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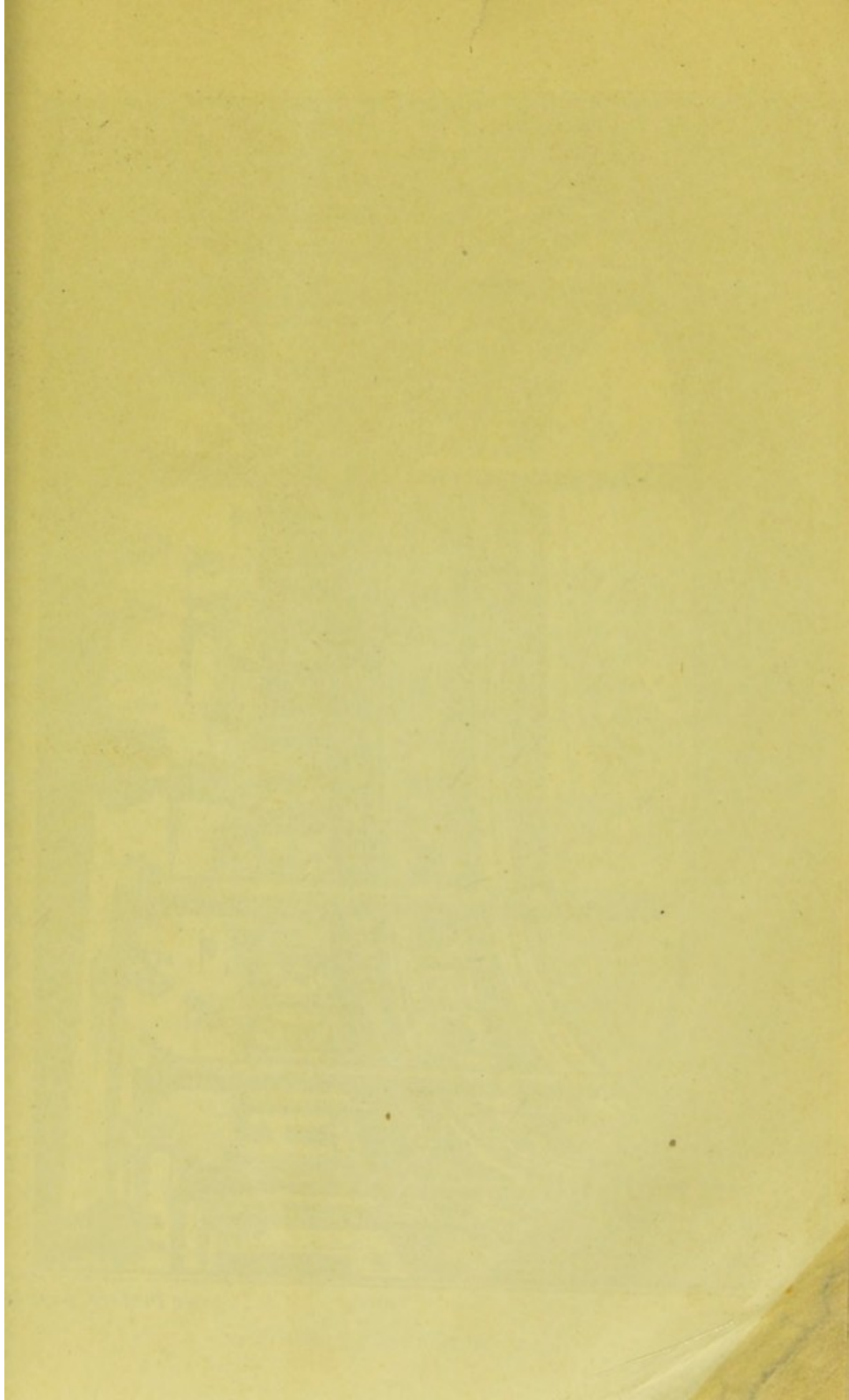
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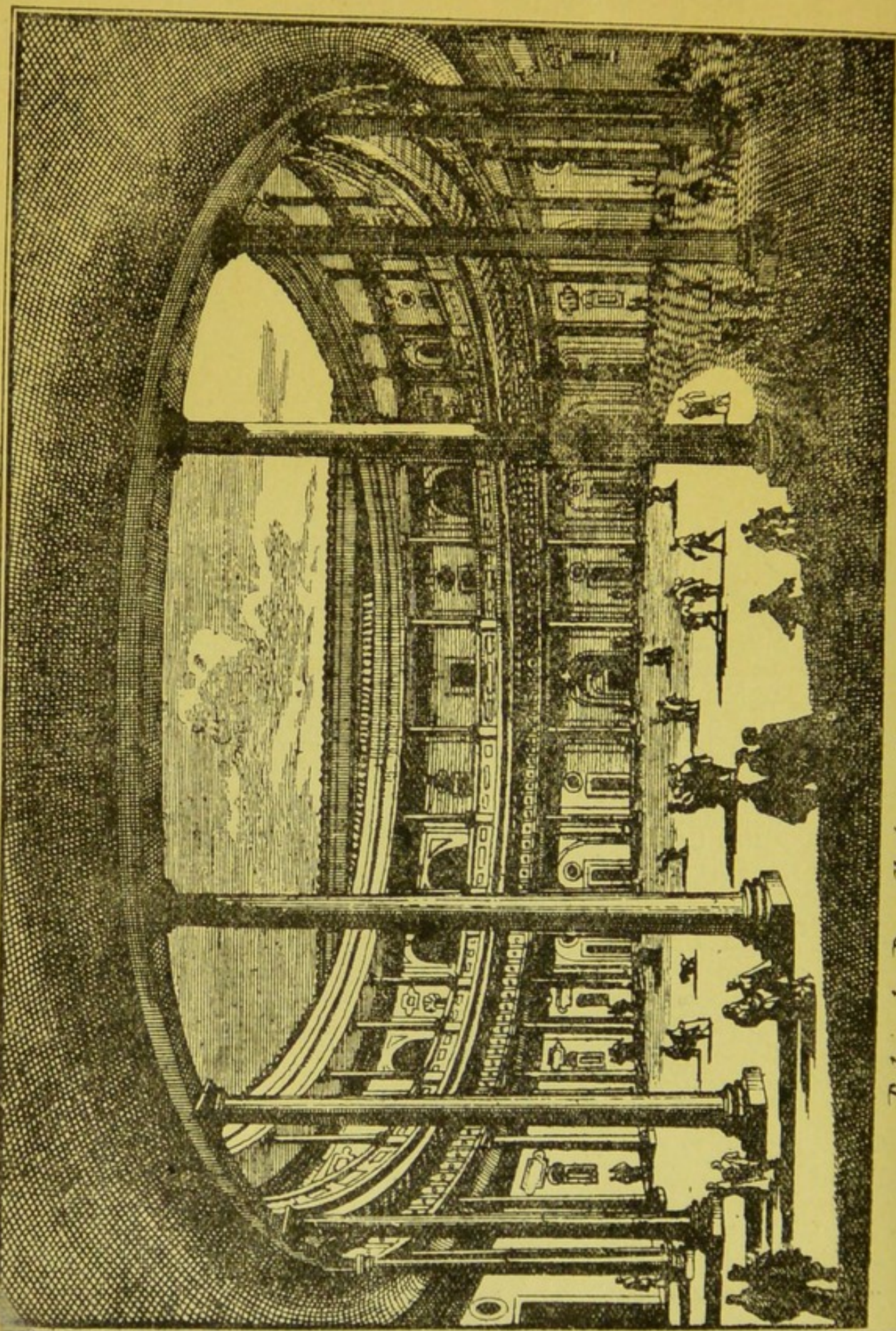
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See Preface, page 8.

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1899.

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R. R. Duke	...	5	A. O. Haslewood	...	0
R. O. G. Bennet	...	2	C. C. Nation	...	10
J. W. Taylor	...	11	J. King	...	1
F. Turner	...	1	J. Hadwen	...	0
F. K. Dickson	...	12	F. Drewry	...	11
I. Walton	...	4	H. A. Hubbersty	...	12
Josiah Taylor	...	8	J. Eayrs	...	9
E. C. Milligan	...	7	T. Beeley	...	2
A. Shipton	...	0	S. Garnett	...	0
J. W. Maclure	...	0	D. Johnson	...	5
T. H. Lowthian	...	2	A. W. Smith	...	12

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Twelve Meetings.

The Chairman	...	8	J. Taylor	...	9
R. R. Duke	...	2	E. C. Milligan	...	10
F. Turner	...	2	T. H. Lowthian	...	1
F. K. Dickson	...	8	J. H. Orme	...	4
I. Walton	...	3	F. Drewry	...	10

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The Chairman	...	9	A. Shipton	...	0
R. R. Duke	...	5	A. O. Haslewood	...	1
R. O. G. Bennet	...	1	F. Drewry	...	4
F. Turner	...	0	H. A. Hubbersty	...	9
F. K. Dickson	...	9	A. W. Smith	...	6
E. C. Milligan	...	6	T. Beeley	...	0

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 38-39), 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 Délices 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, Dr. Robertson, 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, which sum remains as a portion of the investments. (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 31.)

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 33.)

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 35.) 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 forty-one years since the Hospital was opened, there have been 79,475 Patients under treatment, of which number 70,788 have been treated beneficially; and 9933, or about one-eighth 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 forty-one years, the Patients remained under treatment nearly 24 days; and 69,542 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 more than fifty of these photographs are now displayed in the Board Room. Photographic portraits of the fifth, sixth, seventh, and present Dukes of Devonshire, the successive Patrons; and of the late F.M. Viscount Combermere, and the present Duke of Rutland, the Presidents, have been presented; 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.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
OF THE
DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL
AND
BUXTON BATH CHARITY,
FOR THE YEAR 1899.

GENERAL.

It is hardly necessary for the Committee of Management to reiterate their satisfaction with the results of the treatment of Patients in the Devonshire Hospital. The pure air and waters of Buxton lend their powerful aid to the happy results obtained in the great majority of cases of gout, rheumatism, etc., in their various forms, and complaints of allied character. As a watering-place and as a residential town Buxton continues to progress, and the season of 1899 will be remembered as one of the most successful experienced. The founders of the Devonshire Hospital, notably the successive Dukes of Devonshire, aided by the grant of £24,000 by the Governors of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, have placed within the reach of thousands of the poor of our working people, the advantages of this noble Institution, giving them the free use of the Waters for baths and drinking, medical attendance of the highest class, and a comfortable home during their stay in Buxton. As a building the Hospital is an ornament to the town, and, when the several improvements in hand are carried out, it will be quite up to date and replete with every convenience. It may again be noted that the large central area is a great boon to Patients, as they are thus enabled at all times to move about freely in an atmosphere perfectly pure and warmed to a genial temperature. In fine weather the hand-

some grounds by which the building is surrounded give every facility for gentle exercise.

ACCIDENT WARDS.

These Wards are now complete and have been often occupied—the Patients making rapid and satisfactory recovery. It is a matter of great thankfulness to all concerned that they are opened free from debt. Of course it is still possible to add with advantage to the surgical appliances, apparatus, etc., and the Committee will gladly receive any sums, however small, forwarded for this object. This satisfactory result has not been obtained without much thought, care, and hard work, and the Committee tender their best thanks to the Members of the Subcommittee appointed for this purpose. The Accident Wards are distinct from the Hospital proper, and the cost of maintenance of Patients therein cannot be charged to the Hospital funds, except in cases of absolute inability to pay. It was found to be necessary to undertake this work to meet the demands of a rapidly growing population, but Patients will be expected to pay the weekly charge and any extra expenses incurred when able to do so. It is most desirable that employers of labour in the town and district should be prepared to meet any demand for the cost of Patients sent by them in a generous spirit by giving a guarantee in advance, for such cost, that the Committee may be relieved from anxiety under this head. It cannot be too strongly urged that the Committee have absolutely no fund at their disposal to meet such outlay. The Buxton Lime Firms, Ltd., and the Midland Railway Company have already undertaken to meet the cost of Patients sent by them, and other employers might do well to follow their example.

ALTERATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, ETC.

Since our last report much has been done to improve the general efficiency of the Institution. The kitchen has received special attention, new cooking apparatus having been provided and several minor improvements effected. Part of the kitchen has been partitioned off for the accommodation of the nurses, the cook, and the other servants. A room has been provided for the meals of the resident medical men; the office at the entrance has been enclosed and made private; the telephone has been placed in the entrance, near the office; the old black boards containing lists of donations, etc., which were cumbrous and inartistic, have been replaced by others of a more decorative character, and the whole of the dome has been re-painted. In addition to these improvements, the entire sleeping accommodation of the Steward and Matron, and the servants, has been remodelled and extended. The total cost of these improvements

amounts to £1257 7s. 11d.—one-third of this, £419 2s. 8d., has been charged to Revenue; £526 5s. 11d. to the Estate account, and the balance will be spread over the next two years' Revenue account. There is now a scheme in hand for thoroughly revising the sanitary arrangements of the building. The old lavatories, etc., are found to be quite inadequate to modern demands, and, when completed, this alteration will be of immense benefit to the patients. Dr. Dickson and Mr. Hubbersty first brought this matter forward in a letter addressed to the Chairman, who promptly laid it before the Board, the result being that the sketch plans prepared by these gentlemen have been placed in the hands of Mr. Duke, the architect to the Hospital, for supervision and completion. When this is done and tenders are obtained, the work will be proceeded with. The best thanks of the Board are due to these gentlemen for the great trouble they have taken and are taking in this connection. By request of the Chairman, two of the pillars of the stone Colonnade have been thoroughly cleaned, to give Subscribers an idea of the effect which would be produced if the whole of these pillars were so treated. The House Committee have obtained tenders for the painting of all the woodwork, and colouring of ceilings, etc., which have not yet received attention.

WINTER TREATMENT.

More Patients have visited the Hospital during the Autumn and early part of Winter than in former years. Subscribers will do well by using their recommendations during this part of the year as freely as in Spring and Summer. The season does not make any appreciable difference in the success of the treatment, and if the numbers could be more evenly distributed between Summer and Winter, much inconvenience both to the Staff and the Patients would be prevented.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The entertainments so kindly given in the Women's Day-room by visitors and residents have been much appreciated. Anything which breaks the monotony of convalescence and so helps to raise the spirits of the Patients and to keep them from brooding over their sufferings, which are sometimes very severe, is of great benefit to them; and the Committee are thankful to those who have given their services in this manner. A subscription list has been opened for the purchase of a new piano, which is greatly needed.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Prayers are read in the Hospital night and morning by the Chaplain or someone acting under his authority. There is a

service on Sunday, as well as at other times. These services are largely attended by the Patients, and doubtless help them to bear their affliction patiently.

STATISTICS.

During the year 1899, 2835 In-patients have been admitted, being 101 less than in the year 1898. Of these 2485 were discharged as improved, 196 as no better, 22 at own request, 6 as unfit cases, 9 for drunkenness, 5 infested with vermin, 3 for misconduct, 4 transferred to Out-patients' department, 2 left without report, 7 died, and 96 remained on the books. Many of the cases are of the gravest character, which makes the success obtained all the more gratifying. Patients sometimes find it difficult to pay the cost of their journey to Buxton, all the more so when they live far away. The Charity Organisation Societies have given much help in this direction, and have thus enabled many to come to the Hospital who would otherwise have been unable to do so. There is a fund connected with the Hospital, named the Samaritan Fund; its purpose is to help needy Patients to return to their homes by paying the whole or part of their return fare. Any subscriptions to this fund may be paid to the Secretary, and will be received with thankfulness. Patients are sent from all parts of the Kingdom, every large town and its neighbouring villages being represented. The local inmates of the Hospital are few. This includes the cases of accident.

The Governors of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund have again sent an important number of Patients. 450 have been admitted from this fund, being 37 less than last year. The cases sent by this Fund are principally those of a character most likely to be benefitted by a stay in the Hospital, complete rest from daily toil in an atmosphere trying to any but the most robust persons, good and plentiful food of a generous nature, and the mountain air and waters of Buxton, often effect a complete cure of rheumatic and kindred cases, and the majority of the Patients return home greatly relieved.

The Committee again desire to impress upon Subscribers the necessity of personal attention to the post-cards Patients receive as they leave. Without the knowledge thus obtained the Medical Staff cannot arrive at an accurate estimate of the work done. Cards duly filled in and returned during the year shew improvement in 1666 cases; 506 are returned as no better; and 4 as having died. These figures prove how valuable is the treatment received at the Devonshire Hospital.

The number of Out-patients admitted during the year was 201; of these, 139 were discharged as improved, 12 as no better, 44 left without report, 1 was transferred to In-patients' department, and 5 remained on the books at the end of the year.

The average number of Patients daily in the Hospital during the year was 172.7. The average number of beds occupied each month was as follows:—January, 62.1; February, 73.5; March, 102.6; April, 127.8; May, 194; June, 235.8; July, 240.8; August, 260.2; September, 257; October, 244; November, 160.6; and December, 107.3.

The average cost per day of each In-patient has been 2s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., being 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. more than last year. The average cost per week of each In-patient has been 15s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and for the three weeks £2 5s. 4d., being an increase of 2s. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. on the average cost for the same term last year. It is difficult to keep the expenditure of an Institution of this kind within uniform limits. Generous diet is very necessary; the bathing establishment absorbs a large sum (£336 7s. 11d. during 1899); the cost of nursing, service, drugs and surgical appliances, the maintenance of the fabric, repairs, painting, and improvements, and renewals and repairs of furniture, is always considerable. The Committee desire to exercise economy in all these departments, but they feel that the efficiency of the Institution is of the highest importance.

FINANCE.

The Committee are thankful that they are able to carry on the work of the Hospital without making special appeal to the public. The Annual Subscription of a guinea is much too small to meet the cost of a Patient to the Hospital funds, and the Committee depend in great measure on donations, legacies, etc., generously bestowed by various donors.

The Revenue Account for the year ending December 31st, 1899, is submitted, together with the Estate Account and General Balance Sheet.

From the following sources of income there has been an increase on the receipts of last year, viz.:—Annual Subscriptions, Casual Subscriptions, Donations per Hotels, Hydros., Boarding and Lodging Houses, and Offertories and Collections in Churches and Chapels; from other sources of income the variation has not been great. The total ordinary income has been somewhat larger than that of the previous year.

His Grace the Duke of Portland has again generously given a donation of £55 from the sums received from Visitors at Welbeck Abbey.

A portion of a legacy under the will of Mrs. Bourne, Holbrook, amounting to £87 10s., has been received.

Seven Life Subscriptions have been received.

The Annual Statements of the Wilmot Relief Fund and Samaritan Fund Accounts, are submitted. Under the Wilmot Fund several deserving Patients have been received; and under

the Samaritan Fund about 40 destitute cases have been assisted with return railway fare or needful clothing. Contributions to the Samaritan Fund are earnestly solicited. The grants during the year amounted to £13 3s. 4d.; of which, £6 1s. 10d. have been returned by Patients or their friends. Statement is also submitted of the Accident Wards reconstruction account.

OFFERTORIES IN CHURCHES.

The total sum received from Offertories and Collections in Churches and Chapels has been £158 11s. 2d. Of this sum £102 15s. 1d. was from St. John's, St. James', and St. Anne's Churches, Buxton. The preachers on Hospital Sunday were as follows:— St. John's Church, the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Nation, M.A., the Rev. A. R. Thorold Winckley, M.A., and the Rev. C. A. Brereton, B.A.; in St. James' Church, the Rev. G. E. W. Holmes, M.A., and the Vicar; St. Anne's Church, the Rev. J. T. Mumford, M.A.; Fairfield Church, the Rev. J. Crabtree and the Rev. J. Eayrs; Burbage Church, the Rev. C. A. Brereton, B.A.; Trinity Church, the Rev. C. S. Green; St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, the Very Rev. J. T. Canon Hoeben; Congregational Church, the Rev. W. Moncrieff, M.A.; Devonshire Park Chapel, the Rev. H. H. May; Wesleyan Chapel, the Rev. G. Hobson. Offertories, etc., were also received from Buxton Primitive Methodists, Middleton-by-Youlgreave Congregational Church, and from Over Tabley, New Mills, and Ashover Churches.

VOLUNTARY AID.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the aid given to the Institution by many outside agencies in Buxton, year by year. The proprietors of some of the Hotels, Boarding Houses, and Lodging Houses have materially assisted its funds by obtaining contributions from Visitors. The Directors of the Buxton Gardens Company, Limited, have allowed a Donation Box and a box for the reception of newspapers to be placed at the entrance to the Pavilion; the Directors of the Palace Hotel Company, Limited, have allowed a Donation Box to be placed in the Entrance Hall of the Hotel; the Buxton District Council has allowed a box for the reception of newspapers to be placed in the Pump Room; the proprietors of the local newspapers have inserted gratuitously, the annual, quarterly, and weekly reports, and the Meteorological reports.

The gratuitous services of the Honorary Medical Officers, the Dental Surgeon, the Honorary Chaplain, and the House Visitors, also demand the best thanks of the Committee. The Committee desire also to thank most heartily all the Officials of the Hospital for their assiduous attention to their duties.

GIFTS.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the receipt of gifts of warm clothing for the use of poor Patients, from Mrs. Rutter, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. W. H. Jackson, Mr. Howorth, Mr. Earwaker, Mr. Swindells, Mrs. Machin, Miss Machin, Miss Osmond, Miss Vernon Wentworth, Miss Luck, Miss Burgess, Miss Parkin, and the Derby and Derbyshire Needlework Guild; of a present of game, from the Earl of Derby; of pictures, from Miss Burgess; of toys and games, from Mr. Schunck and Mrs. Kendal; of cotton wool, from Mr. C. S. Armitage; of fruit and flowers, from Fairfield Church, Taddington Church, Devonshire Park Chapel, Miss Markendale, and Miss Field; of a bed rest, from the Rev. C. J. Bayley; of a galvanic battery, from Miss S. Davenport; of 400 Christmas cards and 40 art-calendars, from Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons; and of books, magazines, newspapers, etc., from the Duchess of Portland, Miss Trimmer, Mrs. Slack, Miss Bake, Mrs. Garnar, Mrs. Earwaker, Mrs. Fernley, Mrs. Tee, Miss Jacques, Mr. W. Morice, Mrs. Freer, Mrs. Rylands, Miss Hiller, Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Armitage, Miss Aldom, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Bickham, Mr. Macdonald, Mrs. Williamson, Miss Stock, Miss Parkin, Mr. Schunck, Mr. Armitage, Mr. Stow-Stowell, Mr. Macbean, Mr. Lyons, Mrs. Tweedale, Mrs. Aldwinckle, Mrs. Barchard, Mrs. Drewry, Miss Vernon Wentworth, Miss Tough, Miss Bull, Miss Wilson, Miss Stock, and Miss Hogg, the Rev. W. H. Scotter, the Committee of the Buxton Union Club, and from several anonymous donors.

ELECTIONS.

Mr. Henry Shaw has 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.

At the Annual Meeting of the Committee of Management, held at the Hospital, on Friday, January 12th, 1900, the Report was adopted, and it was moved by Mr. H. A. Hubbersty, J.P., seconded by Mr. F. Drewry, and resolved unanimously, That the

thanks of the Trustees and Committee of Management be given to the Chairman (Mr. H. Shaw, J.P., D.L.), for the Annual Report, and that it be printed, with the Treasurers' Accounts, etc., and circulated amongst the Subscribers and Supporters of the Institution.

The Annual Meeting of Subscribers will be held on the second Friday in May, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Medical Report for the year, drafted by Drs. Apthorp and Hampton, follows.

MEDICAL REPORT

OF THE 2835 CASES UNDER TREATMENT DURING
THE YEAR 1899.

DISEASES OF THE LOCOMOTORY SYSTEM.

Chronic Rheumatism	...	...	...	...	...	1266
Subacute Rheumatism	...	...	...	...	...	406
Arthritis Deformans	...	...	...	...	...	423
Gout	...	...	...	...	...	59
Morbus Coxæ Senilis	...	...	...	...	...	12
Gonorrhœal Rheumatism	...	...	...	...	...	4
Chronic Synovitis	...	...	...	...	...	9
Talipes	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sarcoma of Femur	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rickets	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tubercular Joints	...	...	...	...	...	7
Spinal Curvature	...	...	...	...	...	3
Periostitis	...	...	...	...	...	2
Old Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	32—2234

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Sciatica	...	...	...	...	...	192
Neuritis	...	...	...	...	...	24
Intercostal Neuralgia	...	...	...	...	...	6
Tabes Dorsalis	...	...	...	...	...	9
Progressive Muscular Atrophy	...	...	...	...	...	6
Spastic Paraplegia	...	...	...	...	...	5
Chronic Myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	6
Post Diphtheritic Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Disseminated Sclerosis	...	...	...	...	...	2
Old Hemiplegia	...	...	...	...	...	11
Paralysis Agitans	...	...	...	...	...	2
Occupation Neurosis...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cerebral Tumour	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heat Apoplexy	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cerebral Embolism	...	...	...	...	...	1
Neurasthenia	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chorea	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hysteria	...	...	...	...	...	9
Commencing General Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Migraine	...	...	...	...	...	1— 283

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.

Morbus Cordis	...	...	...	...	...	9
Morbus Cordis (secondary to other diseases), 467.	...	...	...	...	...	1
Aortic Aneurism	...	...	...	...	...	2— 12
Varecose Veins	...	...	...	...	...	2— 12

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

Phthisis	...	...	...	...	...	25
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	...	2
Emphysema	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1— 40

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.

Gastritis	...	...	...	...	...	21
Hepatitis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...	...	2
Biliary Calculus	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gastric Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	2
Appendicitis...	...	...	...	...	...	1— 29

Carried forward 2598.

Brought forward 2598

DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.

Eczema	...	...	...	...	...	7
Schleroderma	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ichthyosis	...	...	...	...	...	1— 9

DISEASES OF HAEMOPOIETIC SYSTEM.

Simple Goitre	...	...	...	...	...	1
Exophthalmic Goitre	...	...	...	...	...	1
Myxoedema	...	...	...	...	...	1
Anæmia	...	...	...	...	...	18
Lymphadenoma	...	...	...	...	...	3
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tubercular Glands	...	...	...	...	...	3— 29

DISEASES OF URINARY SYSTEM.

Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Urinary Calculus	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tubercular Disease of Kidneys	...	...	...	...	...	1
Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	...	...	2
Parametritis	...	...	...	...	...	1— 15

DISEASES INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE SYSTEM.

Rheumatism and Sciatica	...	...	...	...	...	60
Rheumatism and Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Rheumatism and Chorea	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism and Talipes	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rheumatism and Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism and Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	2
Arthritis Deformans and Phthisis	...	...	...	...	...	9
Arthritis Deformans and Psoriasis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Arthritis Deformans and Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	1
Arthritis Deformans and Tabes Dorsalis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gout and Lead Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	13
Sciatica and Carcinoma	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sciatica and Goitre	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sciatica and Gout	...	...	...	...	...	1— 102

OTHER CASES UNDER TREATMENT.

General Debility	...	...	...	...	...	32
Alcoholism	...	...	...	...	...	8
Plumbism	...	...	...	...	...	6
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	4
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	6
Carcinoma of Breast	...	...	...	...	...	1
Carcinoma of Rectum	...	...	...	...	...	1— 58

SURGICAL CASES.

Fracture of Pelvis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Poisoned Hand	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fracture of Thigh	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cut Head	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gunshot Wound of Hand (amputation)	...	...	...	...	...	1
Needle in Foot	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fracture of Tibia	...	...	...	...	...	1
Compound Fracture of Skull (operation 2)	...	...	...	...	...	4
Simple Fracture of Skull	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cut Throat	...	...	...	...	...	2
Punctured Wound of Abdomen	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fracture of both Bones of Leg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cut Wrist	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fracture of Fibula	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fracture of Base of Skull and Traumatic Pneumothorax	1
Traumatic Pneumothorax	1— 24

Total... .. 2835

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SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL REPORT,

DETAILING STATISTICS OF CASES OF RHEUMATISM,
 ARTHRITIS DEFORMANS, GOUT, AND SCIATICA,
 ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR 1899.

Convalescent from Acute Rheumatism, cases 191. Males 50·2 per cent.
 Females 49·8 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 29·8 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

1 and 10 in	0·0 per cent.	Males	0 per cent.	Females	0·0 per cent.
10 and 20 in	18·9	„	Males 18·9	„	Females 20·0
20 and 30 in	36·3	„	Males 35·8	„	Females 36·8
30 and 40 in	27·4	„	Males 26·4	„	Females 28·4
40 and 50 in	13·1	„	Males 14·7	„	Females 11·5
50 and 60 in	4·2	„	Males 4·2	„	Females 4·2

Mitral Valve Disease in 41·4 per cent. Males 41·8 per cent. Females 41·0 per cent.

Aortic Valve Disease in 4·7 per cent. Males 5·2 per cent. Females 4·2 per cent.

CHRONIC ARTICULAR RHEUMATISM.

Cases 624. Males 59·0 per cent. Females 41·0 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 18·0 per cent.

History of Acute Rheumatism in 21·9 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

1 and 10 in	0·4 per cent.	Males	0·0 per cent.	Females	0·7 per cent.
10 and 20 in	12·6	„	Males 11·0	„	Females 14·1
20 and 30 in	16·6	„	Males 14·5	„	Females 18·7
30 and 40 in	15·8	„	Males 19·6	„	Females 12·1
40 and 50 in	20·5	„	Males 21·6	„	Females 19·5
50 and 60 in	18·9	„	Males 16·4	„	Females 21·4
60 and 70 in	10·2	„	Males 11·5	„	Females 9·7
70 and 80 in	2·8	„	Males 4·4	„	Females 1·1

Distribution of the affection.

Hands affected in	29·9 per cent.	Males	24·0 per cent.	Females	35·9 per cent.
Wrists	17·5	„	Males 14·0	„	Females 21·0
Elbows	18·3	„	Males 14·0	„	Females 22·6
Shoulders	44·4	„	Males 46·2	„	Females 42·6
Feet	8·6	„	Males 17·1	„	Females 10·2
Ankles	42·3	„	Males 40·5	„	Females 44·1
Knees	65·9	„	Males 65·1	„	Females 66·8
Hips	21·1	„	Males 27·0	„	Females 15·2

Mitral Valve Disease in 25·4 per cent. Males 23·4 per cent. Females 27·3 per cent.

Aortic Valve Disease in 3·2 per cent. Males 3·8 per cent. Females 2·7 per cent.

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

Cases 134. Males 64·1 per cent. Females 35·8 per cent.

Family History of Rheumatism in 10·8 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

10 and 20 in	5·2 per cent.	Males	2·3 per cent.	Females	10·4 per cent.
20 and 30 in	17·9	„	Males 17·4	„	Females 18·7
30 and 40 in	17·1	„	Males 20·9	„	Females 10·4
40 and 50 in	29·1	„	Males 24·4	„	Females 37·5
50 and 60 in	23·1	„	Males 26·7	„	Females 16·6
60 and 70 in	8·2	„	Males 8·1	„	Females 8·3
70 and 80 in	0·7	„	Males 1·1	„	Females 0·0

Valvular Disease in 21·6 per cent.

SCIATICA.

Cases 140. Males 85.1 per cent. Females 14.8 per cent.
 Family History of Rheumatism in 12.9 per cent.
 Disease first contracted between the ages of

10 and 20 in	0.9 per cent.	Males	0.0 per cent.	Females	1.9 per cent.
20 and 30 in	8.6	„	Males 12.6	„	Females 4.7
30 and 40 in	24.9	„	Males 21.0	„	Females 28.9
40 and 50 in	27.4	„	Males 26.4	„	Females 28.4
50 and 60 in	29.4	„	Males 24.5	„	Females 34.3
60 and 70 in	7.9	„	Males 14.0	„	Females 1.8
70 and 80 in	0.7	„	Males 1.5	„	Females 0.0

The Right side was affected in 44.8 per cent.
 The Left side „ 34.4 per cent.
 Both sides „ 20.3 per cent.
 Valvular Disease of the Heart in 15.9 per cent.

LOCALISED ARTHRITIS DEFORMANS.

Cases 34. Males, 56.0 per cent. Females, 44.0 per cent.
 Family History of Arthritis Deformans in 0.0 per cent.
 Family History of Rheumatism in 8.8 per cent.
 Family History of Acute Rheumatism in 0.0 per cent.
 Family History of Phthisis in 0.0 per cent.
 Disease first contracted between the ages of

10 and 20 in	3.3 per cent.	Males	0.0 per cent.	Females	6.6 per cent.
20 and 30 in	9.2	„	Males 5.2	„	Females 13.3
30 and 40 in	8.5	„	Males 10.5	„	Females 6.6
40 and 50 in	22.7	„	Males 5.3	„	Females 40.0
50 and 60 in	30.4	„	Males 47.4	„	Females 13.3
60 and 70 in	22.4	„	Males 31.6	„	Females 13.3

Distribution of the affection.

Knee affected in	46.4 per cent.	Males	26.3 per cent.	Females	66.6 per cent.
Hip	41.6	„	Males 63.2	„	Females 20.0
Shoulder	0.0	„	Males 0.0	„	Females 0.0
Ankle	11.9	„	Males 10.5	„	Females 13.3

Valvular disease in 8.8 per cent.

POLY-ARTICULAR ARTHRITIS DEFORMANS.

Cases 634. Males 31.3. Females 68.7.
 Family History of Arthritis Deformans in 3.9 per cent.
 Family History of Rheumatism in 22.4 per cent.
 Family History of Phthisis in 8.4 per cent.
 Family History of Acute Rheumatism in 19.6 per cent.
 Disease first contracted between the ages of

1 and 10 in	0.7 per cent.	Males	0.0 per cent.	Females	1.1 per cent.
10 and 20 in	11.0	„	Males 6.0	„	Females 11.9
20 and 30 in	20.6	„	Males 15.1	„	Females 23.1
30 and 40 in	22.8	„	Males 24.7	„	Females 22.1
40 and 50 in	22.0	„	Males 31.3	„	Females 17.8
50 and 60 in	15.9	„	Males 14.6	„	Females 16.5
60 and 70 in	4.1	„	Males 5.5	„	Females 3.4
70 and 80 in	1.9	„	Males 1.0	„	Females 0.2

Distribution of the affection.

Hands affected in	77.7 per cent.	Males	78.7 per cent.	Females	76.8 per cent.
Wrists	43.5	„	Males 43.9	„	Females 43.1
Elbows	31.2	„	Males 30.3	„	Females 32.1
Shoulders	30.3	„	Males 32.8	„	Females 27.9
Feet	28.9	„	Males 29.2	„	Females 28.6
Ankles	40.2	„	Males 40.9	„	Females 39.6
Knees	69.8	„	Males 73.2	„	Females 66.5
Hips	5.7	„	Males 6.0	„	Females 5.5
Temporo-					
Maxillary	1.4	„	Males 1.0	„	Females 1.8
Cervical Joints	2.8	„	Males 2.0	„	Females 3.6
All	8.2	„	Males 3.0	„	Females 13.5

Valvular Disease in 16.7 per cent. Males, 16.6 per cent. Females, 16.9 per cent.

GOUT.

Cases 56. Males 93·3 per cent. Females 6·7 per cent.

Family History of Gout in 9·7 per cent.

Disease first contracted between the ages of

10 and 20 in	0·0 per cent.	Males	0·0 per cent.	Females	0·0 per cent.
20 and 30 in	4·5	„	Males 8·9	„	Females 0·0
30 and 40 in	17·8	„	Males 35·7	„	Females 0·0
40 and 50 in	49·1	„	Males 23·2	„	Females 75·0
50 and 60 in	23·2	„	Males 21·4	„	Females 25·0
60 and 70 in	5·3	„	Males 10·7	„	Females 0·0

Valvular Disease in 18·3 per cent.

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Dr. Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Revenue Account for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899. Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of Revenue Account, 1898	310	5	3						
Annual Subscriptions—									
Balance from 1898, brought forward	171	3	0						
Arrears of 1898, brought forward	57	15	0						
Subscriptions for the year 1899	3332	8	6						
	3561	6	6						
Less Arrears, December 31st, 1899..	£59	17	0						
" Withdrawl, &c.	219	0	0						
	278	17	0						
Casual Subscriptions	3282	9	6						
Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund	1577	0	0						
Accident Cases	999	0	5						
Extra 'rime of In-patients	38	11	9						
Extra Out-patients	258	2	0						
Donations	38	8	0						
" per Hotels, Hydros, Boarding, and Lodging Houses	187	19	1						
" Houses	125	9	3						
" Offeratories and Collections in Churches and Chapels	158	11	2						
" Interest	469	9	9						
" Sundry Receipts	25	15	2						
	6470	7	6						
By Hospital Account—									
Provisions	3244	0	2						
Medicines	170	9	3						
Coals and Coke	208	2	0						
Gas	102	10	2						
Water	63	18	7						
Salaries and Wages	1502	16	6						
House Expenses, Renewals and Repairs of Furniture, etc.	212	13	1						
Repairs of Buildings	328	0	11						
Re-painting Dome (one-third cost)	99	6	8						
New Cooking Apparatus (one-third cost)	56	13	0						
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	127	1	5						
Postage Stamps, Cards, and Wrappers	83	10	4						
Rates and Taxes	81	11	0						
Fire Insurance	33	11	3						
Steam Boiler Insurance	1	18	9						
Surgical Appliances	41	6	5						
Dispensary Charges	4	10	11						
Auditors' Fees	5	0	0						
Grounds Expenses	13	1	8						
Banker's Commission	11	10	6						
Sundry Payments	78	14	11						
	6470	7	6						
" Baths Account—									
Coals and Coke	72	8	8						
Wages	240	10	0						
Water for Steam Pump	9	3	4						
Fire Insurance	1	15	0						
Steam Boiler Insurance	1	18	9						
Repairs	8	8	3						
Sundry Payments	2	3	11						
	336	7	11						
	6806	15	5						
" Alterations and Improvements in Officials' and Servants' Bedrooms, Officials' Dining-rooms, and other Alterations (one-third)	263	3	0						
" Estate Account, transferred	273	9	3						
" Balance carried to Balance Sheet	127	13	8						
	£7471	1	4						

Examined and found correct, January 24th, 1900.

A. SCHOFIELD,
HALLIDAY, PEARSON, & CO., F.C.A., } Auditors.

HENRY SHAW,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees and
Committee of Management.

Dr.

Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Estate Account, December 31, 1899.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Buxton Bath Charity, 1853			596	0	0				596	0	0
" Hospital Building Fund, 1859-60			4015	19	8				8511	3	4
" The Duke of Devonshire, Baths Account, 1875-6			1500	0	0				3242	17	1
" Building and Extension Fund, 1880-2			2162	1	2				33961	9	4
" Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, 1880-2			24000	0	0				14689	17	9
" Donations to Stock, to 1898	165	0	0						528	0	6
" Do. ("69,981") 1899	21	0	0						1118	18	6
" Legacies to 1898	1447	4	12	8							
" Do 1899	87	10	0								
" Life Subscriptions to 1898	3850	10	0			14562	2	8			
" Do. 1899	147	0	0						526	5	11
" Less written off for deaths, 1899	3997	10	0						39	16	6
" Lapsed Life Subscriptions to 1898	84	0	0						£51994	8	11
" Ditto 1899	3776	0	0			3913	10	0	5145	5	7
" Amount brought from Revenue Account to 1898	84	0	0						520	6	4
" Do. 1899	12647	3	2						3802	0	0
" Profit on Sale of Consols	273	9	3						2780	0	0
	1759	9	0						1120	0	0
									154	14	11
									133	6	8
									409	0	0
									612	16	0
									£69475	14	11

Examined and found correct, January 24th, 1900.

HENRY SHAW,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees and
Committee of Management.

A. SCHOFIELD,
HALLIDAY, PEARSON, & CO., F.C.A. } Auditors.

DR.

Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Balance Sheet, December 31, 1899.

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To Balance of Revenue Account.....	£	s.	d.
" Tradesmen's Accounts due	127	13	8
" Annual Subscriptions received in advance.....	538	4	6
	171	3	0
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	£837	1	2

HENRY SHAW,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees and
Committee of Management.

By Provisions in Stock.....	£	s.	d.
" Groceries in Stock.....	45	4	5
" Drugs in Stock.....	6	15	0
" Surgical Appliances in Stock.....	9	7	0
" Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund.....	272	2	9
" Cash in Sheffield and Rotherham Bank.....	90	16	9
" Cash in Secretary's hands.....	9	7	1
" Cash in Steward's hands.....	10	8	10
" Telephone Deposit.....	1	0	0
" Repainting Dome (two-thirds).....	198	13	4
" New Cooking Apparatus (two-thirds).....	113	6	0
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	£837	1	2

Examined and found correct, January 24th, 1900.

A. SCHOFIELD,
HALLIDAY, PEARSON, & CO., F.C.A., } Auditors.

DR.

Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.—Wilmot Relief Fund Account, 1862-3.

CR.

To Balance of Fund, 1866.....	£	s.	d.
	256	0	0
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	£11	18	4

Statement for the Year ending December 31, 1899.

To Balance in hand from 1898.....	£	s.	d.
" India Stock Dividends.....	3	9	2
" Banker's Interest.....	8	5	8
	0	3	6
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	£11	18	4

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

HENRY SHAW,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees and
Committee of Management.

Examined and found correct, January 24th, 1900.

A. SCHOFIELD,
HALLIDAY, PEARSON, & CO., F.C.A., } Auditors.

By Devonshire Hospital for Patients admitted	£	s.	d.
" Balance in hand, Dec. 31st, 1899.....	6	16	6
	5	1	10
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	£11	18	4

Dr. *Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.*—*Samaritan Fund Account, December 31, 1899.* Cr.

To Balance of Fund, 1899	£	s.	d.	By London and South-Western Railway Stock, £226 0s. 0d....	£	s.	d.
" Profit on Sale of Consols	233	17	7	" Balance in Bank	280	15	9
	48	17	8		1	19	6
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	£282	15	3		£282	15	3

Statement for the Year ending December 31, 1899.

To Balance in hand from 1898	£	s.	d.	By Doles to Patients for travelling expenses, etc.	£	s.	d.
" Consols Dividends	5	19	3	" Clothing, etc., for needy Patients	10	5	5
" Interest of London and South-Western Railway Stock ..	1	13	0	" Balance in hand, December 31st, 1899	2	17	11
" Doles returned by Patients and friends	3	19	1		4	15	4
" Bank Interest	6	1	10				
	0	5	6				
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	£17	18	8		£17	18	8

HENRY SHAW,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees and
Committee of Management.

Examined and found correct, January 24th, 1900.

A. SCHOFIELD,
HALLIDAY, PEARSON, & CO., F.C.A., } Auditors.

Dr. *Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.*—*Jubilee Accident Wards Fund; Reconstruction Account.* Cr.

To Donations and Subscriptions	£	s.	d.	By Buildings, etc., Contracts	£	s.	d.
" Entertainments, Concerts, and Collections	1287	3	4	" Instruments, Fittings, and Furniture	1327	2	10
" Friendly Societies' Parades	45	12	10	" Architect's Commission	64	0	9
" Bank Interest	106	18	5	" Bank Commission	60	0	0
	13	5	6		1	16	6
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	£1453	0	1		£1453	0	1

HENRY SHAW,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees and
Committee of Management.

Examined and found correct, January 24th, 1900.

A. SCHOFIELD,
HALLIDAY, PEARSON, & CO., F.C.A., } Auditors.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

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

Buxton, 25th January, 1900.

We have audited the books of the Hospital for the year ending 31st December, 1899, including the New Accident Ward Fund, and have certified to the correctness of the Accounts prepared therefrom.

The income appears to be accounted for, and the disbursements have been properly vouched.

We have seen that the bank balances are correct, and that the certificates for the investments are in order.

Certificates have also been produced for the stocks of drugs, provisions, &c., on hand.

The books are, as usual, well kept.

We are, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

A. SCHOFIELD,
HALLIDAY, PEARSON, & Co., F.C.A., } Auditors.

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.

FREDK. TURNER.
F. K. DICKSON.
S. R. EDDY.
CHARLES SMITH.
G. F. BARNARD.
W. H. FLINT.
ISAAC WALTON.

COPY OF LEGAL CONVEYANCE
OF THE
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 Geoffrey 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 Geoffrey 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 desired 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 executōrs 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 written above.

(Signed.)

DEVONSHIRE.

WM. HY. ROBERTSON.

R. H. DUKE.

J. W. TAYLOR.

FREDERICK TURNER.

F. K. DICKSON.

WM. MALAM.

G. F. BARNARD.

I. WALTON.

A. A. BAGSHAWE.

GORDON ROBERTSON.

H. A. HUBBERSTY.

J. G. H. STAMPER.

HENRY SHAW.

PHILIP LE GROS.

JOSIAH TAYLOR.

E. C. MILLIGAN.

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 Day 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 second Friday 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 second Friday 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 of the Committee of Management shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Annual Meeting of Subscribers.

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 storey, 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 Michaelmas 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 payment of the usual weekly charge for board and lodging, and a guarantee given for payment of any extra charges required.
- 8.—Application for the admission of In-Patients, accompanied by the Subscriber's recommendation and 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 six 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 1899.

Those Names marked * are New Subscribers.

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Abraham Mrs.	1	1	0	Ashworth Rev. J.	1	1	0
Ackers Mrs. G. H.	2	2	0	Askham Miss	1	1	0
Adams Lady	1	1	0	Aspell the Misses	1	1	0
Adams Miss	1	1	0	Aspinall Mrs.	1	1	0
Adanson Miss	1	1	0	Aston Edward, Esq.	2	2	0
Addington Lord	5	5	0	Atkinson W. J., Esq.	1	1	0
Ainley Hefford, Esq.	1	1	0	Ayre J. J., Esq.	1	1	0
Ainsworth Mrs.	3	3	0	Ayre Mrs., Ripponden.....	1	1	0
Airy Mrs.	1	1	0				
Airy Miss	1	1	0	Babbington Coal Co.	5	5	0
Aldom Miss.....	1	1	0	Baerlein Mrs. Max	2	2	0
Allen W. S., Esq.	4	4	0	Bagot, Rt. Hon. Lord	1	1	0
Allen J. R., Esq.	5	5	0	Bagshaw Mrs. John	1	1	0
Allen Wm., Esq.	1	1	0	Bagshawe W. H. G., Esq.	5	5	0
Allen Mrs. Barten	1	1	0	Bagshawe Miss	2	2	0
Allen Miss	1	1	0	*Bailey C. C., Esq.	1	1	0
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A. J.	1	1	0	Baker Miss	1	1	0
Appleyard W. K., Esq. ...	2	2	0	Bakewell Miss	2	2	0
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*"A. P. W."	5	5	0	Balston Mrs.	2	2	0
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Arkwright A. W., Esq....	1	1	0	Barber J. H. Esq.	1	1	0
Arkwright Frederick, Esq.	2	2	0	Barber Herbert, Esq.	1	1	0
Arkwright John T., Esq.	1	1	0	Barber Mrs. Thos.....	5	5	0
Arkwright W. P., Esq. ...	1	1	0	Barber, Walker, and Co.,			
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Arkwright Mrs. W.	2	2	0	Barber J. T., Esq.	1	1	0
Arkwright Miss C. E. ...	1	1	0	Barclay Mrs.	1	1	0
Arkwright Miss E. E.	1	1	0	Barker John, Esq.....	1	1	0
Arkwright Miss H.	1	1	0	Barker Mrs. J. E.	2	2	0
Arkwright Miss H. B. ...	1	1	0	Barlow Mrs. Julia	1	1	0
Armfield Mrs.	1	1	0	Barlow Miss	1	1	0
Armitage Bros., Messrs....	1	1	0	Barlow Miss, Trustees of			
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Bartlett Mrs. J. A.	1	1	0	Blakiston Matthew, Esq.	1	1	0
Bartlett Mrs. W.	1	1	0	Blakiston Miss Dora	1	1	0
Barton Miss E. E.	2	2	0	Blease Mrs.	1	1	0
Bass Hon'ble Mrs. H. ...	1	1	0	Boden & Co., Messrs.	2	2	0
Bass Mrs. Roger	1	1	0	Boden Miss	1	1	0
Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton, Messrs.	5	5	0	Bodington Rev. Canon ...	5	5	0
Bateman A. E., Esq.	1	1	0	*Bolland Miss	2	2	0
Bateman Mrs. A. E.	1	1	0	Bolton Messrs. T. & Sons	1	1	0
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Beaumont T. E., Esq. ...	5	5	0	Bostock H., Esq.	1	1	0
Becker Mrs. Leigh	1	1	0	Bottomley George, Esq....	1	1	0
Beckett J. M., Esq.	1	1	0	Boucher Mrs.	1	1	0
Beckett Mrs.	1	1	0	Bouhey Miss Selina	2	2	0
Beckett J. Hampden, Esq.	1	1	0	Bowden Mr. F. H.	1	1	0
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Beckton Rev. A. C.	1	1	0	Bowden Thomas, Esq. ...	1	1	0
*Bedford Mrs.	1	1	0	Bowden Miss	1	1	0
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Bell Mrs.	2	2	0	Brancker Miss Helene G.	1	1	0
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Bell Miss	2	2	0	Brettell Mrs.	1	1	0
Bellhouse Mrs.	1	1	0	Brickwell Mrs.	1	1	0
Bemrose Sir H. H., M.P.	5	5	0	Briggs Mrs.	1	1	0
Benham Miss	1	1	0	Briggs Nurse	1	1	0
Bentinck Lord Henry	5	5	0	Bright Messrs. J. & Bros.	1	1	0
Bentinck Lady Henry	5	5	0	Bright Joseph, Esq.	2	2	0
Benwell J. P., Esq.	1	1	0	Bright Mrs. Joseph	1	1	0
*Benwell Mrs.	1	1	0	Bright Mrs., Ashfield.....	1	1	0
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*Beswick Mrs. Thos.	1	1	0	Briscoe J. J., Esq.	1	1	0
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*Biddles Mrs.	1	1	0	Broadbent B., Esq., M.A.	1	1	0
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Bilson Mrs.	1	1	0	Brocklebank Mrs. T.	1	1	0
Bingley Mrs.	2	2	0	Brocklehurst Messrs. & Sons	1	1	0
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Birks Mrs. E. V.	2	2	0	*Broke-Middleton Lady ...	2	2	0
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Blackett Col. C. E.	1	1	0	Brooke B., Esq.	1	1	0
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Blackwell Colliery Co., Alfreton Workmen	2	2	0	Brooke William, Esq. ...	2	2	0
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*Blackwell Mrs. Thos. ...	1	1	0	Brooks Sir W. C., Bart....	1	1	0
Blagg C. J., Esq.	1	1	0	Brooks Honble. Mrs.	1	1	0
				Broughton Mrs. Peter ...	1	1	0
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Browne Mrs. Charles	1	1	0	Chamberlain H., Esq. ...	1	1	0
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Buckley Mrs.	2	2	0	Charlesworth Mrs., Wake-			
Buckley Miss	1	1	0	field	4	4	0
Buckley Brick and Tile				*Charlesworth Mrs., Goole	1	1	0
Company, Limited	1	1	0	Chattam Mrs.	1	1	0
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Bull Miss	2	2	0	Fund	5	5	0
Burgess The Misses	2	2	0	Chesterfield Brewery Co.	2	2	0
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Burrows Miss H. M.	3	3	0	Fund, Tunstall... ..	5	5	0
Burton The Lord	5	5	0	Childers Mrs. W.	1	1	0
Burton The Lady	5	5	0	Chorley Consolidated Charity			
Burton Joseph, Esq.	1	1	0	2	2	0
Burton Miss M.	1	1	0	Clare O. Leigh, Esq.	5	5	0
Burton Feoffees.....	10	10	0	Clark G. D. A., Esq.	1	1	0
Butterley Iron Company	10	10	0	*Clark Mrs.	1	1	0
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Campbell Mrs. T. H.	1	1	0	*Cockburn W. H., Esq. ...	1	1	0
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Campion F. W., Esq.	1	1	0	Collins Mrs.	1	1	0
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Cantrell Mrs. W. H.	1	1	0	*Comber John, Esq.	1	1	0
*Cardale Miss A. B.	1	1	0	Cook Mrs. Thomas H. ...	1	1	0
Carlile The Misses	1	1	0	"A. C."	3	3	0
*Carlisle The Misses	1	1	0	"F. C."	2	2	0
Carnarvon Countess of ...	3	3	0	Cooke Mrs. T.	1	1	0
Carpenter Admiral	2	2	0	Cookson Edward H., Esq.	1	1	0
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*Carr Rev. T. W.	1	1	0	Cooper W., Esq.	2	2	0
Carver John, Esq.	1	1	0	Cooper Miss.....	1	1	0
Castle Miss H.	1	1	0	Cooper Mrs. F.	1	1	0
*Cavendish Lady Edward..	2	2	0	Copestake, Lindsay,			
Cavendish Victor C. W.,				Crampton, and Co.	2	2	0
Esq., M.P.	5	5	0	Corbet Mrs.	3	3	0
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Cox Captain William	2	2	0	*Derbyshire Royal In-			
Cox Samuel R., Esq.	2	2	0	firmary	2	2	0
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Crabbe Mr. John	1	1	0	Devas Horace, Esq.	1	1	0
Crane Mrs.	1	1	0	Devonshire His Grace the			
Craven Joseph, Esq.	2	2	0	Duke of	21	0	0
Craven the Countess				De Zoete Miss	2	2	0
Dowager of	1	1	0	Dickins & Heywood,			
Crawford the Countess of	1	1	0	Messrs.	2	2	0
Creswick Miss	1	1	0	Dickins Rev. Dr.	1	1	0
Crewe the Earl of	5	5	0	Dickson Dr.	1	1	0
Crewe Lady, East Cowes..	1	1	0	Dilks James, Esq.	3	3	0
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Bedford	2	2	0	Manchester Board for the Relief of Jewish Poor ...	3	3	0
Belper	2	2	0	Mansfield	2	2	0
Blackburn	3	3	0	Nantwich	3	3	0
Bradford	3	3	0	Northwich	5	5	0
Bucklow	5	5	0	Nottingham	10	10	0
Burnley	2	2	0	Oundle	1	1	0
Burton-upon-Trent	3	3	0	Rochdale	10	10	0
Chapel-en-le-Frith	5	5	0	Rotherham	3	3	0
Cheadle, Staffordshire	2	2	0	Sheffield	10	10	0
Chesterfield	5	5	0	Spalding	1	1	0
Chorley, Lancashire	2	2	0	Stockport	6	6	0
Derby	10	10	0	Tarvin	1	1	0
Ecclesall, Bierlow	20	0	0	Todmorden	3	3	0
Gloseop	4	4	0	Warrington	2	2	0
Hayfield	2	2	0	Wayland, Norfolk	1	1	0
Holbeach	2	2	0	Wolstanton and Burslem...	5	5	0
Huddersfield	2	2	0	Worksop	3	3	0
Kettering	2	2	0				

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
*Adderley Green Colliery Fund	2	2	0	Biddulph Valley Works Ground Club	5	5	0
Altrincham and Bowdon Provident Society	3	3	0	Birkenhead Charity Or- ganization Society.....	2	2	0
*Altrincham, "Earl of Stamford"	1	1	0	Blackpool, "Duke of Wel- lington"	1	1	0
Armitage Pottery Benefit Society	1	1	0	Blackpool, "Excelsior"....	1	1	0
Ashbourne, "Prince of Wales"	1	1	0	Blackpool, "Rechabites" Society	1	1	0
*Ashover Hospital Fund...	2	2	0	Bolsover Hospital Fund...	4	4	0
*Ashton-under-Lyne Dis- trict O.F.	3	3	0	Bolsover Underground Workmen's Club	6	6	0
Astley and Tyldesley Collieries Hospital Fund	15	15	0	Bolton, "Helping Hand" ..	1	1	0
Bacup Hospital Fund	2	2	0	Bolton Operative Cotton Spinners' Provincial Association	5	5	0
Barlow, "Duke of Rut- land"	1	1	0	Bradford District O.F. ...	2	2	0
*Barrow Co-op'tive Society, Limited	5	5	0	Bradford Charity Organi- zation Society.....	5	5	0
Bestwood Colliery Sick Society	10	10	0	Bradwell and Wolverton, "Good Samaritan"	5	5	0
				Broadoaks Ironworks Club	2	2	0
				Burnley Miners Relief Society	3	3	0

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Burton-on-Trent District Oddfellows	3	3	0	Disley, "Prince of Peace"	2	2	0
Bury, Rochdale, and Oldham Tramways Benefit Society	2	2	0	Doncaster, "Lord Morpeth"	2	2	0
Buxton Freemasons, "Phoenix-Lodge of St. Ann"	2	2	0	Eastwood Colliery Accident Society	5	5	0
"Buxton Lodge" of Free Masons	2	2	0	Eckington Colliery Field Club	2	2	0
Buxton Buffaloes, "High Peak"	1	1	0	Edale Foresters, "Free Ranger"	1	1	0
Buxton, "Duke of Devonshire" Oddfellows	1	1	0	Elland, "Temperance" ...	2	2	0
Buxton, "Foresters"	1	1	0	Etwall, "Duke of Wellington"	1	1	0
Buxton Operative Masons' Society	4	4	0	Failsworth Industrial Society, Limited	5	5	0
Buxton "Girls' Friendly Society"	1	1	0	Fenton Societies' Sunday Fund	1	1	0
Chapel-en-le-Frith Hospital Fund	5	5	0	Furness Vale, "Foundation Stone of Truth"	2	2	0
Chapel-en-le-Frith Protestant Association	1	1	0	Gainsborough, "Britannia"	1	1	0
Chapel - en - le - Frith "Charity"	1	1	0	Garston District Nurse Fund	1	1	0
Chapel-en-le-Frith "Welcome Friend"	1	1	0	Gnosall Friendly Societies' Hospital Fund	1	1	0
Clay Cross Friendly Societies' Sunday Fund	3	3	0	Grantham Wesleyan Provident Society	1	1	0
Clay Cross "Prosperity" ...	1	1	0	Grassmoor Colliery Sick Club	6	6	0
Clay Cross Works Sick and Accident Fund	12	12	0	Great Northern Railway Employees	2	2	0
Clown Oddfellows' Hospital Fund	3	3	0	Hanley, Bedford Works Club	1	1	0
Clifton Colliery Accident Fund	1	1	0	Hardwick Colliery Sick Society	1	1	0
Codnor Park Co-operative Society	1	1	0	Hayfield, "Loyal Lily of the Valley"	2	2	0
Colwick Loco. Mutual Aid Society	1	1	0	Hayfield Co-operative Society	2	2	0
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Crewe Post Office Benevolent Society	1	1	0	Hebden Bridge District Nursing Institution	3	3	0
Crewe Railway Servants' Hospital Fund	12	12	0	*Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Mothers' Union....	1	1	0
Darley Dale "Harmonican"	2	2	0	Hodbarrow Mining Company's Workmen	15	15	0
Darnall Liberal Club	1	1	0	Hodbarrow Surfacemen's Benefit Society	5	5	0
*Derby, "Pride of Derby"	1	1	0	Hospital Penny Fund, Chesterfield	3	3	0
Derby, "Spring of Love"	2	2	0	Hucknall Huthwaite Friendly Societies	6	6	0
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Derby and Derbyshire District of Foresters	4	4	0				
Digby Colliery Accident Society	5	5	0				

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*Kettering Victoria Hall Mission	3	3	0	New Mills, "Forget-me-not"	2	2	0
Kidsgrove United Societies	3	3	0	New Mills, "Hand of Friendship"	1	1	0
Kirkby-in-Furness Co-operative Society	2	2	0	New Mills, "Rose of Sharon"	1	1	0
Langley Mill Co-operative Society	2	2	0	New Mills Industrial Co-operative Society	2	2	0
*Leeds Charity Organization Society	5	5	0	Newport Hospital Sunday Fund	3	3	0
Leicester Charity Organization Society	1	1	0	Newport Wesley P.S.A....	1	1	0
Leicester Corporation, Gas and Electric Lighting, Sick and Funeral Society	3	3	0	Newstead Colliery Accident Funds	4	4	0
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Lincoln Boiler Makers ...	2	2	0	*North Staff. Railway Friendly Society	2	2	0
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Lincoln, "Stamp End" ...	1	1	0	Norton Non-Educational Charities	4	4	0
Lincoln "Medical Institute"	1	1	0	*Norwell Girls' Friendly Society	1	1	0
Lincoln, "Victoria"	1	1	0	Nottingham District Foresters	2	2	0
Lincoln Diocese Girls' Friendly Society	1	1	0	Oldham Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Liverpool Central Relief Society	5	5	0	Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
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Londonthorpe United Providence Society	1	1	0	Ramsey "Albert Tower"	1	1	0
Long Eaton, "Caledonian Corks" Society	4	4	0	*Rawtenstall Hospital Fund	2	2	0
Long Eaton Co-operative Society	2	2	0	Redmile, "Belvoir"	1	1	0
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Low Stubbin Convalescent Fund	1	1	0	Ripley Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Mackworth, "Mundy" ...	2	2	0	Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society	15	15	0
Manchester Old Society of Painters	1	1	0	Rochdale, "Newbold" Friendly Society	10	10	0
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Manchester Jewish Tailors' Benefit Society	2	2	0	Rotherham District O.F....	1	1	0
Mansfield Woodhouse, "Portland"	1	1	0	Rugby Locomotive Department Hospital Fund.....	3	3	0
Market Harborough Dispensary	3	3	0	Rushden Hospital Fund...	2	2	0
Marple, "Star of Bethlehem"	1	1	0	Salford District O.F.	3	3	0
Marple District O. F.	1	1	0	Sandbach Industrial Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Mossley Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0	Sandbach Societies' Hospital Fund	1	1	0
Mountsorrel Granite Quarry Accident Fund...	5	5	0	Scarborough, "Pride of Scarborough"	1	1	0
				*Settle Mechanics' Society	1	1	0
				Sharlston Colliery Sick Club	3	3	0

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*Sheepbridge, "Yorkshire Delight"	2	2	0	Tideswell, "Indefatigable"	1	1	0
Sheffield, Burlington Sick Society	1	1	0	Tideswell, "Mysterious of the Peak"	2	2	0
Sheffield District of Druids	5	5	0	Todmorden, "Pride of the Valley," Lydgate	1	1	0
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Shireoaks Colliery Sick and Accident Club.....	5	5	0	Uppermill Co-operative Society	3	3	0
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Stapenhill Foresters' Society	1	1	0	Whaley Bridge Hospital Fund	4	4	0
Steetley Colliery Accident Society	2	2	0	Whaley Bridge Workingmen's Friendly Society	2	2	0
Stone Hospital Saturday Fund	2	2	0	Whitehough, "Victoria"	1	1	0
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Swanwick, "Temple of Peace"	2	2	0	Worksop Co-operative Society	3	3	0
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C. S. Saunders, Esq., London (per Dr. Dickson)	3	3	0
Dr. Hannah, Buxton	5	0	0
Buxton and District Friendly Society's Hospital Sunday Parade	54	0	0
Mr. W. Holland, Buxton	5	0	0
Mrs. Martley, Buxton	2	12	6
Miss Howorth, Buxton	2	12	6
Proceeds of Concert (per Mr. Lisle's Pierrots)	8	14	0
Mrs. Warde, Buxton	5	5	0
Buxton High Peak Lodge R.A.O.B.	5	7	0
E. C. Milligan, Esq., Buxton	5	5	0
Dr. W. H. Flint, Buxton	25	0	0
Mrs. Hart, Buxton	0	10	0
Bolsover Hospital Fund	0	10	6
Mr. Joseph B. Millward, Buxton	1	1	0
Banker's Interest	13	5	6
Sundry receipts	0	9	10

BEQUESTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1847 Mrs. Foxlow	100	0	0	1882 J. Hinckley, Esq. ...	45	0	0
1847 Mrs. Holland	200	0	0	1882 W. Carter, Esq.	100	0	0
1854 Mrs. Bamford	100	0	0	1883 Mrs. Barnes.....	450	0	0
1856 W. Lewis, Esq.	100	0	0	1883 Mrs. Irton	10	0	0
1858 J. Craven, Esq.	27	5	0	1883 J. Thurman, Esq. ...	17	19	2
1859 J. Henderson, Esq...	100	0	0	1883 E. E. Mollady, Esq.	500	0	0
1860 Miss M. Hall	9	9	0	1884 Rev. B. Moore	100	0	0
1865 W. Phillips, Esq. ...	100	0	0	1884 Jas. Anderson, Esq.	315	0	0
1865 G. Danson, Esq.....	19	19	0	1884 Tobias Child, Esq....	100	0	0
1867 Miss Emma Hurt ...	100	0	0	1885 Mr. J. Barlow	17	13	4
1868 W. Gibson, Esq. ...	250	0	0	1886 John Slack, Esq. ...	136	18	1
1868 W. Sharman, Esq....	261	5	10	1886 R. Wheatley, Esq....	100	0	0
1869 Mrs. Ann Greenwood	45	0	0	1887 Miss Nightingale ...	1000	0	0
1869 Mrs. Frances				1887 Robt. Cocks, Esq....	100	0	0
Pearson	100	0	0	1889 Mrs. S. Drabble	100	0	0
1872 G. Smith, Esq.	10	0	0	1891 R. W. Hollon, Esq.	200	0	0
1872 H. Harris, Esq.	50	0	0	1891 John Nuttall, Esq....	50	0	0
1872 Mrs. Arkwright	50	0	0	1891 Mrs. M. Platt	500	0	0
1872 Chappell Fowler, Esq.	20	0	0	1891 Mrs. M. A. Strange	50	0	0
1873 Rev. C. Ingleby	19	19	0	1891 Miss Elizabeth			
1873 Mrs. B. Robinson...	3384	4	3	Hurt	100	0	0
1874 W. Barnett, Esq. ...	1000	0	0	1893 Mrs. E. S. Critchley.	5	0	0
1874 J. Bagshaw, Esq. ...	450	0	0	1896 Lady Emily Williams	25	0	0
1875 Mrs. S. Lockett	10	0	0	1896 Miss Elizabeth			
1875 Mrs. E. Dolling	10	0	0	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 Thos. Marsden, Esq.	500	0	0
1879 Miss Marriott	100	0	0	1897 Mrs. Overend	500	0	0
1879 Miss E. Daine	900	0	0	1897 Mrs. H. Barker	30	0	0
1879 Mrs. D. V. Harcourt	500	0	0	1898 Mrs. Howard	1000	0	0
1880 Miss J. Wheatley ..	100	0	0	1899 Mrs. Bourne	87	10	0
1882 D. Holland, Esq. ...	90	0	0				

RESIDENCES OF IN-PATIENTS

DURING THE YEAR 1899.

Abbots Langley	1	Broughton-in-Furness	2	Eastwood	3
Abergavenny	3	Burnley	24	Edinburgh	5
Aberstwyth	2	Burscough	1	Egremont	1
Accrington	9	Burslem	6	Elland	2
Adlington	3	Burton-on-Trent	35	Ellesmere	1
Alderley Edge	1	Bury	12	Elston	1
Alfreton	23	Buxton and District	71	Elton	4
Altrincham	5	Carke-in-Cartmel	1	Esher	1
Appleby Magna	1	Carlingford	1	Exeter	1
Arnold	2	Carlisle	4	Falkirk	1
Ashfordby	1	Castle Donington	2	Farnham	1
Ashbourne	17	Castle Douglas	2	Farnworth	3
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	3	Chadwell	1	Felling	1
Ashford (Kent)	3	Chapel-en-le-Frith	9	Fenny Stratford	2
Ashton-under-Lyne	12	Cheadlo (Cheshire)	1	Fenton	2
Ashton-upon-Mersey	1	Cheadle (Staffordshire)	5	Flint	1
Astley	1	Chelford	1	Frodsham	1
Atherton	1	Cheltenham	4	Garston	3
Aughagid Grange	1	Chesham Bois	1	Gateshead	4
Bacup	5	Cheshunt	1	Glossop	5
Bakewell	5	Chester	16	Gloucester	1
Bangor	1	Chesterfield	43	Golborne	2
Barnet	1	Chichester	1	Gorseinon	1
Barnsley	14	Chorley	3	Grantham	19
Barrow-in-Furness	10	Church Gresley	3	Greenock	1
Basingstoke	1	Clay Cross	6	Greenwich	1
Beaumaris	1	Cleckheaton	1	Hackness	1
Beckton	1	Citheroe	2	Halifax	20
Beeston	2	Clowne	1	Hastead	1
Belper	3	Colchester	1	Hanley	2
Bedford	10	Coid Brayfield	1	Harrington	1
Berwick	1	Colne	5	Harrogate	1
Bexhill on-Sea	1	Colwyn Bay	2	Harrow Weald	1
Bexley Heath	1	Comstall	1	Hasland	1
Broadbottom	1	Congleton	11	Hastings	2
Bickerstaffe	2	Coventry	6	Hawick	1
Biggleswade	1	Crewe	16	Hay	1
Birkenhead	14	Cromford	1	Hayfield	2
Birmingham	11	Cwmnlwidion	1	Hazel Grove	2
Blackburn	59	Dalton-in-Furness	3	Headingley	2
Blackpool	6	Danbury	1	Heanor	3
Blaydon	1	Darley Abbey	1	Heaton Norris	2
Blackthingley	1	Darlington	1	Hebden Bridge	4
Bollington	4	Darwen	11	Helensburgh	1
Bolsover	2	Denton	3	Hereford	1
Bolton Percy	1	Derby	80	Hessle	4
Bolton	45	Dewsbury	7	Heywood	1
Boston Spa	3	Disley	1	Higham Ferrers	1
Bottesford	2	Doncaster	13	High Wycombe	1
Bournemouthe	2	Dove Holes	2	Hinckley	7
Bradford	11	Dover	1	Hinxworth	1
Bradwell	1	Droylsden	1	Hodnet	1
Bridgnorth	6	Dubin	4	Holbeach	1
Brighouse	1	Dukinfield	11	Holmwood	2
Brighton	3	Dunbar	1	Holyhead	1
Bristol	1	Durham	5	Holywell	1
Broadbottom	1	Ensor	1	Honley	3
Bromborough	3	Earlstown	3	Horsham	2
Bromsgrove	1	Easingwold	2	Hucknall Huthwaite	2
Brough	1	East Grinstead	1	Hucknall Torkard	13

Huddersfield	40	New Ferry	1	Stalybridge	6
Hull	8	Newmarket	1	Stamford	2
Hunslet	5	New Mills	5	Stantonbury	1
Huntingdon	1	Newport	5	Staveley	5
Hyde	10	Newport Pagnel	1	Stirling	1
Ikceston	3	Newton-in-Cartmel	1	St. Albans	1
Ikley	1	Newton-le-Willows	3	St. Anne's-on-Sea	1
Isle of Ely	1	Normanton	1	St. Helens	10
Keighley	2	Northampton	5	St. Leonards-on-Sea	1
Kendal	1	Northborough	1	St. Neots	3
Kenilworth	1	Northwich	8	Stockport	37
Keswick	2	Norwich	2	Stony Stratford	1
Kettering	9	Nottingham	123	Stoke-on-Trent	30
Ketton	1	Nuneaton	4	Stokesley	1
Kimbolton	2	Oldham	42	Stone	2
King's Langley	3	Olney	1	Stourbridge	1
King's Norton	2	Ormskirk	2	Studley	1
Kirkby Lonsdale	3	Oswestry	5	Sutton-in-Ashfield	10
Kirkby-in-Furness	3	Patricroft	2	Swinton	1
Knaresborough	1	Peak Forest	2	Tadcaster	2
Knutsford	4	Peterborough	2	Taddington	1
Lancaster	8	Pontefract	1	Talke	1
Langholm	1	Pont-y-bodkin	1	Tamworth	6
Langley Mill	1	Poulton-le-Fylde	1	Tarporley	4
Leamington	5	Penge	1	Tewkesbury	1
Leek	5	Prees	1	Thornton-le-Moors	2
Leeds	42	Prescot	1	Tideswell	3
Leicester	49	Preston	19	Todmorden	12
Leigh	5	Prestwich	2	Towcester	1
Leighton Buzzard	3	Radcliffe	11	Towyn	1
Lesbury	1	Radford	3	Tunbridge Wells	5
Liberton	1	Rainhill	1	Tunstall	13
Lichfield	4	Ramsbottom	2	Tydesley	4
Lincoln	9	Ravensthorpe	1	Uttoxeter	2
Littleborough	2	Rawtenstall	1	Ventnor	1
Little Hampton	1	Redhill	2	Wakefield	23
Liverpool	61	Retford	4	Walkden	1
Llanberis	1	Rhyl	2	Walmer	1
Llangollen	2	Richmond	1	Walsall	1
London	120	Rickmansworth	2	Ware	3
Londonderry	1	Ripley	4	Warrington	21
Long Eaton	6	Roade	1	Warwick	11
Longton	10	Rochdale	41	Watford	1
Loughborough	12	Rock Ferry	1	Wednesbury	1
Louth	1	Rossendale	1	Wellingborough	3
Ludlow	2	Rothbury	1	Wellington	3
Lutterworth	2	Rotherham	12	Welshpool	1
Lydbury	2	Rowsley	1	Wem	1
Lynn	1	Ruabon	3	West Bilney	1
Macclesfield	53	Rugby	8	Weybridge	3
Maidstone	5	Rugeley	5	Whaley Bridge	3
Malpas	3	Runcorn	3	Whiston	1
Manchester, Salford, and District	327	Rushden	1	Whitby	1
Mansfield	21	Ryton-on-Tyne	1	Whitstable	1
Market Harborough	4	Sale	3	Whitchurch	5
Market Rasen	1	Sandbach	9	Widnes	1
Marple	4	Sandy	1	Wigan	17
Matlock	9	Scarborough	1	Willenhall	1
Melton Mowbray	2	Seascale	1	Wimbledon	2
Menai Bridge	1	Selkirk	1	Winchester	1
Mexborough	1	Settle	3	Winsford	2
Middlewich	1	Sheffield	157	Winslow	1
Millom	10	Shipley	2	Wilmslow	2
Milnthorpe	4	Shipston-on-Stour	1	Wirksworth	2
Mirfield	6	Shrewsbury	19	Wisbech	2
Monkstown	1	Skipton	5	Witney	1
Mossley	8	Southam	1	Woodford Bridge	1
Mountsorrel	3	Southampton	1	Wolstanton	1
Much Wenlock	1	Southborough	1	Wolverhampton	4
Nantwich	2	Southend-on-Sea	1	Wolverton	5
Nelson	7	Southport	10	Woking	4
Newark	12	Southsea	2	Worksop	13
New Brighton	1	Sowerby Bridge	1	Worthenbury	1
Newcastle-on-Tyne	7	Spalding	2	Wrexham	8
Newcastle (Staffs.)	9	Stacksteads	2	Yattendon	1
		Stafford	6	York	9

TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS OF THE IN-PATIENTS

DURING THE YEAR 1899.

Agents	11	Labourers	403
Artists	2	Laceworkers	6
Bakers	2	Laundresses	8
Biblewoman	1	Lay Reader	1
Boatmen	2	Leatherworkers	2
Boilermakers	6	Machinists	10
Bookbinder	1	Maltster	1
Book-keepers and Clerks.....	27	Mechanics	13
Brewers	2	Millers	2
Bricklayers	11	Milliners	3
Brickmakers	4	Moulders	11
Butchers	8	Musicians	4
Butlers	4	Nurses	31
Cabdrivers	11	Overlookers	15
Cabinet Makers	5	Packers	8
Caretakers	5	Painters and Paperhangers	38
Carters and Draymen.....	38	Pensioners	2
Charwomen	19	Photographer	1
Children under 16 years.....	46	Plasterer	1
Cloggers	2	Platelayers	9
Clothworkers	6	Plumbers and Glaziers	10
Coachmakers	3	Policemen	12
Coachmen	17	Porters	27
Colliers and Miners.....	190	Postmen	6
Compositor	1	Potters	15
Cooks	25	Printers	4
Coopers	5	Quarrymen	29
Cotton Operatives (Males)	63	Railway Servants	30
" (Females).....	66	Rope Maker	1
Cutlers	3	Sadler	1
Domestic duties (chiefly married women)	831	Sawyers	4
Drapers	4	Seamen	5
Dressmakers	25	Seamstresses	3
Dyers	5	Servants (Males)	16
Engine Drivers and Stokers....	22	" (Females)	48
Engineers	11	Shepherds	4
Engraver	1	Shoemakers	20
Farmers	14	Shop Assistants	17
Firemen	18	Shopkeepers	29
Fisherman	1	Silk Weavers	9
Fishmongers	2	Smiths	16
Fitters	20	Soldier	1
Forgemen	10	Steel Workers	11
Framework Knitters	6	Stewards	2
Fustian Cutters	6	Stonemasons	23
Gamekeepers	3	Tailors	15
Gardeners	36	Teachers	24
Gasman	1	Tinplate Workers	4
Glassworkers	4	Travellers	2
Golf Professionals	2	Turners	3
Governesses	4	Undescribed	16
Greengrocers	2	Upholsterers	2
Grinders	4	Waiters	7
Grocers	9	Watchmaker	1
Grooms and Ostlers	20	Watchmen	4
Hatters	2	Warehousemen	18
Hawkers	10	Weavers	92
Ironworkers	13	Wheelwrights	6
Joiners and Carpenters	49	Wireworkers	3
		Woodmen	4

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR 1899.

FROM THE READINGS AND OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT THE DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL, BUXTON.

The instruments, which are the property of the Devonshire Hospital Committee, consist of a Fortin's Barometer, Wet and Dry Bulb Thermometers, Black Bulb Thermometer "in vacuo" (for indicating solar radiation), Jordan's Sunshine Recorder, Rain and Wind Gauges. They are all in the Hospital grounds. The height above sea level of the first is 997 feet (verified by ordnance levels). The station is situated in Latitude 53°14' N., and Longitude 1°54' W. They are standard instruments, and are inspected and verified from time to time by an officer of the Royal Meteorological Society. Buxton being what is termed a "second class" station of the Society, readings and observations are taken twice daily, i.e., at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

A full report is sent to the Society every month, weekly reports are sent to the local paper, and the daily records are entered on a chart which is hung up for the benefit of the public at the Buxton Pharmacy, 11, Market Place.

RAINFALL.—This is of special interest to all in Buxton. The total fall for 1899 was 45.379 inches, which is 1 inch in advance of that for 1898, and 5½ inches less than that for 1897. The month which yielded the heaviest aggregate fall was September, which is credited with 7.072 inches, while only one month contributed less than 2 inches, the exact figure being 1.977. One day alone (April 9th) almost equals the whole month of July in rainfall, 1.91 inches being registered for that day, which constitutes the year's record. Though excessive, this does not establish a record locally, over 2 inches having fallen on February 10, 1894 (2.02), January 26, 1890 (2.21), and October 27, 1880 (2.38 inches). April and September yield the greatest number of days which contribute at least one-hundredth inch of rain each, their totals being 21, while March heads the opposing list with 21 fine days. The concluding table of this report proves that the 1899 total rainfall compared favourably with the averages for the last few decades.

SUNSHINE.—The total number of hours registered is high—1359.8. This exceeds that for 1898 (1138.8 hours), and for 1897 (1269.9 hours), and the average for 10 years (1072 hours). August has not one sunless day, but June heads the list with 251.6 hours of bright sunshine. December had 23 sunless days, and only 10.9 hours of bright sunshine. In this respect no less than 13 days of June each exceeds the whole sunshine of December. The maximum amount of sunshine in any one day was 15.3 hours on

June 16th, and this is one hour longer than the maximum in 1897 or 1898, and it is noteworthy that the summer of 1899 produced five days each of which exceeded the maximum day's sunshine for either of the two preceding years.

TEMPERATURE.—The maximum temperature in the shade for the whole year occurred on August 25th, and was 83.3° F., and the minimum 10.4° F., on December 14th. These are both higher and lower respectively than the absolute maximum and minimum for 1898. There were 75 frosty days, December being again to the fore, with 23.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.—The mean barometric reading, corrected to sea level and freezing point, is 29.968, the highest monthly mean being 30.124, for November, and the lowest 29.788, for January.

WIND.—The prevailing winds recorded at the stated hours yield the palm to S.W. with 135. W. and N.W. try for the second place with 106 and 103 respectively, N. being sparsely represented by 9 only. It should be noted that these figures only represent observations taken at fixed hours morning and evening. Out of 730 observations, 216 were taken during a calm state of the atmosphere, only one month (January) being entirely otherwise at 9 a.m. and p.m.

ELECTRICAL PHENOMENA.—A westerly gale, with thunder, occurred on January 11th. Thunder and lightning (sometimes distant) were heard and seen on February 8, April 13, June 28, August 5 and 15, September 23.

Monthly notes are as follows:—

JANUARY was a fairly bright month, half the days being sunless, the rest giving a total of 41.1 hours of bright sunshine. In point of rainfall it is the third month, and provides the second wettest day of the year, the rainfall measuring 1.18 inch out of a total for the month of 5.79 inches. There was a marked barometric depression on the 9th ushered in several wet days, and again on the 28th, which was accompanied by a rainfall of 1.18 inches within 24 hours. On the first four days snow fell; this occurred on 13 other days. Hail fell on the 11th and 19th, and 11 days were frosty. A thunders cm occurred on January 11th. The last week of the month was frosty, and a few other isolated frosty days occurred before the 20th. The mean pressure for the month, 29.788, was the lowest of the monthly means.

FEBRUARY had more than double January's sunshine, yielding 85 hours, 6 days only being sunless. The total rainfall registered was 2.54 inches (or less than half that of January), and was spread over 13 days; the number of fine days therefore was above the average. The minimum temperature of 18° occurred on the 27th. As in the preceding month, the only spell of frost was during the final week, but in no case was the frost exceptionally keen. Thunder and lightning occurred on the 8th, and snow and fog on several dates.

MARCH was an exceptionally fine and bright month, with no less than 124.2 hours of sunshine to its credit, and only 2 sunless days and 2.435

inches of rain to its debit. March commenced badly with its legacy of a high barometric level from its predecessor, consecutive small reductions (but no serious depression) being noted twice daily till the 4th, light rain falling on the 3rd and 4th, rapidly recovering itself on the 5th, only to fall away again to the 8th, followed by a firm advance to a high level on the 18th, which was well-sustained for one week; after that occasional showers till the 31st, which was a soaking Good Friday. Frost was recorded from the 4th to the 7th, inclusive, on the 13th and 16th, and for one week, commencing the 18th. Lunar halos were observable on the 24th and 27th.

APRIL must of course fall behind the high-water mark of March, but still shows exactly double the number of hours of sunshine of January, and one-quarter the number of sunless days. Rainfall was heavy, the 9th proving itself eventually to be the wettest day of the month, the mercury then standing at 28.51. The first day of the month was fine—a decided contrast to the day immediately preceding it. From the 2nd to the 17th inst. some rain fell each day; also from the 24th to the conclusion of the month. The shade temperature ranged from 8 degrees of frost on the 18th, to 60° F. on the 27th, the mean for the month being 42.5°. Light snow fell on the 8th, 12th, and 16th.

MAY developed into a fine month, excepting between the 14th and 24th, when some rain fell almost every day, total fall being 3.47 inches. May (with June and August) occupies a favourable position with regard to scarcity of clouds and relative humidity. The days were beautiful, without a break, from the 25th inst. to the 18th prox., 16 of these days each registering over 10 hours of bright sunshine, the maximum for one day in May being 14.8, and the month's total 159.6 hours. The maximum shade temperature was reached on the 31st (71°), but the average was much lower (55.8°).

JUNE.—Sunny June was a lovely month for Buxton: 251.6 hours of direct sunshine, with only one sunless day, and a record day of 15.3 hours, the total enabling it to claim first place for the year. The mean shade temperature was 57.8°, which was just two degrees below the hottest month (August). June shows a mean corrected pressure of 30.064, its maximum being 30.52. The mercury was high on the 1st, and gradually increased till the 8th, when the maximum, 30.52, was reached, then a gradual decline took place in regular successive easy stages to the 20th (the levels on the 1st and 14th being alike). The next four days show an improvement, and after that the mercury fluctuated within moderate limits, the last evening culminating in a downpour, which yielded .885 inch. The total rainfall of 2.505 inches was much below the average for this month. June scored well on the points of relative humidity and proportion of clouds.

JULY opened inauspiciously (a contrast to June), but recovered itself by the 4th for four brilliant days, then four miscellaneous days, followed by ten which were simply glorious. The 22nd was wet, and a little rain fell on the 25th and 26th, but the remaining days were fine, though duller and cooler, except the closing day, which was bright and warm. July afforded us 147.7 hours of sunshine on 26 days. Its total rainfall being only 1.977 inches, constitutes it the driest month of the year. Its corrected

mean pressure was 30.055. Its mean temperature of 59.3° was only half a degree behind August. Some fine cloud effects were noticed. The month was free from electrical disturbance in this district.

AUGUST.—The hottest month of the year. The maximum temperature registered in direct sunshine only reached 120° on one occasion. Almost all the really hot days were tempered by refreshing moorland breezes. This was much appreciated, especially by those visitors who had been driven from the cities and lowlands by the excessive temperature. The mean shade temperature of 59.8° was the record for the year, the highest point reached in the shade being 83.3° . To August also belongs the honour of showing the highest corrected mean pressure of 30.103, and of showing a clean sheet free from sunless days. The 2.38 inches of rain which fell were distributed over 13 days. On the evenings of the 5th and 15th distant thunder and lightning were heard and seen, and were followed by a welcome reduction of temperature.

SEPTEMBER earned the unenviable reputation of being the wettest month, rain falling on 21 days, to the extent of 7.072 inches. Consequently the mean corrected pressure was at 29.815—the lowest in the year except January and April, these three months also yielding the three wettest days for 1899. Only one day, however, was entirely devoid of bright sunshine, the remaining 29 being responsible for 101.2 hours of this. The month was remarkable for the frequent barometric changes, only on one occasion were three consecutive days free from rain. A thunderstorm occurred on the 23rd.

OCTOBER was an improvement on its predecessor in hours of sunshine (129.8), mean corrected barometric height (30.037), amount of cloud (5.2), total rainfall (4.585), and days on which some rain fell (not necessarily wet days) (13). It was not an ideal month, though isolated fine days occurred, and two fine spells from the 3rd to the 7th, and from 14th to 25th. Rainfall was below the average. Nine nights were frosty to a slight extent. The atmosphere was calm during 34 observations, and the bulk of winds were S.W., W., and N.W.

NOVEMBER was a mild overcast month, with occasional fogs. Westerly winds prevailed (20 observations), but there were 17 observations of absolute calm. Rainfall was low, 2.39 inches being contributed on 15 days. Just over half the days were devoid of sunshine, the total yield being but 29 hours, the lowest on record excepting December. The mercury steadily fell for the first few days, a smart rise and fall occurring on the 4th. During the 5th, 6th, and 7th, a good level was maintained, but a marked depression gave character to the 8th, thence onward and upward to the 12th, culminating in a week of fine weather and high register, and this was fairly regularly maintained till the month expired. Buxton, from its altitude, was expected to prove a good vantage ground for the observation of the swarm of Leonids through which the earth passed about the 19th inst. Unfortunately, in common with England generally, the atmospheric conditions were unfavourable, dense clouds prevailing, to the great disappointment of the many would-be observers and photographic recorders. Only isolated observers saw even odd Leonids.

DECEMBER.—Each succeeding winter appears to lessen in severity. Up to this month there was little frost or snow, but December proved itself a typical month, and afforded the skaters, and especially the tobogganers and sleigh riders, much pleasure in the pursuit of their hobbies (or labours). Snow fell on 9 days, but of course lay on the ground much longer. The month was characterised generally by clear crisp atmosphere and freedom from wind. There were only 10.9 hours of direct sunshine spread over 8 days, which was below the average. Mean pressure was 29.889, and rainfall 4.34. The lowest temperature recorded for the year was 10.48, on the 14th of this month. Christmas Day was in its accustomed snowy garb, and the year closed with a light fall of snow.

Honorary Meteorologist,
 W. PILKINGTON,
 Pharmaceutical and Photo. Chemist,
 Buxton.

RAINFALL IN BUXTON FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Amount in Inches.
1890	49.9
1891	52.8
1892	51.5
1893	41.5
1894	50.2
1895	43.3
1896	51.9
1897	50.8
1898	44.3
1899	45.3
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Mean for 1890 decade	48.0
Mean for 1880 decade	50.2
Mean for 1870 decade	53.3
Mean for 6 years preceding 1870	57.9

ABSTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

Taken at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, in the County of Derby, during the Year 1899.

Latitude, 53° 14' N.; Longitude, 1° 54' W.; Height of Cistern of Barometer above Sea Level, 997 feet; Height of Rain Gauge above Sea Level, 988 feet; Diameter of Rain Gauge above Ground, 1ft.; Diameter of Rain Gauge, 5 inches.

1899.	Sunshine.		Mean Pressure (9 a.m. and 9 p.m.) at Sea Level.	Air Temperature.					Wet Bulb Thermometer.		Relative Humidity.		Amount of Cloud.		Rainfall.		
	Total.	Max. Amount.		Sunless Days.	Mean.	Means.		Extremes.	9 a.m.	9 p.m.	9 a.m.	9 p.m.	9 a.m.	9 p.m.	Total Fall.	Greatest Amount in one day.	
						Min.	Max.										Min. in one day.	Max. in one day.
January	Hrs. 41.1	Hrs. 6.7	16	38.2	38.3	32.6	43.4	19.0 on 26th	51.2 on 21st	36.9	37.3	% 88	91	8.1	8.1	5.790	1.180 on 20th
February	85.0	9.5	6	38.0	37.4	31.1	44.5	18.0 on 27th	53.7 on 10th	36.4	35.5	86	89	5.5	8.1	2.540	.780 on 13th
March	124.2	8.3	2	40.7	38.8	30.9	47.4	18.0 on 24th	65.3 on 15th	38.5	35.4	82	87	4.7	5.9	2.435	.770 on 25th
April	82.2	10.8	4	43.9	42.5	36.4	50.1	24.0 on 18th	59.3 on 27th	41.5	39.3	82	85	6.5	8.0	5.895	1.910 on 9th
May	159.6	14.8	5	48.8	46.5	37.4	55.8	27.9 on 5-28th	70.8 on 31st	44.9	42.2	74	84	5.2	5.8	3.470	.415 on 15th
June	251.6	15.3	1	61.6	57.8	45.6	68.2	35.3 on 14th	79.8 on 6th	54.9	51.4	64	82	5.0	4.8	2.505	.885 on 30th
July	147.7	11.5	5	61.0	59.3	52.3	68.5	43.9 on 9th	78.8 on 18th	57.0	55.3	76	86	5.5	6.5	1.977	.700 on 1st
August	197.5	13.1	0	61.9	59.8	50.0	70.4	42.9 on 11-23rd	83.3 on 25th	57.1	55.5	73	86	4.5	5.3	2.380	.735 on 27th
September	101.2	11.3	1	53.3	52.3	45.5	59.8	31.5 on 29th	78.3 on 5th	50.5	49.7	81	88	6.4	7.3	7.072	1.100 on 19th
October	129.8	9.0	5	45.7	45.0	36.7	54.9	25.0 on 24th	64.3 on 22nd	43.8	42.7	86	87	4.4	5.9	4.585	.920 on 12th
November	29.0	6.0	16	44.3	44.3	39.6	49.9	24.0 on 18th	59.8 on 5th	42.4	42.4	85	86	5.0	8.1	2.390	.400 on 8th
December	10.9	2.5	23	32.5	32.7	27.3	37.6	10.4 on 14th	51.8 on 6-7th	31.5	31.9	88	88	8.0	8.6	4.340	.900 on 29th
Year	1359.8	15.3	84	47.5	46.2	38.8	51.2	10.4 on Dec. 14	83.3 on Aug. 25	44.6	43.2	80	87	6.9	6.9	45.379	1.910 on Apr. 9

This Table of Statistics is compiled by the Royal Meteorological Society from the Daily Readings.

WEATHER.		WIND.												
Number of Days of		Number of Observations of												
Month.	Rain, Snow, or Hail.	Snow only.	Clear Sky.	Over- cast.	Gales.	N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	Calm.
January	20	5	0	17	4	1	9	0	6	0	31	6	9	0
February	12	2	2	13	3	1	5	3	15	10	16	1	3	2
March	10	8	9	9	3	2	4	0	2	1	17	8	13	15
April	21	4	1	14	3	1	3	3	1	3	13	10	16	10
May	16	0		8	2	3	12	9	1	3	10	4	3	17
June	10	0	11	10	1	0	6	10	3	1	0	3	13	24
July	11	0	3	9	1	0	4	4	0	3	8	13	18	12
August	13	0	7	4	0	0	2	10	4	1	7	6	3	29
September	21	0	3	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	22	13	18
October	13	0	10	11	2	0	1	3	1	0	9	7	7	34
November	15	0	0	12	4	1	0	2	0	2	15	20	3	17
December	17	9	0	21	0	0	0	5	5	2	4	6	2	38
Total	179	28	52	140	23	9	47	50	38	26	135	106	103	216

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