurses, &c., the Hospital Baths involve a large yearly outlay, beyond what used to obtain, when this was mainly done by the kind consideration, and at the expense of the former Dukes of Devonshire. The outlay of the past year, thus occasioned, has amounted to £323 9s. 6d. This is a large but unavoidable expenditure, evidently required by a great bathing Charity, which derives so much of its curative results from the baths of its mineral waters; but, neither this, nor the drug bill, nor the cost of the Medical Residents, nor improvements as to internal details, nor any other item of expenditure, incident to the work of the Hospital, must be lost sight of, in estimating the outlay of a public Charity.

In reference to the surgical work that has been thrown on the Hospital and its Staff, both Honorary and Resident, during the past year, there have been 23 cases of surgical injury, including I., serious injury to left eye and wound of face (due to explosion); II., crush of fingers (amputation of part of two fingers); III., suppuration and cellulitis of hand; IV., V., VI., excision of toe nail; VII., compound comminuted fracture of leg; VIII., IX., X., XI., amputation through lower third of thigh; XII., fracture of right femur, left humerus, and injury to left shoulder and elbow; XIII., laceration of hand, fracture and injury at elbow, injury and contusion of face (due to explosion), amputation of arm; XIV., burn of face, hands, and arms; XV., burn of face and hands, and injury to eye; XVI., XVII., XVIII., induration and ulcer of leg; XIX., Ischial Abscess; XX., injury round hip and perinæum; XXI., scald of foot and leg; XXII., comminuted fracture of leg (both bones); XXIII., fracture of tibia and fibula. It need hardly be said that immediate and full attention was needful in most of these cases; and that the Hospital will not only have succeeded in affording invaluable relief to indescribable suffering, but almost certainly in saving some of the lives.

It has to be thankfully stated that the financial position of the Hospital has, on the whole, been satisfactorily maintained. The receipts from Annual Subscriptions have been more by £80 19s. than last year's receipts from the same source; from Casual Subscriptions, those received for Patients recommended by Non-Subscribers, have been less by £61 4s.; the receipts from the Governors of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, have been more by £112 18s.; the receipts from Accident Cases amounted to £42 17s.; the receipts from Donations have been less by £13 2s. 6d.; the receipts from Hotels and Boarding and Lodging-houses have been less by £12 12s. 2d.; the amounts received

from Offertories and Collections in Churches and Chapels have been more by £10 12s. 9d.; the receipts for extra time, beyond the necessary limit of the recommendation, have been less by £13 2s. 6d.; the receipts for extra Out-Patients have been less by £2 16s. On the whole, the total receipts have been greater than the total expenditure by £68 18s.

On the Estate Account, Legacies have been received as follows:—Lady Emily Williams, £25; Miss Elizabeth Emmott, £100; Miss Charlotte Hull, £100; and Mr. Thomas Marsden, £500. These donors had all been, during their lifetime, constant and kind supporters of the Institution. These Legacies, with the Life Subscriptions received during the year, amounting to £42, have been duly invested in Consols.

His Grace the Duke of Portland has generously contributed a donation of £50, from the sum received from visitors at Welbeck Abbey. Miss Wilson, and the Eastwood Colliery Accident Society, have each generously contributed £5.

The total sum received through Offertories and Collections in Churches and Chapels has been £158 12s. Offertories have only been given, during recent years, in the Buxton Churches, on one Sunday in the year, in place of three Sundays which had been granted previously. Those from St. John's and St. James' Churches have amounted to £108 12s. 8d. The Preachers on the Sunday in question were:—The Very Rev. the Dean of Chichester, the Rev. C. C. Nation, M.A., the Rev. J. Bryan Allen, M.A., the Rev. R. Thorold Winckley, M.A., at St. John's and St. James' Churches; the Rev. G. W. Palmer, M.A., and the Rev. C. A. Brereton, B.A., in St. Ann's Church; the Rev. J. H. Lorimer in Burbage Church; the Rev. W. Riddall, D.D., at Trinity Church; the Rev. James Gibson, D.D., and the Rev. Robert Rew in the Congregational Church; the Rev. R. Cowley Smith in the Unitarian Church; and the Rev. J. T. Hoebein, in the St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. Offertories were also received from Davenham Church, Buxton Catholic Apostolic Church, New Mills Church, Wormhill Church, Over Tabley Church, and the Buxton Primitive Methodist Camp Meeting.

Dr. Robertson has again been unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Committee of Management.

The Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Stock Banking Company have again been unanimously re-elected Treasurers of the Hospital.

The Chairman is *ex-officio* a member of the House Committee, and Mr. Duke, Mr. Walton, Dr. Dickson, Mr. Josiah Taylor, Mr. E. C. Milligan, Mr. J. H. Orme, Mr. F. Turner, Mr. T. H. Lowthian, and Mr. F. Drewry, have again been unanimously re-elected members of this Committee.

Mr. A. Schofield and Messrs. Halliday, Pearson and Co., F.C.A., have been unanimously re-appointed auditors.

The Rev. Joseph Eayrs, Vicar of Fairfield, and Honorary Chaplain, has been unanimously elected a Member of the Committee of Management.

The thanks of the Committtee are hereby tendered to the Proprietors of the Hotels, Boarding-Houses, and Lodging-Houses, of Buxton, and also to the Presidents of the public dinner tables of the several Hotels and Boarding-Houses, and also to the managers and attendants, and to all who have in any way exerted themselves to obtain support for the Hospital. The powers of the Institution used to depend almost entirely upon these exertions. The interests of Buxton are so greatly promoted by the prosperity and usefulness of the Hospital, that the claims of the Institution are urged upon the inhabitants, as being identical with the interests of the town.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the Chairman and Members of the Buxton Urban District Council, for permission to place conspicuously, in the St. Ann's Well, a newspaper box in aid of the Hospital.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the Chairman and Directors of the Palace Hotel Company, for permission to place conspicuously in the entrance hall of the hotel, a donation box in aid of the Hospital.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the Chairman and Directors of the Buxton Gardens Company, for permission to place conspicuously, in the entrance to the Pavilion, a donation box and newspaper box in aid of the Hospital.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to all proprietors of newspapers, in which the annual reports, quarterly reports, weekly reports, and meteorological reports, are inserted or noticed. It is obvious that in no way can the interests of the Charity be more kindly or effectually promoted.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the ladies and gentlemen who have acted as visitors to the Hospital, during the several months of the year. The value of such services may be obviously very important. It is earnestly wished that it may be increasingly felt, that these official visits should be as frequent as possible, and that the visits should not be of merely formal character, but that details should be diligently inquired into, and suggestions and remarks should be entered in the book kept for this purpose.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the members of the Honorary Medical Staff, and to the Dental Surgeon, for their gratuitous services to the Hospital. Any adequate pecuniary compensation for these services must be

always beyond the means of the Institution, and probably would not be received from the Charity if it could be offered.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the Medical Residents, for undertaking the important meteorological duties of the Hospital, and for their assiduous attention to the duties of the Hospital.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the Honorary Chaplain of the Hospital, the Rev. Joseph Eayrs, Vicar of Fairfield.

It should be noticed that the Annual Meeting of Subscribers will be held on the first Saturday in May, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon.

Statements are submitted of the Revenue Account for the year ending December 31st, 1896; and also of the Estate Account, and general Balance Sheet; together with the Annual Statement of the Wilmot Relief Fund Account.

There is a nucleus for a Samaritan Fund, kindly and chiefly contributed by the late Mr. Frederick Cooper, Inspector-General of Hospitals. This small fund has been aided, from time to time, by kind and thoughtful contributions by other friends and benefactors. The fund is used for the relief of urgent cases of distress, on their discharge from the Hospital; the interest being available at the discretion of the officials, under the direction of the House Committee. During the past year, £17 ls. 3d. have been given as required, to nearly 40 apparently most necessitous Patients; and £9 17s. 4d. of these sums have been returned to the Hospital by the friends of the Patients. Contributions to this fund are, again and again, earnestly solicited. The Statement of Account for the past year is submitted.

It is gratifying to state that presents of warm clothing for the poor Patients have been received from Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. Machin, Miss Luck, Miss Osmond, Miss Vernon Wentworth, and Miss Edgar. A couple of hares from Mrs. Flemming; crutches, cushions, medical and surgical appliances, from Miss Brooke, Mrs. Groom, and Miss Banner; fruit and flowers from the Harvest Festivals at Earl Sterndale, Taddington, Peak Dale, Monyash, Burbage, Fairfield, and Brierley Green, also from Mr. Maddock, Mr. R. Ashton, Mrs. S. S. Brittain, and Miss Brooke. Books, papers, magazines, &c., from the Duchess of Portland, Miss Trimmer, Miss Williamson, Mrs. Stanley, Miss Banner, Mrs. Marriot, Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. Machin, Proprietors of the *Gentlewomen* and *Sunday Companion*, Mr. F. Wright, Mr. Nuttall, Rev. A. Whympers, Sir P. Manfield, Col. Comyn, Mr. F. Coventry, Rev. H. Stammers, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Gummer, Mr. Clare, Rev. C. J. Bayley, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Appleyard, Mrs. W. Bickham, Miss Faulder, Mrs.

Armstrong, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Jacques, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. McWall, Miss Nainley, Mrs. Saxton, Miss Hall, Mrs. Forest, Mrs. Fleming, Miss Aldom, Miss Clegge, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Voelcker, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Whympier, Miss Schute, and the Committee of the Buxton Union Club.

The men's day-room has always been used for morning and evening prayer, and more or less for other religious services. These services are conducted by the Chaplain, or under his kindly sanction, and include a special service for the Patients on Sunday. In the absence of the Chaplain, the services are given with much kindness by other friends, and they are very gratefully mentioned, and are believed to be much valued by the Patients. Entertainments are occasionally given in the women's day-room, when Patients are enlivened with music, &c., by various kind friends, whose cheering work must bless equally both those who receive and those who give. It is always a gratifying remembrance that the women's day-room contains the admirable Broadwood pianoforte that was presented to the Hospital when quite new, for the use of the Patients, and also that the men's day-room contains the excellent American organ, also presented for the use of the Patients, and which is necessarily of much value, more particularly in the religious services. It must be a pleasure to Subscribers living at a distance to learn, that the Inmates of the Hospital are thus gladdened and brightened by an active and continuous kindness and sympathy.

Subjoined is the Medical Report of the Hospital for the year 1896, which has been prepared from the case-books by the Medical Residents, and must be of interest to all the Subscribers, and may be a guide to Medical men, when called upon to sign the medical certificates, which are required, in addition to the recommendation of the Subscriber, before a Patient is admitted to the Hospital. The Report illustrates, as usual, to a very interesting and conclusive degree the curative value of the Buxton mineral water; more especially in the relief of most cases of rheumatic, arthritic, or gouty character, and so far explains the signal amount of benefit that is generally derived by the Patients from the Hospital, and the comparatively few failures, as shewn in the annual and quarterly reports, during so many successive years. It is shewn that of the 2645 cases under treatment in the Hospital in the last year, 2106 were cases of rheumatic or gouty character, and 495 of these were complicated with some form or degree of heart disease, the proportion of these rheumatic cases, thus complicated with morbid condition of the heart, is a remarkable feature of these Hospital Reports, indicating clearly the absolute necessity of painstaking and skilful diagnosis, and the most careful regard as to the use, or the avoidance of the use, of the mineral water, and

as to the general treatment and management of the cases. The indebtedness of the Hospital to the members of the Medical Staff, both Honorary and Resident, is thus indicated ; and the curative results, and the comparatively small number of failures, and still more, the very small number of fatalities, must be referred to medical accuracy in the use of the stethoscope, and of the other diagnostic "instruments of precision," with which the advanced science of medicine has supplied the medical profession. The Report again demonstrates, very conclusively, how far the Devonshire Hospital is removed from being a mere convalescent hospital, and how great and thorough the medical work is which it is called upon to do. The results are justifiably regarded as affording absolute proof of the value of scientific medicine, and the comparative hazard of all treatment not based upon ascertained conditions. It is true that the Patients of the Hospital are only exceptionally bedridden, but a large number of them are in a condition of what may be well called medical anxiety. Such an Institution must always have its adequate complement of Medical Residents, available for any important occasion that may happen, and also an adequate staff of Trained Nurses, that may give immediate help, at all times, and whenever needed.

An interesting inquiry was made, by special request, as to the proportion of the Patients of the Hospital by whom the Baths of the Buxton Mineral Water has been used. It was gratifying to find, as extracted from the Hospital records on the occasion in question, that eight out of every nine Patients had used the Baths ; and that of the remaining ninth, one-third were more or less advanced pulmonary cases, and the remainder were cases of accident, fractures, capital operations, and general disease. And again, more recently, the same inquiry has been instituted, with as nearly as possible the same result. The amount of absorption of Mineral Waters during bathing has always been an interesting question. But gases are confessedly especially absorbable during immersion, and the recent discovery of two gases, Argon and Helium, in connection with nitrogen would seem to indicate, so far, an increased readiness of absorption in regard to these gases, and the estimated value of the Buxton Mineral Water Baths would thus be increased.

The issue of the Medical Statistical Report for the fifth year, deserves full recognition and thanks. It has been prepared by the Medical Residents, and supplies detailed statistics as to the cases of rheumatism, arthritis, gout, and sciatica, admitted during the year 1896. Such statistics have been found to be generally wanting in the medical history of these diseases ; and it is hoped that this endeavour to supply them, from the very large experience of the Devonshire Hospital, may meet an

important desire, and be gratefully received and used by the medical profession, and that by their multiplication in successive years, they may become more and more conclusively authoritative. The supplementary Statistical Medical Report is, as usual, full of interest and valuable reference. It is again shown that in regard to Chronic Articular Rheumatism, of 105 of the cases, 72 were males and 33 were females; that of Chronic non-articular including Lumbago, Muscular and Fibrous, 139 cases, 93 were males and 46 were females. Of Sciatica, 93 cases, 85 were males and 8 were females. Of Localised Arthritis Deformans, 27 cases, 22 were males and 5 were females. Of Poly Articular Arthritis Deformans, 360 cases, 100 were males, 260 females. Self-originated and carried out by the Medical Residents, they deserve every thankful consideration.

It is increasingly desired that the Subscribers should use their best endeavours to equalize the work of the Hospital throughout the year. During the later Autumn and the Winter months, there are comparatively few Patients in the Hospital; and there is no difficulty in lengthening the stay of the Patients, by renewal of recommendations in accordance with individual needs, to secure the full restorative and curative results, that may be obtainable or hoped for. In the Spring, Summer, and early Autumn months, the Hospital is commonly, even inconveniently crowded, and the sanction of continuance may be necessarily and disadvantageously limited; and the claimants for admission create unavoidable consideration, and have to be met with difficulty, and perhaps to be delayed. The period of stay in the Hospital, and the number of baths, and the continued remedial means, must depend on the severity of the case, its lengthened duration and general circumstances, and may require a much longer time to secure the full results of the restorative power of the Buxton air and its Baths and Water. This is increasingly felt in regard to many cases of arthritis, etc., in which the baths, etc., have been able to be continued during the less busy periods of the years.

At the Annual Meeting of the Committee of Management, held at the Hospital, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1897, the Report was adopted, and it was moved by Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. T. H. Lowthian, J.P., and resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Trustees and Committee of Management be given to the Chairman (Dr. Robertson), for the Annual Report, for his assiduous attention to the interests of the Hospital, and for his kindness in consenting to re-election as Chairman; and that the Report be printed, with the Treasurers' Accounts, &c., and circulated amongst the Subscribers and Supporters of the Institution.

MEDICAL REPORT

OF THE 2645 CASES UNDER TREATMENT DURING
THE YEAR 1896.

DISEASES OF THE LOCOMOTORY SYSTEM.

Chronic Rheumatism	...	...	...	...	...	1178
Subacute Rheumatism	...	...	...	...	...	35
Arthritis Deformans	...	...	...	...	...	752
Gout (with Albuminuria, 63)...	...	...	...	...	...	80
Lumbago	...	...	...	...	...	8
Old Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	25
Tubercular Disease of Joints	...	...	...	...	...	8
Talipes Valgus	...	...	...	...	...	5
Synovitis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Gonorrhoeal Arthritis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lateral Curvature of Spine	...	...	...	...	...	1—2101

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Sciatica	...	...	...	...	...	101
Chorea	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hemiplegia	...	...	...	...	...	11
Exophthalmic Goitre	...	...	...	...	...	8
Locomotor Ataxia	...	...	...	...	...	10
Cerebro Spinal Sclerosis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lateral Sclerosis	...	...	...	...	...	6
Alcoholic Neuritis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Megrim	...	...	...	...	...	3
Neurasthenia	...	...	...	...	...	5
Facial Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Paralysis Agitans	...	...	...	...	...	5
Paresis of Hands	...	...	...	...	...	2
Paraplegia	...	...	...	...	...	2
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Mènierés Disease	...	...	...	...	...	1
Plumbism	...	...	...	...	...	9
Polio Myelitis Anterior Chronica	...	...	...	...	...	1
Neuralgia	...	...	...	...	...	2— 174

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.

Aortic Aneurism	...	...	...	...	...	1
Morbus Cordis	...	...	...	...	...	15— 16
Morbus Cordis (complicating Rheumatism)	...	...	...	...	...	495
„ „ (with other diseases)...	...	...	...	...	...	373
						868

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

Phthisis Pulmonalis...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Chronic Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	...	2
Empyema	...	...	...	...	...	1
Collapse of Lung	...	...	...	...	...	1— 21

DISEASES OF THE ALIMENTARY SYSTEM.

Dyspepsia	...	...	...	...	...	16
Gastric Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	1— 17

Carried forward ... 2329

Brought forward ... 2329

DISEASES OF THE HÆMOPOIETIC SYSTEM.

Anæmia	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Lymphangitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lymphadenoma	...	...	...	...	...	...	2— 41

DISEASES OF THE GENITO URINARY SYSTEM.

Renal Calculus	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inguinal Adenitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Urethritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bright's Disease	2
Diabetes Mellitus	2— 7

DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.

Eczema	2— 2
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DISEASES INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE SYSTEM.

Rheumatism and Pleurisy	2
Rheumatism and Bronchitis	5
Rheumatism and Sciatica	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Rheumatism, Bronchitis, and Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism and Dyspepsia	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Rheumatism and Acne Rosacea	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism and Acne Vulgaris	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism and Phthisis Pulmonalis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rheumatism and Bright's Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rheumatism and Iritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rheumatism and Debility	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rheumatism and Hysteria	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rheumatism and Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism and Megrin	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rheumatism and Anæmia	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Rheumatism and Tonsillitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Rheumatism and Eczema	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Acute Rheumatism and Morbus Cordis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Rheumatism, Pericarditis, Pneumonia, and Acute Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Rheumatism, Pericarditis, and Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Rheumatism and Pericarditis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Arthritis Deformans and Bright's Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Arthritis Deformans and Neurasthenia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Arthritis Deformans and Exophthalmic Goitre	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Arthritis Deformans and Phthisis Pulmonalis	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Arthritis Deformans and Tonsillitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Arthritis Deformans and Gout	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Arthritis Deformans and Hysteria	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Arthritis Deformans and Sciatica	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Arthritis Deformans and Hemiplegia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sciatica and Exophthalmic Goitre	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Iritis and Synovitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Debility and Eczema	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dyspepsia and Hysteria	...	...	...	...	...	...	2— 151

OTHER CASES UNDER TREATMENT.

Tubercular Glands of Neck	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Debility	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Papilloma of Bladder	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Curvature of Spine	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Varicose Veins of Legs	...	...	...	...	...	...	1— 92

Carried forward ... 2622

Brought forward ... 2622

SURGICAL CASES.

Serious Injury to Left Eye and Wound of Face (due to explosion)	1
Crush of Fingers (Amputation of part of Two, first and second)	1
Suppuration and Cellulitis of hand	1
Excision of Toe Nail	3
Fatty Tumour of Back	1
Compound Comminuted Fracture of Leg (Amputation through lower third of thigh, 2)	4
Fracture of Right Femur, Left Humerus, and Injury to Left Shoulder and Elbow	1
Laceration of Hand, Fracture and Injury at Elbow, Injury and Contusion of Face, due to explosion (amputation of arm)	1
Burn of Face, Hands, and Arms	1
Burn of Face and Hands, Injury to Eye	1
Induration and Ulcer of Leg	3
Ischial Abscess	1
Injury around Hip and Perinæum	1
Scald of Foot and Leg	1
Comminuted Fracture of Leg (both bones)	1
Fracture of Tibia and Fibula	1— 23
Total	2645

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SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL REPORT,

DETAILING STATISTICS OF CASES OF RHEUMATISM, ARTHRITIS DEFORMANS, GOUT, AND SCIATICA ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR 1896.

Convalescent from Acute Rheumatism, cases 46. Males 76·0 per cent. Females 24·0 per cent.

Family history of Rheumatism in 41·3 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

1 and 10 in	2·1 per cent.	Males	2·8 per cent.	Females	0·0 per cent.
10 and 20 in	30·4	„	Males 31·4	„	Females 27·2
20 and 30 in	30·4	„	Males 34·2	„	Females 18·1
30 and 40 in	24·0	„	Males 20·0	„	Females 36·1
40 and 50 in	6·5	„	Males 2·8	„	Females 18·1
50 and 60 in	6·5	„	Males 5·7	„	Females 9·0

Mitral Valvular Disease in 52·1 per cent. Males 54·3 per cent. Females 45·4 per cent.

Aortic Valvular Disease in 41·0 per cent. Males 40·0 per cent. Females 45·4 per cent.

CHRONIC ARTICULAR RHEUMATISM.

Cases 105. Males 68·5 per cent. Females 31·4 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 41 per cent.

History of Acute Rheumatism in 42 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

1 and 10 in	2.8 per cent.	Males	1.4 per cent.	Females	6.0 per cent.
10 and 20 in	17.1	Males	16.5	Females	18.1
20 and 30 in	29.5	Males	36.1	Females	15.1
30 and 40 in	21.9	Males	20.8	Females	24.2
40 and 50 in	11.0	Males	12.5	Females	9.0
50 and 60 in	10.4	Males	12.5	Females	6.0
60 and 70 in	5.7	Males	1.4	Females	15.1
70 and 80 in	0.9	Males	1.4	Females	0

Distribution of the affection.

Hands affected in	24.7 per cent.	Males	19.4 per cent.	Females	36.3 per cent.
Wrists	4.7	Males	2.7	Females	9
Elbows	16.1	Males	13.8	Females	21.2
Shoulders	40.9	Males	40.2	Females	42.4
Feet	27.6	Males	25	Females	33.3
Ankles	30.4	Males	27.7	Females	39
Knees	61.9	Males	59.7	Females	66.6
Hips	20	Males	19.4	Females	21.2

Mitral Valvular Disease in 27.6 per cent. Males 20.8 per cent. Females 42.4 per cent.

Aortic Valvular Disease in 17.1 per cent. Males 12.5 per cent. Females 27.2 per cent.

CHRONIC NON-ARTICULAR RHEUMATISM, INCLUDING LUMBAGO, MUSCULAR AND FIBROUS RHEUMATIC AFFECTIONS, ETC.

Cases 139. Males 66.9 per cent. Females 33 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 25.9 per cent.

History of Acute Rheumatism in 32.3 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

1 and 10 in	2.1 per cent.	Males	0.0 per cent.	Females	6.7 per cent.
10 and 20 in	11.5	Males	5.3	Females	24.0
20 and 30 in	19.4	Males	22.5	Females	13.0
30 and 40 in	22.3	Males	23.6	Females	19.5
40 and 50 in	24.4	Males	23.6	Females	26.0
50 and 60 in	15.8	Males	18.2	Females	10.8
60 and 70 in	4.3	Males	4.3	Females	4.3

Valvular Heart Disease in 34.5 per cent.

SCIATICA.

Cases 93. Males 91.4 per cent. Females 8.6 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 19 per cent.

History of Acute Rheumatism in 2 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

10 and 20 in	3.2 per cent.	Males	1.1 per cent.	Females	25.0 per cent.
20 and 30 in	10.7	Males	11.7	Females	0
30 and 40 in	28.0	Males	28.2	Females	25.0
40 and 50 in	34.4	Males	35.3	Females	25.0
50 and 60 in	19.3	Males	21.1	Females	0
60 and 70 in	3.2	Males	3.5	Females	0
70 and 80 in	1.0	Males	0	Females	12.5

Right side affected in 53 per cent.

Left side affected in 51.7 per cent.

Both sides affected in 4.7 per cent.

Valvular Heart Disease in 16.7 per cent.

LOCALISED ARTHRITIS DEFORMANS.

Cases, 27. Males, 81.5 per cent. Females, 18.5 per cent.

Family History of Arthritis Deformans in 0 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 11 per cent.

Family History of Acute Rheumatism in 0 per cent.

Family History of Phthisis in 3 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

10 and 20 in 15.0 per cent.	Males 13.6 per cent.	Females 20.0 per cent.
20 and 30 in 4.0 "	Males 4.5 "	Females 0 "
30 and 40 in 22.2 "	Males 27.2 "	Females 0 "
40 and 50 in 18.5 "	Males 13.6 "	Females 40.0 "
50 and 60 in 29.6 "	Males 27.2 "	Females 40.0 "
60 and 70 in 7.5 "	Males 9.0 "	Females 0 "
70 and 80 in 3.7 "	Males 4.5 "	Females 0 "

Distribution of the affection.

Elbow affected in 3 per cent.	Males 0 per cent.	Females 20 per cent.
Shoulder " 14 "	Males 9 "	Females 40 "
Knee " 33 "	Males 31.8 "	Females 40 "
Hip " 48 "	Males 59 "	Females 0 "

POLY-ARTICULAR ARTHRITIS DEFORMANS.

Cases, 360. Males 27.7 per cent. Females 72.3 per cent.

Family History of Arthritis Deformans in 3 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 36 per cent.

Family History of Phthisis in 11 per cent.

History of Acute Rheumatism in 28 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

1 and 10 in 1.6 per cent.	Males 2.0 per cent.	Females 1.5 per cent.
10 and 20 in 12.5 "	Males 1.0 "	Females 17.0 "
20 and 30 in 26.1 "	Males 19.0 "	Females 29.0 "
30 and 40 in 23.6 "	Males 28.0 "	Females 21.9 "
40 and 50 in 19.7 "	Males 27.0 "	Females 17.0 "
50 and 60 in 11.4 "	Males 18.0 "	Females 9.0 "
60 and 70 in 4.4 "	Males 4.0 "	Females 4.6 "
70 and 80 in 0.5 "	Males 1.0 "	Females 0.3 "

Distribution of the affection.

Hands affected in 68 per cent.	Males 62 per cent.	Females 71 per cent.
Wrists " 54 "	Males 51 "	Females 55 "
Elbows " 46 "	Males 38 "	Females 49 "
Shoulders " 60 "	Males 60 "	Females 60 "
Feet " 53 "	Males 49 "	Females 54 "
Ankles " 38 "	Males 33 "	Females 40 "
Knees " 70 "	Males 79 "	Females 67 "
Hips " 30 "	Males 26 "	Females 31 "
Temporo-		
Maxillary, " 16 "	Males 14 "	Females 17 "
Cervical Region " 47 "	Males 39 "	Females 50 "
All " 10 "	Males 4 "	Females 13 "

Valvular Heart Disease in 40 per cent.

GOUT.

Cases 61. Males 96.7 per cent. Females 3.3 per cent.

Family History of Gout in 19.6 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

20 and 30 in 24.6 per cent.

30 and 40 in 41.0 "

40 and 50 in 26.2 "

50 and 60 in 8.2 "

Valvular Heart Disease in 21 per cent.

Albuminuria in 78 per cent.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of Revenue Account, 1895				563	17	5			
" Annual Subscriptions—									
Balance from 1895, brought forward	119	12	0						
Arrears from 1895, brought forward	50	8	0						
Subscriptions due for the year 1896	3101	18	6						
	3271	18	6						
Less Arrears, December 31st, 1896... £54 12 0									
" Withdrawn, &c. 211 1 0									
	265	13	0						
Casual Subscriptions.....	3006	5	6						
Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund.....	1365	10	0						
Accident Cases	853	16	0						
Extra Time of In-patients	42	17	0						
Extra Out-patients	397	18	0						
Donations	44	16	0						
Hotels, Boarding and Lodging-houses	148	12	3						
Offertories and Collections.....	96	13	1						
Interest	158	12	0						
Sundry Receipts	471	16	11						
	29	7	6						
By Hospital Account—									
Provisions									
Medicines									
Coals and Coke									
Gas									
Water									
Salaries and Wages									
House Expenses									
Repairs of Buildings									
Divisions of Wards, &c.									
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery									
Postage Stamps, Cards, and Wrappers									
Rates and Taxes.....									
Fire Insurance									
Steam Boiler Insurance									
Surgical Appliances, &c.									
Dispensary.....									
Auditors' Fees									
Grounds (including Asphaltting)									
Banker's Commission									
Sundry Payments									
Baths Account—									
Coals and Coke									
Wages									
Water for Steam Pump									
Fire Insurance									
Steam Boiler Insurance									
Repairs									
Sundry Payments									
Estate Account—transferred for Investment..									
Balance									

£7180 1 8

Examined and found correct, January 16th, 1897.

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DR.

Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Estate Account, December 31, 1896.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Buxton Bath Charity, 1853				596	0	0			
" Hospital Building Fund, 1859-60				4015	19	8			
" The Duke of Devonshire, Baths Account, 1875-6 ..				1500	0	0			
" Building and Extension Fund, 1880-2				2162	1	2			
" Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, 1880-2				24000	0	0			
" Donations to Stock				165	0	0			
" Legacies to 1895	12219	12	8						
" Do 1896	725	0	0						
" Life Subscriptions to 1895	4018	10	0						
" Do. 1896	42	0	0						
" Less written off for deaths, 1896	4060	10	0						
" Lapsed Life Subscriptions to 1895	273	0	0						
" Ditto 1896	3314	0	0						
" Amount brought from Revenue to 1895	273	0	0						
" Ditto do. 1896	12083	5	9						
" Amount brought from Revenue to 1895	563	17	5						
" Ditto do. 1896	12647	3	2						
				£65405	6	8			
By Baths—Rebuilding in 1853									
" Hospital Building Account, 1859-60				596	0	0			
" Baths—Rebuilding in 1876				8511	3	4			
" Hospital Extensions, 1880-82				3242	17	1			
" Baths Extensions, 1882				35961	9	4			
" Drinking Well Building Account, 1882				1469	17	9			
" Clock Tower Building Account				528	0	6			
				1118	18	6			
				£51428	6	6			
INVESTMENTS—									
2½ per Cent. Consols, £7736 8s. 2d.				6868	16	4			
Ditto 1896 £1360 14s. 8d.				1477	17	5			
3½ per Cent. India Stock, £5145 5s. 7d.				8346	13	9			
Midland Railway Debentures, £133 6s. 8d.				5320	6	4			
Balance carried to Balance Sheet				100	12	6			
				9	7	7			
				£65405	6	8			

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Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Balance Sheet, December 31, 1896.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Revenue Account	68	17	8
" Estate Account	9	7	7
" Tradesmen's Accounts due	556	12	8
" Annual Subscriptions in advance.....	186	18	0
	<u>£821</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>

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	£	s.	d.
By Provisions in Stock—in Hospital	£31	11	6
" Ditto in Dispensary	11	16	3
" Groceries in Stock.....	43	7	9
" Drugs in Stock	9	15	0
" Surgical Appliances in Stock	178	8	8
" Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund	8	0	11
" Cash in Sheffield and Rotherham Bank.....	173	16	0
" Cash in Secretary's hands.....	402	4	2
" Cash in Steward's hands	2	12	2
"	3	11	3
	<u>£821</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>

Dr.

Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Wilmot Relief Fund, December 31, 1896.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance of Fund, 1895.....	256	0	0
	<u>£13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

By 3½ per cent. India Stock, £236 14s. 10d. 256 0 0

Account for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance of Account, 1895	3	1	11
" India Stock Dividends	8	5	8
" Banker's Interest	0	3	6
" Balance	1	11	5
	<u>£13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

By Devonshire Hospital for Patients

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Dr. Cr.
Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Samaritan Fund Account, 1896.

To Balance of Fund, 1895	£	s.	d.
" Donations, Miss Annie Eyre, 1896	231	18	1
" " Miss Alice M. Laird	£0	16	0
	1	1	0
	1	17	0
	£233	15	1

By 2½ per cent. Consols, £234 14s. 10d.	£	s.	d.
" Balance in hand	231	18	1
	1	17	0
	£233	15	1

Account for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

To Balance of Account, 1895	£	s.	d.
" Consols Dividends	6	17	5
" Doles returned by Patients and their friends	6	12	0
" Bank Interest	9	17	4
	0	6	6
	£23	13	3

By Purchase of Clothinf, etc., for needy Patients	£	s.	d.
" Doles to Patients on their discharge	3	5	10
" Balance in hand, December 31st	13	15	5
	6	12	0
	£23	13	3

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

Buxton, 16th January, 1897.

To the Chairman and Committee of the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.
Gentlemen,

We have audited the books of the Hospital for the year ending 31st December, 1896, and have certified to the correctness of the Accounts prepared therefrom.

The income appears to be duly accounted for, and the disbursements have been properly vouched.
The correctness of the bankers' balances has been ascertained by us, and the certificates for the investments have been produced and are in order.

We have also seen certificates for the stocks of drugs, provisions, &c., on hand.

The books are, as usual, most efficiently kept.

We are, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

A. SCHOFIELD,
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COPY OF LEGAL CONVEYANCE
OF THE
GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS OF THE DEVONSHIRE
HOSPITAL.

THIS INDENTURE, made on the 22nd day of June, 1868, between the Most Noble William, Duke of Devonshire, of the first part; and William Henry Robertson, of the Square, Buxton, in the County of Derby, M.D.; Reginald Darwin, of Fern, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; William Parker Shipton, of the Square, Buxton, aforesaid surgeon; Samuel Turner, of Sylvan Park, Buxton, aforesaid, surveyor; John Milligan, of Winster Place, Buxton, aforesaid, draper; Robert Rippon Duke, of Spring Gardens, Buxton, aforesaid, surveyor; Robert Bennet, of Hardwick Street, Buxton, aforesaid, M.D.; Thomas Dickson, of Wye House, Buxton, aforesaid, M.D.; Robert Broome, of Burbage, near Buxton, aforesaid, Esq; Marmaduke Walter Vavasour, of North Wood House, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; Edward Levett Darwin, of the Park, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; Joseph William Taylor, of Hardwick Terrace, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; Frederick Turner, of the Quadrant, Buxton, aforesaid, surgeon; Francis Kennedy Dickson, of the Square, Buxton, aforesaid, physician; the Rev. Stephen Ray Eddy, of the Parsonage, Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; The Rev. Charles Smith, of the Parsonage, Fairfield, near Buxton aforesaid, clerk; George Francis Barnard, of Spring Gardens, Buxton, aforesaid, wine and spirit merchant; William Henry Flint, of Terrace Road, Buxton, aforesaid, physician; and Isaac Walton, of the Bank, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq., of the second part. Whereas the parties hereto of the second part are the Trustees of an Institution known as the "Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity," instituted for the relief of poor persons from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland suffering from rheumatism, gout, and certain other specified diseases; and whereas the said William, Duke of Devonshire, is seized of the land and buildings hereinafter mentioned for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession; and whereas the said lands and buildings have, for some time past, by the permission of the said William, Duke of Devonshire, been used by the said parties hereto of the second part (in their character of Trustees as aforesaid) as the Hospital of the said Institution; and whereas the said William, Duke of Devonshire, being desirous of benefiting the said Institution, has agreed to convey the said premises to the said parties hereto of the second part upon the Trusts hereinafter expressed. Now this INDENTURE witnesseth that, in consideration of the premises, He, the said William, Duke of Devonshire, doth hereby grant and convey unto the said parties hereto of the second part, and their heirs, all that piece of land situate at Buxton, in the county of Derby, containing by estimation 2a. 2r. 2p., or thereabouts, and abutting and bounded as more particularly described in the plan drawn in the margin of these presents, and therein coloured pink; together with all buildings now standing and being thereon; and together with all ways, easements, and appurtenances whatsoever, to the said piece of land belonging or appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim, and demand whatsoever, of Him,

the said William, Duke of Devonshire, in to and out of the said premises and every part thereof; to have and to hold the said piece of land and premises unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, yielding and paying unto the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs and assigns, the yearly nominal rent of Five Shillings, on the 29th day of September in every year. And it is hereby declared that the said parties hereto of the second part, or the survivor or survivors of them, or the heirs of such survivor, shall stand possessed of the premises hereby conveyed upon trust to permit the said premises to be used as the Hospital of the "Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity" and for no other purpose. And it is hereby declared that if the Trustees hereby constituted, or any or either of them, or any Trustee or Trustees, appointed as hereinafter provided, shall die, or desire to be discharged, or refuse, or become incapable to act, then, and in every such case, it shall be lawful for the surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees for the time being, and for this purpose refusing or retiring Trustees shall, if willing to act in the exercise of this power, be considered continuing Trustees, or for the acting executors or administrators of the last surviving or continuing Trustee, to appoint a new Trustee, or Trustees, in the place of the Trustee or Trustees, so dying, or desiring to be discharged, or refusing, or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid, and upon any such occasion, if it should be thought proper, the number of Trustees for the time being may be reduced, but so that the number of the surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees, with the new Trustees, shall not be less than five; and upon every such appointment the trust estate shall be so conveyed that the same may be vested in the surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees, jointly with such new Trustee or Trustees, or in such new Trustee or Trustees solely, as the case may require. Provided, nevertheless, that no person shall be appointed a Trustee under the preceding power who is not a member of the Committee of Management, for the time being, of the said Hospital. And this INDENTURE also witnesseth, that the said parties hereto of the second part, do hereby, for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, covenant with the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, that they, the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, shall not nor will, without the previous consent in writing of the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs or assigns, erect or build upon the premises hereby granted or conveyed any house or building whatsoever, other than those now standing and being thereon; and will keep the buildings now standing and being thereon in good repair, and will keep in a condition similar to the present, all such part of the said land as is now used for garden or pleasure grounds. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

(Signed,)

DEVONSHIRE.

W. H. ROBERTSON.

REGINALD DARWIN.

W. P. SHIPTON.

S. TURNER.

JOHN MILLIGAN.

R. R. DUKE.

ROBT. BENNET.

THOS. DICKSON.

ROBERT BROOME.

M. W. VAVASOUR.

EDWD. L. DARWIN.

J. W. TAYLOR.

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ADDITIONAL GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS OF THE
DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.

THIS INDENTURE, made the twenty-first day of March, 1878, between the Most Noble William, Duke of Devonshire of the first part; and William Henry Robertson, of the Square, Buxton, in the county of Derby, M.D.; William Parker Shipton, of the Square, Buxton, aforesaid, surgeon; Robert Rippon Duke, of Spring Gardens, Buxton, aforesaid, architect and surveyor; Robert Bennet, of the Park, Buxton, aforesaid, M.D.; Joseph William Taylor, of Hardwick Terrace, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; Frederick Turner, of the Quadrant, Buxton, aforesaid, surgeon; Francis Kennedy Dickson, of Wye House, Buxton, aforesaid, physician; the Rev. William Malam, of the Vicarage, Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; George Francis Barnard, of Spring Gardens, Buxton, aforesaid, wine and spirit merchant; William Henry Flint, of Terrace Road, Buxton, aforesaid, physician; Isaac Walton, of the Bank, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; the Rev. Augustus Adam Bagshawe, of Wormhill Vicarage, near Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; the Rev. Gordon Robertson, of Earl Sterndale Vicarage, near Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; Henry Alfred Hubbersty, of Burbage, near Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; the Rev. John Geoffry Henry Stamper, of Burbage Vicarage, near Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; Henry Constantine Renshaw, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, in the said county, Esq.; Henry Shaw, of Corbar Villa, near Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; Philip Le Gros, of St. Ann's Hotel, Buxton, aforesaid, hotel keeper; Josiah Taylor, of Buxton, aforesaid, accountant; and Edward Chambers Milligan, of Buxton, aforesaid, draper; of the second part. Whereas the parties hereto of the second part are the Trustees of an Institution known as the "Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity," instituted for the relief of poor persons from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, suffering from rheumatism, gout, and certain other specified diseases; and whereas the said William, Duke of Devonshire, is seized of the lands and buildings hereinafter mentioned for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession; and whereas the said William, Duke of Devonshire, has contracted with the said parties hereto of the second part for the sale to them of the land and buildings hereinafter described for the sum of £5,000. Now this INDENTURE witnesseth that, in pursuance of the said agreement, and in consideration of the sum of £5,000 sterling now paid by the said parties hereto of the second part to the said William, Duke of Devonshire, the receipt whereof is hereby by him acknowledged, the said William, Duke of Devonshire, doth hereby grant and convey unto the said parties hereto of the second part, and their heirs, all that piece of land situate at Buxton, aforesaid, containing by estimation 3.065 superficial square yards, or thereabouts, and abutting or bounded as more particularly described in the plan drawn in the margin of these presents and therein coloured pink; together with the cottages, blacksmith's shop, stables, and other buildings now standing and being thereon, and together with the right or easement of using the road or passage bounding the land hereby conveyed in part on the north-west side thereof, as shown on the said plan with the

colour dark brown, at all times and for all purposes; and together with all ways, easements, and appurtenances whatsoever to the said piece of land belonging or appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of him, the said William, Duke of Devonshire, in to and out of the premises and every part thereof. To have and to hold the said piece of land and premises unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, for ever; and it is hereby declared that the said parties hereto of the second part, or the survivors or survivor of them or the heirs of such survivor shall stand possessed of the premises hereby conveyed upon trust to permit the said premises to be used as part of the Hospital of the "Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity," and for no other purpose. And it is hereby declared that if the Trustees hereby constituted, or any or either of them or any Trustee or Trustees appointed as hereinafter provided shall die or desire to be discharged, or refuse or become incapable to act, then and in every such case it shall be lawful for the surviving or continuing Trustees or Trustee for the time being, and for this purpose refusing or retiring Trustees shall if willing to act in the exercise of this power, be considered continuing Trustees, or for the acting executors or administrators of the last surviving or continuing Trustee to appoint a new Trustee or new Trustees in the place of the Trustee or Trustees so dying or desiring to be discharged, or refusing or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid, and upon any such occasion if it should be thought proper the number of Trustees for the time being may be reduced, but so that the number of the surviving or continuing Trustees, together with the new Trustees, shall not be less than five, and upon every such appointment the trust estate shall be so conveyed that the same may be vested in the surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees jointly with such new Trustee or Trustees or in such new Trustee or Trustees solely, as the case may require. Provided, nevertheless, that no person shall be appointed a Trustee under the preceding power who is not a member of the Committee of Management for the time being of the said Hospital. And the said William, Duke of Devonshire, doth hereby for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs, and assigns, in manner following, that is to say, that for and notwithstanding any act, deed, matter, or thing whatsoever by him, the said William, Duke of Devonshire, or any of his ancestors made, executed, or permitted to the contrary, he, the said William, Duke of Devonshire, now hath in himself good right by these presents to grant and convey the said hereditaments and premises hereby intended to be conveyed unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, in manner aforesaid. And that the said hereditaments and premises shall be peaceably and quietly held and enjoyed accordingly, without any interruption, denial or disturbance of or by the said William, Duke of Devonshire, or any other person or persons whomsoever rightfully claiming or to claim by, from, through, under, or in trust for him or any of his ancestors; and that free and clear, or otherwise, by the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs, executors, and administrators well and sufficiently defended and indemnified of, from, and against all, and all manner of estates and encumbrances whatever made, done, or suffered by the said William, Duke of Devonshire, or any of his ancestors, or any other person or persons rightfully claiming or to claim by, from, through, under, or in trust for him or them. And further, that he, the said William, Duke of Devonshire, and his heirs and all and every other person and persons having or rightfully claiming any estate or interest in or to the said hereditaments and premises from, through, under, or in trust for him or them or any of his ancestors shall and will at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the cost of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, make, execute, and perfect all such further and other acts and assurances for the more effectually assuring the said hereditaments and premises unto and to the use of the said

parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns in manner aforesaid as by the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs or assigns or their counsel in the law shall be devised and required. And this INDENTURE also witnesseth that the said parties hereto of the second part do hereby for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, covenant with the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that they the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs or assigns, shall not nor will without the previous consent in writing of the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs or assigns, erect or build upon the premises hereby granted and conveyed any house or building whatsoever other than those now standing and being thereon, with such additions and extensions as are shown upon the plans, which have been submitted to and approved by the Agent of the said Duke, and will from time to time and at all times hereafter keep the said buildings in good repair; and also that they the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter pay one half of the expense of maintaining and keeping in repair under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Architect or Agent for the time being of the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs and assigns, the said road or passage bounding the land hereby conveyed on the north-west side thereof for the full length of the frontage of the said land thereto. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

(Signed)

DEVONSHIRE.

W. H. ROBERTSON.

R. R. DUKE.

FREDERICK TURNER.

F. K. DICKSON.

W. MALAM.

G. F. BARNARD.

ISAAC WALTON.

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAWE.

GORDON ROBERTSON.

J. G. H. STAMPER.

HENRY SHAW.

PHILIP LE GROS.

JOSIAH TAYLOR.

E. C. MILLIGAN.

COPY OF LEGAL CONVEYANCE

OF THE

HOT BATHS OF THE DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.

THIS INDENTURE, made the 10th day of May, 1878, between the Most Noble William, Duke of Devonshire, of the first part; and William Henry Robertson, of the Square, Buxton, in the county of Derby, M.D.; William Parker Shipton, of the Square, Buxton, aforesaid, surgeon; Robert Rippon Duke, of Spring Gardens, Buxton, aforesaid, architect and surveyor; Robert Bennet, of the Park, Buxton, aforesaid, M.D.; Joseph William Taylor, of Hardwick Terrace, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; Frederick Turner, of the Quadrant, Buxton, aforesaid, surgeon; Francis Kennedy Dickson, of Wye House, Buxton, aforesaid, physician; the Rev. William Malam, of the Vicarage, Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; George Francis Barnard, of Spring Gardens, Buxton, aforesaid, wine and spirit merchant; William Henry Flint, of Terrace Road, Buxton, aforesaid, physician; Isaac Walton, of the Bank, Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; the Rev. Augustus Adam Bagshawe, of Wormhill Vicarage, near Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; the Rev. Gordon Robertson, of Earl Sterndale Vicarage, near Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; Henry Alfred Hubbersty of Burbage, near Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; the Rev. John Geoffry Henry Stamper, of Burbage Vicarage, near Buxton, aforesaid, clerk; Henry Shaw, of Corbar

Villa, near Buxton, aforesaid, Esq.; Philip Le Gros, of St. Ann's Hotel, Buxton, aforesaid, hotel keeper; Josiah Taylor, of Buxton, aforesaid, accountant; and Edward Chambers Milligan, of Buxton, aforesaid, draper, of the second part. Whereas the parties hereto of the second part are the Trustees of an Institution known as the "Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity," instituted for the relief of poor persons from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland suffering from rheumatism, gout, and other specified diseases; and whereas the said William, Duke of Devonshire, is seized of the land and buildings hereinafter mentioned for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession; and whereas the said William, Duke of Devonshire, being desirous of benefiting the said Institution, has agreed to convey the said premises to the said parties hereto of the second part upon the trusts hereinafter expressed in consideration of the sum of ninety-six pounds and of the annual sum hereinafter reserved. Now this INDENTURE witnesseth that, in pursuance of the said agreement, and in consideration of the sum of ninety-six pounds to the said William, Duke of Devonshire, paid by the said Trustees at or before the sealing or delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof the said Duke doth hereby acknowledge; and also in consideration of the annual rent or sum of five shillings hereinafter reserved, he the said William, Duke of Devonshire, doth hereby grant and convey unto the said parties hereto of the second part and their heirs, all that piece of land situate at Buxton, in the county of Derby, containing by estimation 508 superficial square yards or thereabouts, and abutting and bounded as more particularly described in the plan drawn in the margin of these presents and therein coloured pink. Together with the bath and buildings now constructed therein and standing thereon; and together with all ways, easements, and appurtenances whatsoever to the said piece of land belonging or appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of him, the said William, Duke of Devonshire in, to, and out of the premises and every part thereof. To have and to hold the said piece of land and premises unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, yielding and paying unto the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs and assigns, the yearly nominal rent of five shillings on the 29th day of September in every year; and the said William, Duke of Devonshire, doth hereby for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns in manner following, that is to say that for and notwithstanding any act, deed, matter, or thing whatsoever by him the said William, Duke of Devonshire, or any of his ancestors made, executed or permitted to the contrary, he the said William, Duke of Devonshire, now hath in himself good right by these presents to grant and convey the said hereditaments and premises hereby intended to be conveyed unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns in the manner aforesaid; and that the said hereditaments and premises shall be peaceably and quietly held and enjoyed accordingly without any interruption, denial or disturbance of or by the said William, Duke of Devonshire, or any other person or persons whomsoever rightly claiming or to claim by, from, through, under or in trust for him or any of his ancestors, and that free and clear or otherwise by the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs, executors, and administrators well and sufficiently defended and indemnified of, from and against all and all manner of estates and encumbrances whatsoever made, done or suffered by the said William, Duke of Devonshire, or any of his ancestors or any other person or persons rightfully claiming or to claim by, from, through, under or in trust for him or them; and further, that he the said William, Duke of Devonshire, and his heirs, and all and every other person and persons having or rightfully claiming any estate or interest in or to the said hereditaments and premises from, through, under, or in trust for him or them or any of his ancestors shall and will at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the costs of the said parties hereto of the

second part, their heirs or assigns make, execute and perfect all such further and other acts and assurances for the more effectually assuring the said hereditaments and premises unto and to the use of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, in manner aforesaid as by the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs or assigns, or their or his counsel in the law shall be desired or required; and it is hereby declared by the said parties hereto of the second part or the survivors or survivor of them, or the heirs of such survivor shall stand possessed of the premises hereby conveyed upon trust to permit the said premises to be used as the Hot Baths in connection with the Hospital of the "Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity" and for no other purpose; and it is hereby declared that if the Trustees hereby constituted or any or either of them or any Trustee or Trustees appointed as hereinafter provided shall die or desire to be discharged, or refuse or become incapable to act, then and in every such case it shall be lawful for the surviving or continuing Trustees or Trustee for the time being, and for this purpose refusing or retiring Trustees shall if willing to act in the exercise of this power be considered continuing Trustees or for the acting executors or administrators of the last surviving or continuing Trustee to appoint a new Trustee or new Trustees in the place of the Trustee or Trustees so dying or desiring to be discharged or refusing or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid, and upon any such occasion if it should be thought proper the number of Trustees for the time being may be reduced, but so that the number of the surviving or continuing Trustees together with the new Trustees shall not be less than five; and upon every such appointment the trust estate shall be so conveyed that the same may be vested in the surviving or continuing Trustees or Trustee jointly with such new Trustee or Trustees or in such new Trustee or Trustees solely as the case may require. Provided, nevertheless, that no person shall be appointed a Trustee under the preceding power who is not a member of the Committee of Management for the time being of the said Hospital. And this INDENTURE also witnesseth that the said parties hereto of the second part do hereby for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns covenant with the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns that they the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs or assigns shall not nor will without the previous consent in writing of the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs or assigns, erect or build upon the premises hereby granted and conveyed any house or building whatsoever other than those now standing and being thereon, and will keep the Baths and buildings now constructed therein and standing thereon in good repair; and also that they the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs and assigns, shall and will for ever hereafter until the same shall be dedicated to and accepted by the Local Board of Buxton aforesaid or other public authorities, maintain and keep in good repair and condition under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Architect or Agent for the time being of the said William, Duke of Devonshire, his heirs or assigns, the footpath and half of the width of the roadway bounding the land hereby conveyed on the west and south sides thereof for the full length of the frontages of the said land thereto. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

(Signed.)

DEVONSHIRE.

WM. HY. ROBERTSON.

R. R. DUKE.

J. W. TAYLOR.

FREDERICK TURNER.

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BUXTON BATH CHARITY, A.D. 1785.

COPY OF REPORT OF THE CHARITY,
FOR THE YEAR 1785.

*The Original is in the Hospital, and was presented by Dr. Robertson,
December 29th, 1871.*

BUXTON.

RESOLUTIONS by the Stewards of the several Houses at Buxton, on behalf of the Contributors to the Charitable Fund established here, for the better regulation of the Charity, made September 13th, 1785.

1st. As to the Contribution.

WHEREAS, at the commencement of this Charity, in the year 1779, instituted for the purpose of rendering the Beneficence of the Noble Proprietor and his Ancestors (in setting apart a Bath for the Use of the Poor) more extensively beneficial; two Stewards were appointed in each House kept open for the Reception of Company to receive a Contribution of One Shilling only, from each Person residing in such Houses, for the Benefit of the Charity. And upon the Departure of one of the Stewards, the departing Steward hath nominated a Successor; and in order to ascertain the Sums contributed, the Stewards for the Time being, at each House, have kept a Subscription Book, in which the Contributors have respectively written their Names and the sum of One Shilling opposite thereto; and as the Subscriptions have amounted to competent Sums, the Stewards have paid over the same to Mr. Samuel Buxton, Apothecary, in Buxton, as Treasurer, to be applied by him towards the Aid and Support of the Poor, whose Infirmities have caused them to come to Buxton for the Use of the Waters; for which Sums the said Mr. Buxton hath signed Receipts in the Subscription Books. Resolved that such practice be continued, and that no Person be permitted to subscribe a greater Sum than One Shilling in the books; and that the Receipts of Mr. Buxton, or the Treasurer for the time being, in the Subscription Books, be sufficient Discharges to the Stewards for what they receive.

Resolved, That it be recommended to future Stewards to hold an Audit on the 13th of September, yearly, to inspect the Accounts of Mr. Buxton, or of the Treasurer for the Time being, and to state Accounts of the preceding Year in like manner as the Accounts are this Day stated in the Subscription Book at the Hall. And it is declared, that the Allowance of a Duplicate of the Account by any two of the Stewards, under their hands, shall be a sufficient discharge to Mr. Buxton, and all future Treasurers.

Resolved, That all future contributors to the Charity do subscribe thereto upon the terms of these Resolutions.

2nd. As to the Admission of the Objects of this Charity.

Resolved, That no Inhabitant of Buxton, Fairfield, or of any place within Seven Miles distance from Buxton, be admitted to partake of the Charity; nor any Person be relieved during the months of November, December, January, February, March, or April; and that during the remaining six Months of the Year, not more than sixteen Objects, at one Time, be relieved by the Charity. And that no

Person shall be admitted on any other Day than Monday in every Week, between the Hours of eight and twelve in the Forenoon; on which Day, during such Hours, the weekly allowance to each Individual shall also be paid.

Resolved, That before the patient intending to take the benefit of the Charity be removed from where he or she dwells, Mr. Buxton, or the Treasurer for the Time being, be applied to by Letter, Postpaid, signifying such Intention, mentioning the Patient's Name, Place of Abode, and Nature of the Disorder; and that no Person be admitted unless there be a vacancy in the Number of Sixteen, and unless he or she first produces to the Treasurer his own Letter written in answer to such Application, and also a Letter of Recommendation from some Lady or Gentleman, resident in the Neighbourhood, certifying whether the Patient is relieved by his or her Parish, or not, and if not, whether he or she is a proper Object, with Respect to Circumstances; and in case he or she is a Pauper, relieved by the Parish, then also a Certificate signed by the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor, that the Pauper's Settlement is in the Parish from which he or she is sent; and also a Certificate from a Physician or Apothecary, that the case is proper for the Buxton Waters

Resolved, That the Names and Places of Abode of the Objects admitted, be entered by Mr. Buxton, or the Treasurer for the Time being, in a Book (of which Book each Contributor is to have free Inspection), with a Description of the Patient's Disorder; and after his or her Discharge a Minute of the Consequence of the Use of the Waters.

3rd. As to the Application of the Charity Fund.

It being the Intention of the Contributors, that the Money arising from the Contributions, be in every Case applied for the purposes of supplying the Patients during their Stay at Buxton, with Board, Lodging, and Medicines only; all Ladies and Gentlemen recommending Patients, and all Churchwardens and Overseers giving Certificates, are therefore particularly desired to take notice, that in Case the Patients shall be admitted to partake of the Charity, and shall die in the Parishes of Buxton or Fairfield, or in any Place within seven Miles Distance from Buxton, before he or she shall have actually returned to his or her own Parish, such Persons recommending, and such Churchwardens and Overseers certifying, shall be liable to pay the Expenses of the Funeral of such Patients respectively; and that the Charity Money, on no Account whatever, will be suffered to be applied to defray Travelling Expenses, either to or from Buxton.

Resolved, That no Patient be admitted more than once during a Season, nor be relieved, by the Charity, for a longer space of time than five Weeks, from the Date of his or her Admission, nor with a greater Sum than Six Shillings each Week. But for how long a Time he or she shall be relieved less than five Weeks, or what allowance shall be made him or her less than Six Shillings per Week, shall be at the discretion of Mr. Buxton, or of the Treasurer for the Time being, taking the advice of the resident Physician, or Physicians, on the Case, who it is hoped, will kindly consent to give gratuitous Assistance, when necessary.

Resolved, That Mr. Buxton, or the Treasurer for the Time being, be at liberty to retain all his necessary Expenses, occasioned by the Administration of the Charity, over and above what shall be expended in Board, Lodging, and Medicines.

Resolved, That if any Object receiving the Benefit of this Charity, shall beg or receive Alms, during his or her stay at Buxton, or be guilty of prophane Swearing, Drunkenness, Impertinence, or any gross misbehaviour, he or she shall be instantly (on complaint made) discharged from the Charity.

Ordered, That these Resolutions be printed, and hung up in as public a manner as possible, in the several Houses in Buxton, kept open for the Reception of Company, and wherever Contributions are received; and that the said Resolutions be sent by Mr. Buxton, or the Treasurer for the Time being, to every Person recommending a Patient, as a proper Object to partake of the Benefit of this Charity.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Title.

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

Trustees.

2.—The property belonging to this Institution shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being.

3.—The number of Trustees shall not exceed nineteen, and any deficiency in this number shall be filled up by the Trustees from the members of the Committee of Management from time to time, as may seem to be expedient, according to seniority, care being taken that the number of the Trustees shall not be less than five, in accordance with the Deeds of Conveyance of the Hospital to the Trustees by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

4.—The Trustees shall meet at such time as they may find it expedient, upon the requisition of five of their number to the Chairman, at seven days' notice thereof.

Committee of Management.

5.—The power of making and repealing rules for the government of the Institution shall be vested in the Committee of Management for the time being.

6.—The Committee of Management shall consist of twenty-five members. The Vicar of Buxton, the Honorary Medical Officers, and five of the Governors of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, shall be members *ex-officio*. The other members of the Committee shall be nominated from the Life and Yearly Subscribers who reside within a radius of six miles from Buxton.

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

8.—The Committee of Management 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 Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents.

General and Special Meetings of the Committee of Management.

9.—The Committee of Management shall have full power to manage and conduct the Institution; but no member of the Committee shall be entitled to vote on, or be present at the discussion upon, any question in which he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest, and any vote under this rule shall be taken by ballot only; voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

10.—The voting shall be by ballot whenever demanded by any member of the Committee of Management present at any meeting.

11.—Should the number of members of the Committee of Management who reside within a six miles' radius of Buxton, fall below seventeen, they shall proceed to elect a new member or members at the next meeting, notice having previously been given that a vacancy has occurred.

12.—Any member of the Committee of Management being absent from the meetings for six months continuously, shall be disqualified to act, unless he

shall have communicated, in writing, a sufficient reason for such absence to the Secretary before the expiration of the six months.

13.—The Committee of Management 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; and the transaction of any other business that may come before them. No member of the Committee of Management shall bring forward any motion or resolution unless he is provided with a seconder.

14.—The Annual Meeting of the Committee of Management 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 nine other members; and may fill up any existing vacancies in the Committee of Management, which can only be done at this meeting, unless the number of members falls below seventeen. (*See Rule 11.*) Names of candidates for the office of member of the Committee of Management to be publicly announced at an ordinary meeting 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.

15.—They shall also hold an Annual Meeting of the Subscribers at such time and place as the Committee of Management may appoint, when the Annual Report of the Committee of Management, and Treasurer's accounts for the past year shall be received.

16.—The proceedings of the Committee of Management at their Monthly Meetings may be reported in the local papers.

House Committee.

17.—The House Committee shall meet at the Hospital once every month, or oftener if necessary, at such hour as they may appoint, two forming a quorum; any member of the House Committee being absent from the meetings for three months continuously shall be disqualified to act, unless he shall have communicated, in writing, a sufficient reason for such absence to the Secretary before the expiration of the three months; or unless prevented by illness.

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

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

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

21.—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 the Committee of Management for payment.

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

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

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

25.—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.

Honorary Treasurer.

26.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and deposit them in such bank as the Committee of Management shall direct.

27.—He shall cause all moneys 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 member of the Committee of Management, and countersigned by the Secretary.

28.—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 Committee of Management.

29.—He shall insure from fire the building, furniture, &c., to such an amount and in such office, as the Committee of Management may direct.

30.—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, and shall afterwards be printed and circulated with the annual report.

Honorary Medical Officers.

31.—The Medical Officers shall be appointed by the Committee of Management.

32.—No Medical Officer shall be considered eligible who is not a Fellow, Member, or Licentiate of the Royal College 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.

33.—The three senior medical officers shall attend every week-day in rotation, and shall take charge of the patients admitted on their respective days, such patients being under their charge during their residence in the Hospital. The hour for receiving patients to be fixed by their respective Medical Officers; when not present on any occasion at the fixed hour, the patients to be received or seen by the House Surgeon or Assistant House Surgeon. 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. No Medical Officer shall consult in reference to the Hospital patients with any medical gentleman who is not a member of the Medical Staff of the Hospital; and no medical gentleman who is not a member of the Hospital Staff shall be permitted to prescribe for any of the Hospital patients, or assist at any operation upon any Hospital patient, unless on an emergency, when the assistance of a member of the Medical Staff cannot be obtained. And no capital operation shall be performed upon any Hospital patient without a summons being sent to every member of the Medical Staff, to afford the opportunity of being present, unless the immediate emergency of the case renders such notice impossible. The members of the acting Medical Staff shall receive the accident cases in rotation. The care of the patients is under the House Surgeon and Assistant House Surgeon, subject to the Acting Medical Staff. The patients are to be seen once or twice every week, or more frequently at discretion, by a Medical Officer, House Surgeon, or Assistant House Surgeon. The Secretary will cause the visits of the Honorary Medical Officers to be entered in a book kept for that purpose.

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

35.—Any Medical Officer, after officiating for twelve years, may, upon his resignation of his office, and subject to the sanction of the Committee of Management, become a Consulting Physician or Surgeon. The consulting Medical Officers of the Hospital shall not have official seats on the Committee of Management beyond the number of three members, lest the medical element in

the management of the Hospital might become in the future unduly predominant; such restriction not being retrospective. Consultants to succeed to vacancies amongst the official members according to seniority.

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

37.—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.

Honorary Chaplain.

38.—A clergyman of the Church of England shall be appointed by the Committee of Management as Chaplain, on such terms as they may determine, but always subject to three months' notice on either side to terminate the engagement.

39.—He shall cause prayers to be read every morning and night.

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

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

42.—He shall cause a journal to be kept in which shall be recorded 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 Steward.

43.—He shall be appointed by the Committee of Management, subject to three months' notice on either side. He shall devote the whole of his time and attention to the duties of the Hospital. He shall, under the direction and with the sanction of the House Committee, engage all men servants. He shall have the care of the buildings, grounds, baths, and property of the Hospital. He shall take care that regularity, cleanliness, and economy be observed in every section of his department. He shall not absent himself from the Hospital, unless with the sanction of the Acting Chairman or the House Committee. He shall present a monthly report of the work in his department to the House Committee.

44.—He shall take care of all furniture, household goods, and stores in his department, and keep a correct inventory for production when required by the Committee of Management or House Committee.

45.—He shall have charge of all the keys of the Hospital, including those of the basement story, and shall 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 Michmaelmas to Lady Day; and from eight in the evening till six in the morning from Lady Day to Michaelmas. He 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 shewing to what doors the keys belong.

46.—He shall purchase such provisions and stores as the Committee of Management shall direct, and shall see that their quality be good. He shall weigh or measure the whole as they are received, and enter them in a receiving-book with the exact particulars of their weight or measure. He shall not permit anything belonging to the Charity to be sold or disposed of without the knowledge of the Committee of Management.

47.—He shall ascertain morning and evening that all the patients are present; shall preside during the meals of the male patients, and shall take care that grace be said at the commencement and conclusion of every meal, and that order is preserved during meals.

48.—He shall take care that all servants under his authority do their duty, and in case of improper behaviour shall have full power to discharge them,

stating the particulars to the next meeting of the House Committee. He shall not employ any patient without first obtaining leave from the Medical Officer under whose charge the patient has been placed.

49.—He shall take care that daily prayers be read from a form of prayers approved by the Chaplain.

50.—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 Matron.

51.—She shall be appointed by the Committee of Management subject to three months' notice on either side. She shall devote the whole of her time to the duties of the Hospital, and shall see that the domestic affairs of the Institution are conducted with the greatest possible attention to regularity, cleanliness, and economy. She shall not absent herself from the Hospital unless with the sanction of the Acting Chairman or the House Committee. She shall be assisted by a competent cook, housemaid, and laundress, who shall be responsible for the work under their control. These upper servants to be engaged by the Matron, under the sanction of the House Committee. She shall hire all other women servants without reference to the Committee.

52.—She shall take care of all household goods, culinary and domestic utensils, furniture, linen, bedding, towels, &c., and keep a correct inventory for production when required by the House Committee; and shall cause every article to be marked with the words "Devonshire Hospital, Buxton," and to be numbered consecutively according to the several classes.

53.—She shall have charge of the provisions, and shall deliver only such a quantity at a time as shall enable her to know that it is consumed in the Hospital. She shall not permit anything belonging to the Charity to be sold or disposed of without the knowledge of the Committee of Management. She shall have charge of the laundry. She shall superintend the cook in preparing the food; and shall take care that the meals are served at the regular hours, and that no food is wasted. She shall cause the meals of the patients to be ready at the following hours, and see that these hours are punctually kept, viz.:—Breakfast, eight; dinner, twelve; tea, five; supper, eight. She shall preside during the meals of the female patients, and shall take care that grace be said at the commencement and conclusion of every meal, and that order is preserved during meals.

54.—She shall see that all servants under her authority do their duty, and, in case of improper behaviour, shall have full power to discharge them, stating the particulars to the next meeting of the House Committee.

55.—She shall, under the authority of the Honorary Medical Officers, engage two head nurses,—one for the men's wards and one for the women's wards, with under nurses to assist them. Applications for these appointments to be received by the Matron, but the selection to rest with the Honorary Medical Officers, who shall instruct the Matron as to the engagement or discharge of any of the nurses. She shall have supervision and control of the nurses when not engaged in the duties of their office. She shall attend to the domestic arrangements of the nurses and patients; but both nurses and patients shall be under the control of the Medical Staff, subject, when needful, to the supervising co-operation of the Committee of Management. She shall hire all ward servants and such other servants as may be directed by the House Committee.

56.—She shall present a monthly report of the work in her department to the House Committee.

57.—All Nurses, Ward Women, Maid Servants, and Men Servants shall be engaged subject to a month's notice on either side.

58.—She shall take care that all such patients as are able, and who may not plead difference of religious opinion, attend daily prayers, and also Divine

Service in the Hospital, or at St. John's Church, or some other place of worship on Sundays.

Duties of Secretary.

59.—He shall be appointed by the Committee of Management, subject to three months' notice on either side. He shall attend all meetings of the Trustees and Committee of Management, 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. He shall read the minutes of the last meetings of the Trustees and Committee of Management, 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; and having read them over, shall procure their signature by the Chairman.

60.—He shall examine all bills presented for payment, and also examine the petty cash accounts of the several officials—draw the cheques for their payment; and, after they have been signed, enter them in the cash book; and shall keep all vouchers for payments made, with the name, date, and amount endorsed on each.

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

62.—He shall keep an account of all the expenses under their proper heads, add up the payments at the end of every month, and produce the amount to the Committee of Management at the first ordinary meeting afterwards, with statements of the average cost per patient for provisions, and of the average cost per head of the whole establishment. He shall, as soon as possible after the 31st December, make up and lay before the Committee of Management 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.

63.—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, every year, lay before the Committee of Management, a list of the subscriptions more than twelve months in arrear.

64.—He shall examine the servants' wages account quarterly, stating the amount due to each individual, when cheques for the total amount shall be drawn for their payment.

65.—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, as soon as possible 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 meeting 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 attend at the Hospital during office hours, from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Saturdays, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Duties of House Surgeon.

66.—He shall be appointed by the Committee of Management. He shall be a qualified and registered medical man. He shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of the Hospital. He shall receive all the patients, and prepare a statement of their cases in Case Books provided by the Hospital for every honorary Medical Officer, and also a tabulated statement of all the cases in a book as a record of the work of the Hospital. He shall treat all cases on

emergency in the absence of the honorary Medical Officers. He shall have charge of, and be responsible for, the surgical instruments, microscope, and chemical and galvanic apparatus. He shall dispense the medicines in the absence of the Assistant House Surgeon, or if otherwise desirable. He shall not interfere in the general management of the Hospital, except by order of the honorary Medical Staff, or, for medical or surgical reasons, which orders or reasons must be stated in writing by him to the Steward or Matron, such statements to be submitted to the House Committee at their usual meetings. He shall not visit the females' wards, nor examine the female patients, unless in the presence of one of the female nurses, except in cases of great emergency. On no account shall he converse about any patient, excepting with the Medical Officer in charge of the patient, or the colleague left in charge during his absence. No opinion shall be given to the friends of any patient, excepting that of the Medical Officer in charge of the case. He shall be required to enter into an engagement under a penalty, not to practice or assist in the practice of medicine or surgery in Buxton, or within a radius of two miles from the Hospital, for a period of three years after he has ceased to hold the office of House Surgeon. The appointment shall be held subject to three months' notice on either side.

Duties of Assistant House Surgeon.

67.—He shall be appointed by the Committee of Management, subject to three months' notice on either side. He shall be a qualified and registered medical man. He shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of the Hospital. 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 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 to co-operate with the House Surgeon in the medical duties of the Hospital. He shall be generally subject to the rules and regulations applicable to the House Surgeon. He shall be required to enter into an engagement under a penalty not to practice or assist in the practice of medicine or surgery in Buxton, or within a radius of two miles from the Hospital, for a period of three years after he has ceased to hold the office of Assistant House Surgeon.

Auditors.

68.—The Auditors, not being members of the Committee of Management, shall examine the Annual Statement of the Treasurer's Accounts, previous to its being presented to the Committee of Management, 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 £2 10s. only, to be paid to each Auditor.

Honorary Dental Surgeon.

69.—A Dental Surgeon may be appointed by the Committee of Management, subject to three months' notice on either side to terminate the engagement.

70.—He shall be a registered Licentiate in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Ireland, or Edinburgh, or of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

71.—He shall attend at the Hospital at least once every week, on such day and at such hour as the Committee of Management or House Committee may arrange with him, and at such other times as his services may be required; and shall, upon emergency, receive for treatment, at his own residence, any Hospital Patient sent to him by the Medical Officers of the Institution.

Extracts from the Rules and Regulations for Patients.

- 1.—An In-Patient will be entitled to Board, Lodging, Medical Advice, Medicines, and Baths, for three weeks; should an extension of time be advised by the Medical Officers, the Patient may remain on payment of 17s. 6d. per week.
- 2.—An Out-Patient will be entitled to Medical Advice, Medicines, and Baths, for three weeks; but the Medical Officers will attend these Patients only at the Hospital at the appointed days and hours.

No Patient shall be allowed to remain on the Books of the Institution longer than six weeks at one time without special permission signed by at least two-thirds of the Medical Staff of the Hospital; and any Patient who has been on the books six weeks in any consecutive six months, shall not be re-admitted within six months from the date of discharge without such permission.

- 3.—All Applicants for admission, either as In or Out-Patients, will be required to produce a recommendation, signed by a subscriber, and countersigned by the officiating minister, churchwarden, or some other parochial officer, or respectable inhabitant of the place from which they come, certifying that they are fit objects of charity, and unable to pay for themselves.

N.B.—Particular attention is directed to this rule, as it is much feared many have been admitted who were not fit objects for any Charity.

- 4.—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.
- 5.—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; and to deposit one shilling upon receiving the key of the clothes box appropriated to his or her use; this deposit will be returned to the Patient upon giving up the key. 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.
- 6.—All the Patients will be required to observe strictly the Rules laid down for their guidance; any infringement of the rules will render the Patient liable to immediate dismissal.
- 7.—Cases of Accident will be admitted to the Hospital on the recommendation of a Subscriber, or on payment of the usual weekly charge for board and lodging, and a guarantee given in either case for payment of any extra charges required.
- 8.—Application for the admission of In-Patients, accompanied by the usual Medical Certificate, to be made to the Secretary, who will intimate, by return of post, the earliest date upon which the Patient can be received. Patients are not on any account to come to the Hospital 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.
- 9.—In-Patients are admitted into the Hospital on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and during their residence in the Hospital are under the immediate medical supervision of the House Surgeon and Assistant House Surgeon.

Out-Patients will be attended by one of the Medical Staff every Monday and Friday.

General Rules and Regulations for Subscribers.

- 1.—A Life Subscription of Twenty Guineas shall entitle a Subscriber to recommend one In and two Out-Patients annually.
- 2.—An Annual Subscription of One Guinea shall entitle a Subscriber to recommend one In or four Out-Patients; but no annual Subscriber shall send a Patient until he has been a Subscriber for at least three months; nor until his Subscription for the current year is paid.

All Subscriptions shall be considered as due in advance on the 1st of January in each year.

Annual Subscriptions not paid until after June 30th in each year, shall be considered to be in default, and shall not entitle to the recommendation of a Patient unless the difference between the amount of an Annual and a Casual Subscription be also paid. This rule does not apply to new Subscriptions paid after June 30th.

Recommendations are available only during the year for which they are issued. Forms of recommendation will be sent by the Secretary on application.

- 3.—Persons not being Annual or Life Subscribers, may recommend an In-Patient on payment of a Casual Subscription, £2 12s. 6d.; and Life or Annual Subscribers may recommend additional Patients, beyond the number they are entitled to recommend annually, on payment of a casual Subscription with each.
 - 4.—Subscribers of One Guinea per annum are allowed to send, in addition to the Patient eligible from the Subscription, three Out-Patients per annum, by paying Seven Shillings with each.
 - 5.—Any Clergyman or Minister kindly preaching a Sermon or Sermons, on any one day in aid of the Funds of the Hospital, and contributing therefrom not less than £3, shall be entitled to one In or four Out-Patients' recommendations.
- No money shall be received as a Subscription which can in any way be regarded as the proceeds of any public collection, or offertory, in any place of worship but all such sums shall be received as Donations, with the privileges defined in this rule.
- 6.—When not occupied under the powers of the Governors of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, any of the 150 beds so assigned are available to Patients recommended by Subscribers, on payment of the cost per Patient to the Hospital, less the one guinea subscribed, or £1 11s. 6d.
 - 7.—Visitors to the Hospital are particularly requested not to interfere between the Patients and Medical staff under whom they are placed.
 - 8.—No Patient can be admitted without producing a medical certificate specifying the nature of the disease, and certifying that the Patient has not been exposed to the influence of Infectious or Contagious Disease during the four weeks previous to his or her admission.
 - 9.—Persons suffering from any incurable or infectious disorder or from advanced heart disease—women more than six months advanced in pregnancy—persons in the later stage of consumption—or afflicted with itch, cutaneous disease, ulcers, fits, or insanity—or infested with vermin—cannot be admitted as In-Patients; or, if inadvertently admitted, cannot be allowed to remain.

The Annual Report and List of Subscribers, price 3d., by post 4d., may be had on application to the Secretary, Mr. JOSEPH TAYLOR, Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, to whom all communications should be addressed.

Cheques and Post Office Orders to be made payable to the Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Stock Banking Company, Limited, Buxton, Treasurers of the Hospital.

FORM OF BEQUEST OF LEGACY.

To those who may be inclined to be Benefactors to this Institution, of Personal Property, by Will, the following form is recommended:—

"I give and bequeath the sum of _____ pounds [free from Legacy Duty] unto the "Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity" at Buxton, to be paid [with the Legacy Duty thereon] exclusively out of such part of my estate as may be legally bequeathed for charitable purposes, and in priority to all other payments thereout; and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer, for the time being, of that Institution, shall be a sufficient discharge for the said Legacy."

LIST OF

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS

FOR 1896.

Those Names marked * are New Subscribers.

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Abraham Mrs.....	1	1	0	Armitage Bros., Messrs...	1	1	0
Ackers Mrs. G. H.	2	2	0	Armitage & Rigby, Messrs.	3	3	0
Adams Lady	1	1	0	Armitstead Miss.....	1	1	0
Adams Miss	1	1	0	Armstrong Mrs.	1	1	0
*Adamson Miss.....	1	1	0	Asb W. Hargood, Esq. ..	1	1	0
Addington Lord.....	3	3	0	Ashton Joseph H., Esq....	2	2	0
Adlington Wm., Esq....	1	1	0	Ashton L. C., Esq.....	3	3	0
Ainley Hefford, Esq....	1	1	0	Ashton R. H., Esq.....	1	1	0
Ainsworth Mrs.	3	3	0	Ashton Mrs. E.	1	1	0
*Airy Mrs.	1	1	0	Ashworth E., Esq.....	1	1	0
Airy Miss	1	1	0	Ashworth Rev. J.	1	1	0
*Aitkins Mrs.....	1	1	0	*Askham Miss	1	1	0
Aldom Miss	1	1	0	Aspell the Misses	1	1	0
*Alexander Mrs. Burton	1	1	0	Aspinall Mrs	1	1	0
Allen W. S., Esq., M.P..	4	4	0	Aston Edward, Esq.	2	2	0
Allen J. R., Esq.	5	5	0	Atkinson Rev. T.	1	1	0
Allen Wm., Esq.	1	1	0	Ayre J. J., Esq.	1	1	0
Allen Mrs. Barten	1	1	0				
Allen's Charity Trustees	1	1	0				
Alton H. T., Esq.	2	2	0	Baerlein Mrs. Max	2	2	0
*Ansell Wm., Esq.....	1	1	0	*Bagot, Rt. Hon. Lord ..	1	1	0
Anson Miss	5	5	0	Bagshawe F.W., Esq., the			
Appleton Miss	1	1	0	late	1	1	0
Appleyard T. W., Esq. ..	2	2	0	Bagshawe W. H. G., Esq.	5	5	0
*Appleyard Mrs.	1	1	0	*Bagshawe Miss	1	1	0
A. J.	1	1	0	Bailey Albert, Esq.	1	1	0
Appleyard W. K., Esq. ..	2	2	0	Bailey Miss	1	1	0
*Argles T. A., Esq.	2	2	0	Baker G. B., Esq.	1	1	0
Arkwright A. W., Esq. ..	1	1	0	Baker Miss	1	1	0
Arkwright Frederick, Esq.	2	2	0	Bakewell Miss.....	2	2	0
Arkwright John T., Esq.	1	1	0	Ball Mrs. N.	5	5	0
*Arkwright W. P., Esq....	1	1	0	Balme E. B. W., Esq., the			
Arkwright Mrs. J. C.....	2	2	0	late	6	6	0
Arkwright Mrs. W.,	2	2	0	Balston Mrs.	2	2	0
Arkwright Miss C. E. ..	1	1	0	Banks Mrs. M.	1	1	0
Arkwright Miss E. E. ..	1	1	0	Banner Miss	1	1	0
Arkwright Miss H.....	1	1	0	Barber J. H., Esq.....	1	1	0
Arkwright Miss H. B. ..	1	1	0	Barber Mrs. Thos.....	2	2	0
Arkwright Miss S. A....	2	2	0	Barber, Walker, and Co.,			
Armfield Mrs.....	1	1	0	Messrs.	2	2	0

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Barber J. T., Esq.....	1	1	0	Bibby J. J., Esq.	2	2	0
Barclay Mrs.	1	1	0	Biddles the Misses E.			
Barker Major J. B.	1	1	0	and F.....	1	1	0
Barker John, Esq.	1	1	0	*Bilborough Miss	1	1	0
Barker Mrs. Edward	1	1	0	Bilson Mrs.	1	1	0
Barker Mrs. J. E.	2	2	0	Bingham Mrs.....	3	3	0
Barlow Thomas, Esq....	1	1	0	Birks Mrs. E. V.....	2	2	0
Barlow Mrs. Julia	1	1	0	Birley Miss A.	2	2	0
Barlow Miss, Trustees of				Blackbourne Thomas, Esq.	1	1	0
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Barnard Miss.....	1	1	0	Blackwell Colliery Co.,			
Barnes-Slacke Rev. W. S.	3	3	0	Limited, Workmen....	3	3	0
Barnes Misses	2	2	0	Blackwell S. T., Esq....	2	2	0
Barrett & Co., Messrs. ..	2	2	0	Blake Major W. Greaves	2	2	0
Barrie Dr.	1	1	0	*Blakelock Miss.....	1	1	0
Barrow Hæmatite Steel Co.	5	5	0	Blakiston Matthew, Esq.	1	1	0
Barrow James, Esq.....	2	2	0	Blakiston Miss Dora	1	1	0
Barrow Mrs., Southport..	1	1	0	*Blesse Mrs.	1	1	0
Barry A. H. Smith, Esq..	1	1	0	Boardman Miss	2	2	0
Bartlett Thomas, Esq. ..	1	1	0	Boden & Co., Messrs. ..	2	2	0
Bartlett J. A., Esq.....	1	1	0	Boden Miss.....	1	1	0
Bartlett Mrs. J. A.....	1	1	0	Bodington Rev. Canon ..	5	5	0
Bartlett Mrs. W.....	1	1	0	Bolsover Concert Fund ..	4	4	0
*Barton Miss E. E.	1	1	0	Bolton Messrs. T. & Sons	1	1	0
Bass Hon'ble Mrs. H. ..	1	1	0	Bond Miss Marie	1	1	0
Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton,				Booker Rev. S. B.	1	1	0
Messrs	5	5	0	Bostock H., Esq.	1	1	0
Bateman A. E., Esq....	1	1	0	Bottomley George, Esq..	2	2	0
Bateman Mrs. A. E.	1	1	0	Boucher Mrs.....	1	1	0
Bateson Hon. Mrs.....	1	1	0	Boughey Miss Selina ..	2	2	0
Bayley Rev. Chas. J.....	2	2	0	Boughey's Charity, Trustees	1	1	0
"A Friend"	1	1	0	Bourne Mrs., Derby	5	5	0
Beasley C., Esq.....	1	1	0	*Bowdon John, Esq.....	1	1	0
Beaty Brothers, Messrs..	1	1	0	Bowmar Walter, Esq. ..	1	1	0
Beaumont T. E., Esq. ..	5	5	0	Boyle Cecil E., Esq.	1	1	0
Becke Rev. J. H.	1	1	0	Boyle Mrs.	1	1	0
Becker Mrs. Leigh.....	3	3	0	Braddock J. H. H., Esq.	2	2	0
Beckett J. M., Esq.	1	1	0	Bradshaw Miss C.	3	3	0
Beckett Mrs.	1	1	0	Branston J. G., Esq.....	2	2	0
Beckett J. Hampden, Esq.	1	1	0	Breeze Shadrach, Esq. ..	1	1	0
Beckett Mrs. J. Hampden	1	1	0	*Brettell Mrs....	1	1	0
Beech Rev. H. E.	4	4	0	Brickwell Mrs.	1	1	0
Behrend Mrs.....	1	1	0	Brigg Rev. J. E.....	1	1	0
Behrens Mrs. Edward ..	2	2	0	Bright Messrs. J. & Bros.	1	1	0
Belk Mrs.	1	1	0	Bright Joseph, Esq.	2	2	0
Bell Mrs., Kensington ..	2	2	0	Bright Mrs. Joseph	1	1	0
Bell Mrs., Stockport	1	1	0	Bright Mrs., Ashfield ..	1	1	0
Bell Miss	2	2	0	*Bright Mrs., Wetherby..	1	1	0
Bellhouse Mrs.	1	1	0	Brindle Wm., Esq.	1	1	0
Bemrose H. H., Esq....	5	5	0	Briscoe J. J., Esq.	1	1	0
Benbam Miss.....	1	1	0	*Bristow G. F., Esq.....	1	1	0
*Bent Buckley, Esq.....	1	1	0	Brittain S. S., Esq.....	1	1	0
Bentinck Lord Henry ..	5	5	0	Broadbent A., Esq.....	1	1	0
Benton George, Esq.	1	1	0	Broadbent B., Esq., M.A.	1	1	0
Benwell J. P., Esq.....	1	1	0	Brocklebank Sir Thos. ..	1	1	0
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Openshaw Henry, Esq. ...	10	10	0	Thompson E. P., Esq. ..	21	0	0
				Toynbee Captain Henry ..	10	10	0
Paget Miss Ann.	21	0	0	Trevor Lord	10	10	0
Paine Mrs.	10	10	0	Turner Frederick, Esq. ..	10	10	0
Parker Miss	21	0	0	Twells Mrs. P.	21	0	0
Peache Miss	21	0	0	Twining Richard, Esq. ...	21	0	0
Peek Cuthbert, Esq.	21	0	0				
Peek R. Grenville, Esq. ...	21	0	0	Wake H. Stephen, Esq. ...	10	10	0
Peek Wilfred, Esq.	21	0	0	Wallace Lady	21	0	0
Philips Miss A. M.	21	0	0	Walker Colonel O. O.	10	0	0
Pick John L., Esq.	21	0	0	Walthall H. W., Esq.	21	0	0
Pickering Joseph, Esq. ..	21	0	0	Ward Miss E. E.	21	0	0
Portman Viscountess.	21	0	0	Watts Samuel, Esq.	10	0	0
				Watts Mrs. G. F.	21	0	0
Rawson John, Esq.	10	10	0	Welby Rev. W. H. E. ..	21	0	0
Reading Mrs. C. Pym ..	21	0	0	Wheatley Charles, Esq. ...	10	10	0
Ree H. P., Esq.	10	0	0	Wheler Mrs. F.	21	0	0
Reynard Mrs.	10	10	0	Whitbread Lady Isabella	21	0	0
Ronald Miss	21	0	0	Wilder Edmund, Esq. ..	21	0	0
Robinson Miss C.	21	0	0	Williams Edward M., Esq.	10	0	0
Royds Clement M., Esq.	21	0	0	Wilson Mr. John	10	0	0
Ryland Miss L. A.	63	0	0	Wilson Mrs. C. Lea	21	0	0
				Wood Barton, Esq.	10	0	0
Samson Rev. E.	42	0	0	Wood Edward, Esq.	10	0	0
Sanderson M. E., Esq. ..	21	0	0	Wood F. L., Esq.	21	0	0
Scarsdale Lord	10	10	0	Wood N. P., Esq.	10	0	0
Scholfield Mrs. Edward ..	10	0	0	Worthington James, Esq.	10	10	0
				Wright Fitzherbert, Esq.	21	0	0
				Wright Francis B., Esq. ...	21	0	0

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Subscribers are requested to inform the Secretary of any errors in the above lists.

DONATIONS, 1896.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
His Grace the Duke of Portland	50	0	0	Mrs. Burbidge	1	1	0
The Eastwood Colliery Accident Society	5	0	0	Dr. Phillips.....	1	1	0
Miss Wilson	5	0	0	G. Gripper, Esq.....	1	1	0
London and North- Western Railway Co... 3	13	6		Major - General C. E. Cumberland	1	1	0
Gresley Football Associa- tion	2	2	0	"A Friend" (per Miss Cross)	1	1	0
"A Memento of the 21st Anniversary of the Langley Mill Co-opera- tive Society"	2	2	0	Mrs. Page	1	1	0
Miss B. Hall	1	19	0	The Marquis of Bute (per Rev. J. T. Hoeben) ..	1	0	0
"Anonymous"	1	10	0	Mrs. Horn	1	0	0
Sutton-in-Ashfield Church Fund	1	1	0	Samuel Smith, Esq.	1	0	0
Mrs. Ritchie	1	1	0	"E. B."	1	0	0
Thomas Kemble, Esq. ..	1	1	0	Miss G. S. Hurt.....	1	0	0
John Crone, Esq.	1	1	0	Sums under £1	6	15	6
Sir W. Miller	1	1	0	Donation Box at the Palace Hotel, Buxton.....	1	2	5
				Donation Box at the Pavilion, Buxton	1	2	1
				Donation Boxes at the Hospital	51	14	9

OFFERTORIES AND COLLECTIONS IN CHURCHES AND
CHAPELS, 1896.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
S. John's Church, Buxton	58	14	6	Davenham Church.....	3	15	0
S. James' Church, Buxton	49	18	2	New Mills Church	3	0	0
Christ Church, Burbage	8	17	7	Over Tabley Church	3	0	0
S. Anne's Church, Buxton	6	0	0	St. Anne's Catholic Church, Buxton.....	2	15	6
Congregational Church, Buxton	6	0	0	Primitive Methodists, Buxton	1	14	6
Trinity Church, Buxton..	4	12	6	Wormhill Church	1	0	0
Wesley and Devonshire Park Chapels, Buxton	4	10	0	Catholic Apostolic Church, Buxton	0	10	0
Unitarian Chapel, Buxton	4	4	3				

DONATIONS PER HOTELS, HYDROS, BOARDING AND LODGING-
HOUSES, 1896.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Palace Hotel, Buxton....	33	6	0	Old Hall Hotel, Buxton	6	10	0
Grosvenor Private Hotel, Buxton	31	3	7	Crescent Hotel, Buxton..	4	9	0
The Buxton Hydropathic Establishment	13	13	6	George Hotel, Buxton ..	4	9	0
				Derby House, Buxton ..	1	12	0
				Sums under £1	1	5	0

BEQUESTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1847 Mrs. Foxlow	100	0	0	1882 D. Holland, Esq..	90	0	0
1847 Mrs. Holland....	200	0	0	1882 J. Hinckley, Esq.	45	0	0
1854 Mrs. Bamford....	100	0	0	1882 W. Carter, Esq. .	100	0	0
1856 W. Lewis, Esq. ..	100	0	0	1883 Mrs. Barnes	450	0	0
1858 J. Craven, Esq. ..	27	5	0	1883 Mrs. Irton	10	0	0
1859 J. Henderson, Esq.	100	0	0	1883 J. Thurman, Esq.	17	19	2
1860 Miss M. Hall....	9	9	0	1883 E. E. Mollady, Esq.	500	0	0
1865 W. Phillips, Esq..	100	0	0	1884 Rev. B. Moore ..	100	0	0
1865 G. Danson, Esq..	19	19	0	1884 James Anderson, Esq.....	315	0	0
1867 Miss Emma Hurt..	100	0	0	1884 Tobias Child, Esq.	100	0	0
1868 W. Gibson, Esq... 250	0	0		1885 Mr. J. Barlow....	17	13	4
1868 W. Sharman, Esq.	261	5	10	1886 John Slack, Esq... 136	18	1	
1869 Mrs. Ann Greenwood	45	0	0	1886 R. Wheatley, Esq.	100	0	0
1869 Mrs. Frances Pearson	100	0	0	1887 Miss Nightingale...1000	0	0	
1872 G. Smith, Esq....	10	0	0	1887 Robt. Cocks, Esq... 100	0	0	
1872 H. Harris, Esq. ..	50	0	0	1889 Mrs. S. Drabble... 100	0	0	
1872 Mrs. Arkwright ..	50	0	0	1891 R. W. Hollon, Esq.	200	0	0
1872 Chappell Fowler, Esq	20	0	0	1891 John Nuttall, Esq.	50	0	0
1873 Rev. C. Ingleby ..	19	19	0	1891 Mrs. M. Platt ..	500	0	0
1873 Mrs. B. Robinson.	338	4	3	1891 Mrs. M. A. Strange	50	0	0
1874 W. Barnett, Esq.. 1000	0	0		1891 Miss Elizabeth Hurt	100	0	0
1874 J. Bagshaw, Esq.. 450	0	0		1893 Mrs. E. S. Critchley	5	0	0
1875 Mrs. S. Lockett ..	10	0	0	1896 Lady Emily Williams.....	25	0	0
1875 Mrs. E. Dolling..	10	0	0	1896 Miss Elizabeth Emmott	100	0	0
1879 Hon. Mrs. Ramsden	5	0	0	1896 Miss Charlotte Hull	100	0	0
1879 W. Poole, Esq. ..	10	0	0	1896 Thomas Marsden	500	0	0
1879 Miss Marriott....	100	0	0				
1879 Miss E. Daine ..	900	0	0				
1879 Mrs. D. V. Harcourt	500	0	0				
1880 Miss J. Wheatley..	100	0	0				

RESIDENCES OF IN-PATIENTS

DURING THE YEAR 1896.

Abbots Langley	1	Brough	3	Dewsbury	5
Abergavenny	3	Bugsworth	1	Doncaster	12
Aberystwith	2	Bulwell	4	Dove Holes	4
Accrington	4	Burnley	22	Dover	2
Alderley Edge	4	Burscough	1	Downton	2
Alford	1	Burslem	5	Dresden	1
Alfreton	26	Burston	1	Dronfield	2
Almondbury	1	Burton-on-Trent	49	Droylsden	5
Alton	3	Bury	15	Dublin	4
Altrincham	5	Bushey Heath	1	Dukinfield	8
Ambleside	2	Bushmills	1	Dumfries	1
Arnold	4	Buxton, Fairfield, and		Dunkeld	1
Ashbourne	7	Burbage	46	Dunlop	1
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	4	Cambridge	1	Dursley	1
Ashford (Kent)	1	Carlisle	3	Duxford	1
Ashton-in-Makerfield	1	Carnforth	2	Earlestown	3
Ashton-under-Lyne	15	Castle Donington	1	Earlston	1
Astley	1	Castleton	1	Eastbourne	1
Atherstone	1	Caterham	1	East Bridgford	1
Atherton	3	Catterick	1	East Dereham	1
Attercliffe	8	Chapel-en-le-Frith	4	Easton Mauduit	1
Audley	1	Cheadle	6	Eastwood	14
Aylestone	1	Chelford	3	Eccleshall	2
Bakewell	6	Cheltenham	2	Edinburgh	3
Barnet	1	Chertsey	2	Edrom	1
Bangor Is-y-Coed	2	Chester	17	Egremont	2
Barnsley	4	Chesterfield	36	Ellesmere	2
Barrow-in-Furness	5	Chipping Campden	1	Elton	2
Barton-on-Humber	1	Chipping Norton	1	Etwall	1
Basford	12	Chirbury	1	Farlington	1
Beachampton	1	Chirk	1	Farnley	1
Bearsden	1	Chorley	3	Farnworth	7
Beckenham	2	Church Gresley	1	Felbridge	1
Belvedere	1	Clay Cross	9	Felling	1
Bedford	13	Clitheroe	1	Fenton	4
Biggleswade	1	Clun	2	Flamborough	1
Billington	1	Colmonell	1	Flash	2
Birkenhead	18	Colne	7	Fleet	1
Birmingham	15	Colwyn Bay	1	Folkestone	1
Blackburn	18	Comberbach	2	Frodsham	1
Blackpool	4	Compstall	4	Frolesworth	1
Blackrock	1	Congleton	6	Gainsborough	1
Blaydon	1	Conisborough	1	Garston	6
Bletchley	1	Cork	1	Garthmyl	1
Blickling	1	Coventry	6	Gateshead	3
Blyth	2	Cranbrooke	1	Girvan	1
Bollington	7	Crayford	1	Glossop	1
Bolsover	2	Crewe	14	Golborne	1
Bolton	35	Cromford	2	Grantham	23
Bracford	13	Cropwell Butler	1	Gravesend	2
Bradwell	2	Croydon	3	Great Ellingham	1
Braintree	2	Dacre	1	Greenock	1
Bramham	1	Darley Abbey	6	Gresford	1
Brandon	1	Darley Dale	4	Guernsey	1
Brandside	2	Darlington	4	Guildsborough	1
Brereton	2	Darwen	13	Hadfield	1
Bridgnorth	4	Davenham	2	Halifax	14
Bridlington	1	Delph	2	Hamilton	1
Brighton	1	Denton	5	Hanley	7
Bromborough	1	Derby	79	Harrow Weald	4

Hatfield.....	1	Lytham.....	2	Redhill.....	2
Hawick.....	1	Macclesfield.....	17	Reigate.....	1
Hawkhurst.....	1	Malpas.....	4	Repton.....	1
Hayfield.....	1	Malton.....	1	Retford.....	5
Hazel Grove.....	2	Manchester, Salford, &		Richmond.....	2
Headingley.....	3	District.....	245	Rickmansworth.....	1
Heeley.....	5	Manningham.....	4	Ripley.....	2
Heanor.....	4	Mansfield.....	7	Rochdale.....	48
Heaton Mersey.....	3	March.....	1	Romiley.....	1
Heaton Norris.....	1	Margate.....	1	Rock Ferry.....	2
Hebden Bridge.....	8	Market Drayton.....	3	Rotherham.....	25
Hessle.....	2	Market Harborough.....	8	Royston.....	4
Higham Ferrers.....	1	Market Rasen.....	1	Ruabon.....	2
High Wycombe.....	1	Marple.....	3	Rugby.....	4
Hinckley.....	4	Martindale.....	1	Rugeley.....	3
Holbeck.....	1	Matlock.....	10	Runcorn.....	2
Hollingworth.....	3	Measham.....	2	Rushden.....	1
Hollinsclough.....	1	Melton Mowbray.....	8	Ryde.....	1
Honley.....	4	Middleton.....	2	Saddleworth.....	4
Hope.....	3	Millom.....	7	Sale.....	1
Houghton Regis.....	2	Milnthorpe.....	2	Sandbach.....	3
Howsham.....	1	Milton.....	3	Sandy.....	2
Hoyle.....	1	Mirfield.....	10	Scarborough.....	1
Hucknall Huthwaite.....	1	Mossley.....	8	Scholar Green.....	2
Hucknall Torkard.....	15	Mottram.....	2	Seacombe.....	3
Huddersfield.....	29	Mountsorrel.....	2	Settle.....	4
Hull.....	6	Mow Cop.....	1	Shap.....	1
Hunslet.....	1	Nantwich.....	1	Sheffield.....	110
Hyde.....	5	Nelson.....	10	Shefford.....	2
Ilkeston.....	4	Newark.....	24	Shinrone.....	1
Ilkley.....	2	New Brighton.....	1	Shipley.....	4
Ironbridge.....	1	Newcastle-on-Tyne.....	7	Shrewsbury.....	17
Keighley.....	1	Newcastle (Staffs.).....	9	Skipton.....	2
Kendal.....	1	Newhey.....	1	Slough.....	2
Keswick.....	1	New Mills.....	11	Sneinton.....	1
Kettering.....	8	Newport.....	1	Southam.....	1
Kidsgrove.....	2	Newport Pagnel.....	3	Southampton.....	1
King's Lynn.....	1	Newton-le-Willows.....	1	Southend-on-Sea.....	1
King's Norton.....	1	Newtown (Montgom-		Southgate.....	2
Kingstown.....	1	eryshire).....	1	Southport.....	8
Kirkby-in-Ashfield.....	1	Norden.....	1	Southsea.....	1
Kirkby Lonsdale.....	1	Normanton.....	1	Southwell.....	2
Knutsford.....	6	Northallerton.....	1	Sowerby Bridge.....	2
Lake Vyrnwy.....	1	Northampton.....	4	Spalding.....	3
Lancaster.....	9	Northenden.....	1	Stafford.....	5
Langley Mill.....	1	Northwich.....	8	Stalybridge.....	11
Lawton.....	1	Norwich.....	1	Stamford.....	2
Leamington.....	3	Nottingham.....	72	Staveley.....	2
Leasgill.....	2	Nuneaton.....	6	Steeton.....	1
Lee.....	1	Oakham.....	1	St. Helens.....	12
Leek.....	8	Oldham.....	48	St. Ives.....	1
Leeds.....	37	Ormskirk.....	2	St. Leonards-on-Sea.....	2
Leicester.....	35	Ossett.....	1	St. Neots.....	3
Leigh.....	7	Oswestry.....	6	Stockport.....	29
Leintwardine.....	1	Oundle.....	2	Stockton.....	1
Lenton.....	7	Oxford.....	1	Stoke Ferry.....	1
Lesbury.....	1	Padiham.....	2	Stoke-on-Trent.....	30
Lichfield.....	4	Parkgate.....	2	Stoke Poges.....	1
Lincoln.....	8	Pateley Bridge.....	1	Stokesley.....	1
Lindley.....	4	Peak Forest.....	1	Stone.....	2
Liscard.....	1	Penkridge.....	2	Stourbridge.....	2
Littleborough.....	3	Perth.....	1	Stourport.....	1
Litton.....	2	Pontefract.....	2	Stranraer.....	1
Liverpool.....	45	Prees.....	1	Stratford-on-Avon.....	1
Llandudno.....	2	Prescot.....	3	Styal.....	1
London.....	98	Presteigne.....	1	Surbiton.....	1
Long Eaton.....	3	Preston.....	12	Sutton Coldfield.....	1
Longnor.....	1	Prestwich.....	5	Sutton-in-Ashfield.....	2
Long Sutton.....	2	Queensferry.....	1	Swaffham.....	10
Longton.....	6	Radcliffe.....	6	Swinton.....	1
Loughborough.....	12	Radcliffe-on-Trent.....	1	Talke.....	1
Louth.....	2	Radford.....	7	Tarporley.....	3
Lowick.....	1	Ramsbottom.....	1	Tarvin.....	1
Luton.....	4	Reading.....	1	Terrington.....	1
Lutterworth.....	1	Reddish.....	1	Thrapston.....	1
Lymm.....	5	Redditch.....	1	Thornton-le-Moors.....	1

Thurnby	1	Wangford.....	1	Wigan	20
Thurleigh	1	Ware	2	Willenhall	2
Tibshelf	1	Warrington	11	Wilmslow	3
Tideswell	7	Warwick	5	Wirksworth	3
Timperley	1	Watford	1	Wisbech	6
Tissington	1	Watton	1	Witney	2
Tiverton	1	Wellingborough	6	Woking	2
Todmorden	17	Wellington	1	Woodham Ferrers	1
Trentham	1	Welshpool	1	Workington	1
Tring	1	Wem	1	Wormhill	2
Tunbridge Wells	3	Westhope	1	Worthing	1
Tunstall	9	Wetherby	2	Wolstanton	5
Tyldesley	10	Weybridge	2	Wolverhampton	8
Upperhulme	1	Whaley Bridge	5	Wolverton	6
Uppingham	2	Whatstandwell	1	Worcester	2
Usk	1	Whitchurch	5	Worksop	21
Uxbridge	1	Widmerpool	1	Wortley	3
Ventnor	2	Widnes	1	Wrexham	9
Wakefield	23	Wimbledon	2	Yarmouth	1
Walkden	4	Winchfield	2	Yeadon	1
Walker-on-Tyne	2	Winchester	1	Yockleton	1
Wallington	1	Windlesham	1	York	3
Wallsall	1	Windsford	1		
Walthamstow	1	Winster	1		

TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS OF THE IN-PATIENTS

DURING THE YEAR 1896.

Agents	5	Joiners and Carpenters.....	38
Bailiffs	4	Labourers	306
Bakers	6	Laceworkers	7
Barbers	4	Lamplighters	4
Biblewomen	2	Laundresses	12
Billiard Marker	1	Leatherworkers.....	4
Billposter	1	Librarian	1
Bleachers	3	Licensed Victuallers	7
Boatmen	6	Limeburner	1
Boilermakers	5	Machinists	14
Bookbinder	1	Maltsters	2
Book-keepers and Clerks	48	Mechanics.....	12
Brassworkers	3	Messengers	3
Brewers	3	Millers	3
Bricklayers	11	Milliners	4
Brickmakers	5	Moulders	12
Builder	1	Musicians	3
Butchers	17	Nurses.....	20
Butlers	5	Overlookers	10
Cabdrivers	12	Ozier Grower	1
Calico-printer.....	1	Painters	29
Caretakers	9	Papermakers	3
Carrier	1	Pensioners.....	3
Carters and Draymen	35	Plasterers	4
Cellarmen.....	5	Platelayers	10
Charwomen	14	Plumbers and Glaziers	10
Children under 16 years	72	Policemen.....	16
Chimney Sweep.....	1	Porters	17
Cloggers.....	3	Postmen.....	15
Clothworkers	9	Potters	13
Coachmakers	3	Powderman	1
Coachmen.....	19	Printers	10
Coal Dealers	5	Puddlers	3
Colliers and Miners.....	184	Quarrymen	22
Cooks	30	Railway Servants	29
Coopers	3	Saltmakers	2
Corset Maker	1	Sanitary Pipemaker	1
Cotton Operatives (Males)	56	Sawyers	2
" (Females)	55	Seamen	4
Cutlers	2	Seamstresses	11
Dairymen	4	Servants (Males)	7
Designers	2	(Females)	127
Domestic Duties—chiefly married women	637	Shepherds	8
Drapers	2	Shipwright	1
Dressmakers	26	Shoemakers	20
Dyers	6	Shop-Assistants.....	12
Electricians.....	2	Shopkeepers	18
Engine Drivers and Stokers	22	Silk-weavers	8
Engineers	9	Slater	1
Farmers	21	Smiths	31
Filecutters	3	Soldier	1
Firemen	12	Stonemasons	22
Fishmongers	3	Tailors.....	16
Fitters	18	Tallow Chandler	1
Forgemen.....	12	Tanner	1
Framework Knitters	8	Teachers	22
French Polishers	2	Tinplate-workers	3
Gamekeepers	2	Tramguards.....	2
Gardeners.....	41	Travellers.....	5
Glassworkers	4	Turners	13
Golfstick-maker	1	Umbrella Maker	1
Governesses.....	4	Undescribed	4
Greengrocers	4	Upholsterer	1
Greyhound Trainer.....	1	Waiters	9
Grinders.....	6	Watchmen	4
Grocer.....	1	Waterproofers	2
Grooms and Ostlers.....	23	Warehousemen	11
Hatters	3	Weavers	66
Hawkers	5	Wheelwrights	5
Hosiery	3	Wireworker.....	1
Ironworkers.....	5	Woodmen	2
		Woollen-workers	13

COPY OF LISTS OF DONORS

SUSPENDED IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HOSPITAL, AND IN
THE CENTRAL HALL.

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS TO THIS CHARITY.

Gift to the Trustees from His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., &c. &c., of the Hospital and Grounds, subject to the nominal rent of Five Shillings per annum, and a stipulation that the property shall be used only for the purposes of the Hospital.

Donations to the Building Fund.—1859-60. £	Donations of £20 and upwards. £	Donations of £20 and upwards. £
Marquis of Westminster, K.G. 50	1859 B. per Dr. Robertson 21	1892 Duke of Portland .. 50
S. Evans, Esq. 30	1864 J. Garstang, Esq. ... 20	1892 T. J. Birch, Esq. 21
W. Evans, Esq. 25	1865 Lord Overstone .. 50	1893 Duke of Portland .. 40
Duke of Norfolk 25	1866 Rev. J. A. Rhodes.. 100	1893 Mrs. H. L. Cohen .. 20
Duke of Rutland 25	1867 Lord Overstone 50	1894 Duke of Portland .. 50
Earl Manvers 21	1868 Marquis of Westminster, K.G. 50	1894 Mrs. E. Robinson .. 20
Messrs. Salt & Co. 21	1868 Miss Hodgson executrix of the late Mrs. Morgan 43	
E. Buckley, Esq. 21	1868 Lord Overstone 50	Bequests.
Miss Atherton 20	1869 Lord Overstone 50	(For list see page 74.)
R. Barrow, Esq. 20	1869 Gen. M. Williams.. 20	
Miss Evans 20	1869 Lady Caroline Lascelles 21	
Miss F. Evans 20	1869 Mrs. J. Sidebottom 20	
W. Franks, Esq. 20	1870 "Anonymous," per London and Westminster Bank 70	
E. F. H., per ditto..... 20	1870 Lord Overstone 50	
H. M. Ingram, Esq. 20	1871 Lord Overstone 37	
S. Nicholson, Esq. 20	1872 R. Butterworth, Esq. executor of J. Underwood Coy, Esq. 52	
Duke of Portland 20	1873 Lord Overstone 100	
Miss Sparrow 20	1873 Messrs. J. and T. Brocklehurst and Son 50	
Lord Scarsdale 20	1873 Thos. Rhodes, Esq. 21	
D. Sitwell, Esq. 20	1874 Lord Overstone.... 50	
W. P. Thornhill, Esq. .. 20	1875 Lord Overstone.... 50	
Miss M. Wakefield..... 20	1875 Sir Richd. Wallace, Bart. 20	
C. C. Worsley, Esq. 20	1876 Lord Overstone 50	
Miss Wheatley 20	1876 S. Boyse, Esq. 20	
A Friend, per Miss Fawdington 20	1876 Miss E. J. Lucas .. 25	
Donations under £20 ..1238	1876 Miss Anne Lucas... 25	
£1796	1877 Lord Overstone 50	
1872.—Mrs. Mason 25	1877 Mrs. Perry-Herrick.. 50	
1874.—Viscountess Ossington 20	1877 John Kennard, Esq. 21	
1876.—Duke of Devonshire, towards new Baths.....1500	1877 J. W. Macrae, Esq.. 100	
1877.—Mrs. Pym-Reading 20	1877 Mrs. Bartlett 20	
1877.—"E. T." 25	1878 Lord Overstone.... 100	
1877.—F. D. Mocatta, Esq. and Mrs. Mocatta.. 21	1878 Bryce Smith, Esq. (in accordance with the wish of the late Miss Bryce Smith) 100	
1878.—Mrs. J. Nicholson 21	1878 Anonymous..... 100	
1878.—J. Chadwick, Esq. 100	1879 F. R. Appleby, Esq. 50	
1881.—Mrs. Ackers..... 20	1882 John Alcock, Esq... 21	
1881.—A. Woodiwis, Esq. 26	1882 Mrs. Groom 20	
1881.—John Smith, Esq. 25	1886 I. Walker's representatives 100	
1882.—J. R. Allen, Esq. 50	1887 Miss Beckett 50	
1882.—J. A. Brooke, Esq. 25	1888 Viscountess Ossington 100	
1882.—John Mackie, Esq. 25	1889 "Anonymous" 50	
1882.—Sir R. Wallace, Bt. 30	1889 "C. W. C." 25	
1882.—Lady Wallace .. 20	1891 Duke of Portland .. 50	
1882 Messrs. J. Tetley & Sons 20		
1884 Ditto 50		
1885 W.C. Brocklehurst, Esq. 100		
1886 C. H. Smith, Esq. 21		

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR 1896,

FROM THE OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT THE DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL, BUXTON.

The instruments from which the observations are taken are the property of the Devonshire Hospital, and consist of—Fortin's barometer, wet and dry bulb thermometers, black bulb thermometer, sunshine recorder (Jordan's pattern), and rain gauge. They are standard instruments, and are inspected and verified from time to time by an officer of the Royal Meteorological Society. Buxton is a "second class" station of the Society, and observations are taken twice daily, viz., at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

A full report is sent to the Society every month, weekly reports sent to the local papers, and daily records are hung in the hall of the Hospital, where they may be consulted.

RAINFALL.—The total rainfall for the year, namely, 51·94 inches, was slightly higher than the average, and about 8 inches more than the previous year. The greatest fall in one day occurred on September 22nd, when 1·57 of an inch was collected. Rain fell on 229 days during the year, the greatest number occurring in March. Snow fell on 15 days.

SUNSHINE.—976·3 hours of bright sunshine were registered during the year. May had the largest share, viz., 188 hours. The greatest amount in one day was 14 hours. There were 131 sunless days, January having most, viz., 26.

TEMPERATURE.—The highest temperature recorded in the shade during the year was 83·1° on June 16th, and the lowest, 17·2°, on November 6th.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.—The highest corrected reading of the barometer was 30·984 on February 2nd, and the lowest, 28·395 on March 4th. The average height of the barometer was greater in January than any other month of the year.

WIND.—The prevailing winds were North-West and West, 118 observations of the former, and 164 of the latter being made. The number of observations of calm was 172.

Appended is an abstract of the observations in tabular form.

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RAINFALL IN BUXTON FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Amount in Inches.
1887	32·4
1888	46·3
1889	45·9
1890	49·9
1891	52·8
1892	51·5
1893	41·5
1894	50·2
1895	43·3
1896	51·9
Mean of last 10 years	46·5

ABSTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

Taken at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, in the County of Derby, during the Year 1896.

Latitude, 53° 14' N.; Longitude, 1° 54' W.; Height of Cistern of Barometer above Sea Level, 1000 feet; Height of Rain Gauge above Sea Level, 988 feet; Height of Rain Gauge above Ground, 1ft.; Diameter of Rain Gauge, 5 inches.

Month.	BAROMETER Reduced to 32° F. and Sea Level.			THERMOMETER.		
	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean.	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean Temperature
January	30·984 on 9th	29·109 on 16th	30·331	50·0 on 2nd	22·4 on 22nd	38·2
February	30·868 on 2nd	29·537 on 21st	30·297	51·6 on 8th	19·4 on 26th	37·3
March	30·192 on 30th	28·395 on 4th	29·749	60·0 on 25th	27·3 on 31st	40·4
April	30·492 on 20th	29·403 on 29th	30·133	63·5 on 24th	26·9 on 2nd	44·0
May	30·463 on 25th	29·763 on 19th	30·262	76·0 on 12th	28·5 on 4th	51·0
June	30·303 on 19th	29·506 on 7th	29·927	83·1 on 16th	41·0 on 26th	58·0
July	30·275 on 11th	29·615 on 25th	29·999	78·9 on 12th	39·5 on 29th	58·0
August	30·290 on 10th	29·614 on 26th	30·023	66·6 on 1st	38·8 on 28th	53·7
September	30·504 on 30th	28·695 on 25th	29·723	63·8 on 1st	34·4 on 21st	51·9
October	30·355 on 14th	29·157 on 19th	29·719	59·9 on 2nd	24·2 on 27th	41·1
November	30·670 on 24th	29·216 on 14th	30·166	50·1 on 6th	17·2 on 6th	37·2
December	30·777 on 24th	28·762 on 6th	29·747	48·7 on 26th	23·6 on 23rd	36·7
Extremes and Means	30·984	28·395	30·006	78·9	17·2	45·6

BRIGHT SUNSHINE, CLOUD, RAINFALL, ETC.

Month.	Hours of Bright Sunshine.	Greatest Amount in one day.—Hours.	Sunless Days.	Mean Amount of Cloud at 9 a.m.	Rainfall—Inches.	Greatest Amount in one day—Inches.	Days Rain.	Mean Relative Humidity at 9 a.m.
January	19.5	5.3 on 19th	26	8.0	2.08	.56 on 13th	18	92
February	35.0	6.4 on 23rd	17	8.6	3.36	1.27 on 29th	14	94
March	72.4	10.3 on 23rd	11	8.1	7.48	0.87 on 15th	30	85
April	105.2	9.0 on 21st	2	7.9	2.54	0.40 on 10th	20	78
May	188.0	14.0 on 11th	4	5.7	.85	0.26 on 18th	6	76
June	174.8	14.0 on 15th	2	6.6	4.51	0.83 on 7th	17	69
July	141.6	13.5 on 20th	3	7.4	1.94	0.40 on 30th	16	71
August	74.8	8.5 on 6th	5	8.7	3.83	1.03 on 23rd	17	80
September	46.0	6.1 on 19th	14	8.9	9.46	1.57 on 22nd	29	88
October	45.7	5.6 on 5th	13	7.5	5.89	0.90 on 18th	28	86
November	50.1	5.5 on 5th	14	6.9	1.79	0.49 on 14th	12	89
December	23.2	3.5 on 27th	20	8.3	8.21	0.96 on 24th	22	92
Totals, Extremes, and Means.....	976.3	14.0	131	7.7	51.94	1.57 on 22nd Sep.	229	83

WEATHER.						WIND.								
Number of Days of						Number of Observations of								
Month.	Clear Sky.	Snow.	Rain, Snow, or Hail.	Over-cast.	Gales.	N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	Calm.
January	1	0	18	18	0	0	2	3	4	0	10	5	17	21
February.....	0	0	14	17	0	0	1	5	9	1	3	8	14	17
March	2	5	30	12	1	0	1	1	1	0	9	20	15	15
April	1	0	20	7	0	2	2	0	0	1	4	29	12	10
May	7	0	6	0	0	1	10	15	0	0	0	8	13	15
June	3	0	17	6	0	0	1	5	8	2	3	16	11	14
July	2	0	16	8	0	2	3	4	2	9	5	14	13	10
August.....	0	0	17	16	0	1	5	4	1	4	0	21	13	13
September	1	0	29	16	0	1	6	9	5	1	15	10	3	10
October	2	4	28	13	0	3	11	2	1	2	11	12	3	17
November	4	1	12	13	0	4	6	14	0	1	4	13	0	19
December	0	5	22	18	0	1	6	10	3	0	18	8	4	11
Total	*23	15	229	154	1	15	54	72	34	21	82	164	118	172

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