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Third Report

OF

THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY PAUPER LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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To the Justices of the Peace of the County of Derby assembled at their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace at Derby, on the 2nd day of January, 1855.

We, the Committee of Visitors of the Derby County Lunatic Asylum, beg to report as follows, viz.:—

The Asylum has been regularly visited by the Committee, and every Patient seen once in each two months by two or more members of the Committee.

The proportion of cures attests the great skill and care with which the Asylum is conducted by Dr. Hitchman. The Asylum is at present sufficient for the proper accommodation of the number of Lunatics, and the general management of the Asylum; the conduct of the officers and servants, and the condition and care of the Patients are most satisfactory.

We refer with much pleasure to the excellent Report of the Superintendent Physician.

H. SEYMOUR BLANE,

Chairman.

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TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM.

GENTLEMEN,

The time has returned at which the Rules of the Institution require the Superintendent Physician to make a Report of the number of admissions, removals, discharges and deaths which have taken place during the year, together with such other matters as may appear necessary for the purpose of showing the state and management of the Asylum. The principles upon which the Institution is conducted having been fully described in former Reports, it will not be necessary, on the present occasion, to enter minutely into the details of management.

From January 1st, 1854, to December 31st inclusive, there have been admitted seventy-six Males, and seventy-five Females, making a total of one hundred and fifty-one; being two more men, and eighteen more women, than were admitted into the Asylum during he corresponding period of last year. Of these Patients thirty-nine were received from Nottinghamshire; ten from Lincolnshire; four rom Northamptonshire; two from Staffordshire; and the remaining inety-six from the County and Borough of Derby. Of the above number, ten Females and nine Males were admitted upon small ayments from their Friends, independently of the respective Boards of Guardians belonging to the above Counties.

More Patients were admitted during the Months of May and August than in any other Months of the Year, as the following:

Table will illustrate:—

DATE.	MALES.	1	FEMALE:	s.	TOTAL
January	2		5		7
February	3		2		5
March	9		9		18
April	1	••••	5		6
May	9		14		23
June	5		6		11
July	9		7		16
August	12		9		21
September	8		5		13
October	9		6		15
November	4		4		8
December	5		3		8
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	76		75		151

Effect of Seasons.

The social condition of the Patients was as follows :-

Single	30	Men	 22	Women
Married	34	,,	 39	,,
Widowed	10	,,	 12	,,
Unascertained	2	,,	 2	,,
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	76		75	

The Occupations of the Patients were as follows :-

MALES.	na da	FEMALES.
Framework knitters	5	Domestic Servants 10
Shoemakers	7	Dressmakers 4
Wood-turners	2	Sempstresses 5
Draper	1	Wives of Labourers and
Miller	1	Mechanics 17
Tailors	4	Farmers' Wives 2
Joiners	3	Butchers' Wives 2
Mill-hands	3	Milkseller's Wife 1
Fellmonger	1	Commercial Travellers'
Silk-weaver	1	Wives 2
Brickmaker	1	Grocer's Wife 1
Fitter at Iron Foundry	1	Grocer's Widow 1
Footman	1	Lace-hands 5
Smiths Labourers	2	Mill-hands 5
Butchers	5	Straw-bonnet Makers 2
Coal Dealer	1	Comedian 1
Grocer	1	Glovemaker 1
Lacemakers	3	Char-women 4
Cardboardmaker	1	None 5
Farmers	4	Unknown 7
Collier	1	anima digni di para de carico di tra
Nailer	1	to gauge being spilling of the tree
Meat Dealer	1	Louisian high marrial and highlight
Teacher	1	St. Invanies unitation to addition
Police Constable	1	only and by sharping report
Labourers	21	Audition River in the State of
Unknown	2	
de sentimentalment	76	75

It will require the operation of many years to displace from the public mind, the influences of the past in reference to Lunatic Asylums; and the spread of much increased intelligence upon the laws of health, before the dread and secresy which invest every case of Insanity can be removed. The Disease involves such perilous consequences upon the social prospects, not only of the Individual, but of his relatives-its proper treatment requiring, as it mostly does, removal from home, wars so powerfully against the instincts of affection, that it will be a happy day for humanity when it can recognise the affection as differing from others only in the importance of the organ afflicted-and can exercise sufficient moral courage to place the Invalid immediately in a Hospital especially constructed and conducted for his cure. It is the most painful fact, in connection with the workings of Lunatic Hospitals, that few Patients are admitted at the onset of their disease.

Importance of Early

It is painful because the date of the Patients' admission into the Hospital is one of the most important elements in determining the final issue. It is almost impossible to overstate the value of early treatment. Upon it depends the percentage of Cures, more than upon the site and construction of the Hospital, or even, than the Treatment. adoption or rejection of the 'Non-Restraint System.' Hospitals which admit recent cases only, present a large array of cures, even though they are immured in crowded cities, and adhere to the mechanical restraint of a former age, while others which admit of a chronic character, although surrounded by the genial influences of a beautiful country, and adopting the modern principles of treatment. have their wards crowded with a large number of incurable patients. It would be criminal to conceal this fact, Patients admitted into the respective Hospitals at the same date of their malady would, it is believed, present a great contrast,-in the first, they might proceed to convalescence, but with convalescence would come the painful memory of personal degradation, while in the other, convalescence would be reached at a much earlier date, and no such reminiscence would be left behind. It would be better, even that the Patients should be placed under the care of some skilful Physician in a recognised Public Hospital, although the Medical Officer should in certain cases recognise the propriety of mechanical control, than that without medical care, they should be concealed in the recesses of their own home, or confined in the wards of a Workhouse, until heir disease had become established, and their Brains had undergone a structural and fatal change. It cannot be too often repeated that, he date of the Patients' illness at the time of admission is the chief circumstance which determines, whether four Patients in a hundred, or seventy Patients in a hundred shall be discharged cured. Of he one hundred and fifty-one cases, which have been admitted into he Asylum during the past year, eleven only have been received within a week of the onset of their malady; of these eleven, ten have been discharged cured, -and the other has been but a short ime under treatment. The Asylum having been opened for three rears it might have been reasonably inferred, that the admissions would consist chiefly of recent cases; the reverse is, however, the act, and in no year has the number of chronic and paralysed cases forne a larger proportion to the recent cases than in the year which Admission. as just closed. Several were in advanced stages of bodily disease, thus, I. C. expired in eight hours after his arrival at this Hospital. He was removed from the vehicle in which he was brought to his ed, where he remained tranquil until the moment of his decease. The state of great prostration in which he was brought, forbade the imployment of the usual washing bath; nor was he subjected to the ntigue of being shaved (of which he stood in much need) in conrequence of his exhaustion. F. G., aged 76 years: admitted with ne marks of restraints round her wrists, survived eighteen daysonly by the administration of wine and warmth. S. C.: brought round by straps and a straitwaistcoat in the afternoon of the 18th. as so convulsed and epileptic, that she died on the morning of the Oth, having scarcely spoken during the time she was in the Asylum. thers were in advanced stages of dropsy, phthisis, and general aralysis, and although in a hopeless condition lived on for several leeks under the fostering care of the Institution. One poor girl, dmitted from Lincolnshire, in a perfectly helpless condition (the relirium of fever having been mistaken for the ravings of Insanity) as conveyed from the vehicle to a water bed, where she has rehained in a state of great suffering for upwards of twelve weeks, and

Condition of Patients on

is never likely again to recover the use of her limbs. From extreme emaciation, weakness, and pressure she had large and deep ulcers

on her back, and black sloughs on her hips; and notwithstanding the most assiduous attentions, others of a like character have shown themselves in several parts of the body; the knees have ulcerated apparently from the mere touch of the bed-clothes, -and the resilency of a water-bed has not protected her heels and neck from a like calamity. The knees had become stiffened, and the skin of these joints and of the heels discoloured before she was received, and the mischief thus commenced has continued its direful course, until she has become sore, almost in every limb. She must long since have perished, had she not been hourly watched over, and abundantly supplied with wine, and other support. Her case is referred to, no Admission. only to show how different are the requirements of a Lunatic Hose pital from a Workhouse; but also to prove that even the valuable bed of Dr. Arnott will not prevent the progress of bed-sores where once the skin has been injured by pressure, and its vitality impaired by typhus fever. A private Asylum once fell under severe animad versions because of the existence of bed-sores in a deceased Patient and it is due to justice, as well as to science, to state that in the case of S. C. these bed-sores have progressed, notwithstanding changes of linen several times a day, assiduous nursing, an abundant supplof wine, porter, and animal food, the administration of tonics, local applications, and such attention and skill as your Physician has been able to bestow upon its treatment. There is, moreover, a very close relation between the vitality of the skin, and that condition of the nervous system which prevails in general paralysis, and therefore bed-sores in a Lunatic, although to be regarded with suspicion, ar not per se proofs of neglect and ill-treatment. Many suicidal cases

> have been admitted—one who had inflicted a deep wound in hi neck prior to admission, and several who had attempted strangula

tion. All these have required great watchfulness and care.

Condition of Patients on

The following table will illustrate the General Statistics of the Asylum:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Patients Admitted	76	75	151
Discharged Recovered	24	25	49
Improved	4	5	9
Unimproved	3	1	4
Escaped	3	0	3
Died	22	10	32
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Remaining in the Asylum,			
December 31st	122	111	233
Out on trial	0	2	2

This gives nearly 32 and a half per cent. of Recoveries upon the number of Admissions, and rather more than 14 per cent. upon the natire number under treatment.

Three Patients have escaped from the Asylum. Two of them ere of sound mind at the time; and their escape was planned with Insiderable skill. One of them was a "Criminal Patient," and lid been promised his discharge as soon as the necessary forms fuld be gone through. He was, however, suspicious that his former saracter might hinder or postpone his freedom, and he leagued with other Patient, who slept in the same Dormitory, to effect their injoint escape. While working in the grounds he broke a prong om his digging fork, and concealed it in his dress. At night, it is e duty of the Attendant to see that all clothing is removed from bed-room; and if he had done this their intentions would have en defeated, but the Senior Attendant of the Ward being from me, they imposed on the second Attendant by placing their own thes out of sight, dividing the dresses of four other Patients into parcels, giving them to the Attendant, as containing all the thes of the Patients in that room. In the morning the window of sleeping apartment was found wrenched open by the steel prong. the same Attendant who was imposed upon by the clothing officiated Night Watch, and neither he or the Patients sleeping in the room,

Escapes.

knew anything of the escape until six o'clock in the morning, wher the room was opened by the Attendants. Active search was made and the Police of London, Liverpool, Manchester, and other large Towns were communicated with in vain. One or both men were known to the Police of Nottingham, Leeds, and other places; but they have never been heard of. It is conjectured by those who knew them that they have emigrated to Australia. The Committee will remember that having fully investigated the circumstances, the deemed it right to dismiss the Attendant. These escapes, together with those recorded in the Reports of other Asylums, show the urgent necessity of providing a State Asylum for individuals whi have been convicted of crime, and who have from various cause been exempted from punishment on the plea of insanity. The Commissioners recognise and deplore the evil of retaining such person in Asylums fitted up for the reception of a different class of Lunatics In their last Report to the Lord Chancellor they make the following judicious observations :-

Escapes.

"Insane Convicts," meaning by that expression persons tries and convicted, and who have while under sentence become insanought, we think, as a general rule, to be sent to State Asylums, a morally tainted with crime, and therefore unfit for association with the ordinary inmates of Asylums." "It is notorious that man criminals are acquitted most improperly on the ground of Insanity and these are among the most objectionable and mischievous of the inmates of Asylums." The Jurisprudence of Insanity in connexion with crime requires revision, and the Commissioners in Lunacy has done much good in drawing public attention to this important subject.

Deaths.

Of the thirty-two Patients who have died, the deaths of twenty two were predicated at the time of their admission, in consequence of their being at that date in advanced stages of incurable diseas. Indeed a few were moribund at the time as has been previous stated. Some of these Patients, however, survived for a long period than might have been anticipated; thus, E. P., althougapparently in the last stage of pulmonary consumption, and never

able to quit her bed, except when lifted up by the Nurses, survived from May until August; and S. W., with heart disease, and dropsy of long standing, survived five weeks. Others, who were the subjects of general paralysis, lived on for several months; their existence being almost vegetative in its character, many of them having no control whatever over their excretions, and walking only with uncertain and tottering gait. Three deaths were sudden in their termination, although occurring in each case in persons suffering from recognized organic disease; thus W. B. had been paralysed and epileptic for three years, but while masticating his food a small piece of it became entangled in the larynx and produced instantaneous death. The two others were from Apoplexy. A Coroner's Inquest was held in each case. These facts, melancholy as they are, as indicative of the reluctance manifested by individuals in sending the Pauper Lunatic under early treatment, are more than paralleled n many other counties; and the mortality from this and other causes s proportionately higher, reaching in some instances to seventeen per cent.

OBITUARY.

	M.	F.
From Exhaustion after Mania	1	0
— General Paralysis	8	1
— Epilepsy	2	4
- Softening of the Cerebellum	1	0
— Apoplexy	2	0
— General Debility	2	0
Chronic Bronchitis	0	1
Pulmonary Consumption	2	2
— Old Age	2	1
— Dysentery	1	0
- Accidental Choking	1	0
- Cardiac Disease and Dropsy	0	1
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	22	10-32

The Patients generally have enjoyed a high standard of health during the past year. No case of Fever has occurred. One Patient died soon after his admission from dysenteric symptoms, the result of chronic intestinal disease; but the Diarrhæa which was prevalent in Derby and the neighbourhood, scarcely showed itself among the Patients here, and they have been hitherto remarkably exempt from those chronic intestinal affections, which were formerly so common and so fatal among the Insane. This exemption may be fairly ascribed to the warmth, dryness, and ventilation of the Institution, and the liberal dietary and good clothing with which they are furnished. Every Patient has been supplied daily throughout the year with two kinds of vegetables; even the higher products of the garden are not denied to them, and the sick have at all times an abundant supply of fruit, if the nature of their illness does not prohibit its use. By these and such like agencies, Cochexia and Scurvy are excluded from the Institution, and the sallow, emaciated Patients, from the crowded alleys of Derby and Nottingham, soon put on the hue of health, and often acquire weight so rapidly as to astonish their friends. These are gratifying results, secured by the liberality of the County in annexing a large amount of land to the Asylum, and are secondary only to the restoration of the Patient, to which, indeed, they are auxiliary. The general appearance of this and kindred Institutions, and the recognised comforts of their inmates will ultimately serve the grand purpose of destroying the hideous traditions of the past, and uproot the injurious dread and prejudice with which Lunatic Asylums are contemplated; and then Insanity will become as curable as Rheumatism, Gout, and many other diseases. Another great step towards this desirable end has been made by the recent alterations in the Lunacy Law, and by the improved forms of the Certificates. A Patient was, until the past year, described even in the medical certificate as "a proper person to be confined;" but this objectionable vocabulary has been removed, and the more rational description given to him of "a proper person to be taken charge of, and detained under care and treatment." Thus removing bim, as it were, from the Custodianship of gaoler, to the skill and care of the Medical man. For this, as for many

General Health of Patients other beneficent changes, we are indebted to the zeal and humanity of the Commissioners in Lunacy.

In referring to the Medical Certificates, it may not be wrong to state, that a large amount of correspondence has been entailed upon the Superintendent during the past year, in consequence of the very inaccurate manner in which these documents have been filled up. It is quite a rare thing to receive a correct certificate even from parties to whom their previous errors had been pointed out and explained. A collection of those blunders would occupy much space, but it would be curious, as illustrating the vast number of mistakes it is possible to make in a legal document of only a few lines in extent. It is not honorable to the medical profession that these things should exist: whatever is worth doing at all, is worth idoing well, and carelessness ought never to be evinced in a document which determines the freedom or detention of a fellow-creature, and upon the accuracy of which many other grave consequences may depend. Your Physician takes this opportunity of appealing to his brother practitioners, in order that they might display less shaste in the composition of such documents, for he is convinced that in this, as in other high duties which they perform so well, they will act skilfully when they know that upon the due construction of the Certificate are dependant the immediate admission of a Patient, perhaps too weak to make a second journey), the legal safety of themselves, as well as of the Resident Physician, who is liable to releavy penalties by admitting any person into the Asylum upon inaccurate or defective certificates.

Occupation has been carried out as heretofore, with as much energy as is compatible with the well-doing of the Patient. The sample farm and garden, by their never-ceasing requirements, furnish in abundance of employment to all who are capable of out-door Occupation. exercise. Nine acres of wheat, four acres of beans, and three of pats, have been reaped and harvested, and one thousand and fifty pushels of potatoes, and six tons of parsnips and carrots, have been dug and garnered up by their labours during the past autumn, in addition to many other crops of lesser importance. The condition

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manufactory, extending over several years, of bricks and tiles, will cause abundant labour for some time to come, as several fields still require drainage, and the hedgerows throughout the Estate demand much alteration, attention, and care. The Duties of the Laundry, Kitchen, and Workshop, agreeably occupy the Female part of the Establishment. In the furtherance of all these labours, your Physician continues to be greatly indebted to the untiring zeal and industry of the Chief Attendants, Lydia Humphrey and William Joyce.

The Amusements detailed in former Reports continue to be supplied. The Christmas Party, at which both sexes meet, went off with much animation and propriety, and was followed by the usual good effects, tranquillity and sleep at night. The Attendants and Nurses exerted themselves greatly to secure these good results; and their conduct generally has been such as to merit approbation.

In relation to the Entertainments, and indeed for whatever promotes the happiness of the Patients, Mr. Langley deserves honorable mention. He continues to discharge his duties as Clerk and Steward with ability, courtesy, and zeal; and has hitherto done all he can to sustain the principles upon which the Institution is based, and to forward those views which your Physician deems essential, not only to the harmonious working of the Establishment, but also to the care and well-being of the inmates entrusted to his care.

It was not intended to refer to the subject of Non-Restraint in this Report. The system has been so long carried out in the largest Non-Restraint Lunatic Hospitals of this Kingdom, that it appeared incumbent System. upon the profession to regard it as a settled principle, and to look forward to other improvements. From some cause, however, the subject is being re-agitated with much warmth, and great unfairness.

The writings of men favorable to the principle, have been distorted, and opinions ascribed to them which they have never entertained. Truth has been disregarded, and journals with scientific pretensions have resorted to the mis-representations which disfigure our political iterature. In the second Report of the Derbyshire Lunatic Asylum, (wo cases of attempted suicide (one alas! successful) are reported, and yet the Editor of the "Psychological Journal," has not thought at unworthy of him to intimate that the Writer of the Report ignored he existence of a suicidal disposition among the Insane, and that he negarded such cases as "imaginary and ideal." The mis-represencation is so self-evident, that it would be unworthy of notice, were or not that a great principle is impugned by it, and we are gravely informed, that "Lunatics, do alas, sometimes cut their throatsagatures are occasionally required for the treatment of these cases: nd Patients resolutely determined upon self-destruction often do meir utmost to effect their purpose by tearing the wound open. Inder such distressing circumstances, who could for one moment reuestion the necessity and humanity of preserving life by restraining the hands of the Patient, until the wound was cicatrised."

Your Physician has no desire to advert upon the practice of ther Gentlemen in the treatment of the Insane-much less would refer in a Public Report to matters of a mere personal interest; It he deems it due to the reputation of this Institution, and to the stem which the Committee has espoused, to declare, that in his binion, surgical requirements do not enter iuto the question of Fon-Restraint; or if so, such cases must be regarded as exceptional. are safety of the Patient with him, as with all rational men, is the nimary concern. Upon the means of attaining that end there is sinhappily) much difference of opinion. Every person will be isided in each special case by his former experience, by inductions shinded on the results of analogous cases, or by the recorded experice of others. Three surgical cases in which "restraint" was posorted to have fallen under observation during the past eight years; beach instance, the splints and other appliances, were violently frown off so long as the Patient was otherwise fettered; but all sural requirements were complied with when freedom to the sound

limbs was granted. A necessity for "restraints" in surgical cases may possibly arise. It would perhaps be premature to state even that no other case can arise, in which Restraint would be justifiable. And yet, the experience of the older Lincoln Asylum, and the large Asylums at Hanwell and Colney Hatch, appears to demonstrate such a statement, as far as it is possible for the experience of the past to predicate the future. Never having hazarded any abstract speculations upon the subject, or indulged in theories as to what may, or may not occur, your Physician will, as heretofore, content himself with being simply the historian of his own experience. That experience commenced several years before the great experiment of Non-Restraint was tried at Hanwell, and embraced therefore the usual routine of strait-waistcoats, and all the paraphernalia of mechanical controul; but he can most conscientiously aver, that not : single Patient (in upwards of two thousand) has, during the pas ten years, been restrained while under his observation. Patients have been under restraint at the period of their admissionand such restraint was deemed by other medical men to be urgently required. The following are among some such cases admitted int the Asylum during the past year. The facts within inverted comma are derived from the certificates upon which the Patients were admitted .- J. A., brought in chains: " Has threatened to murder T. H and T. E. with a knife; has been in a state of great excitement for for four days, offering to fight." G. H. and W. D. were brought i restraints from an Institution in which restraints are professedly en ployed, they were very violent: "G. H is now suffering from a attack of acute mania, characterised by continued violence and excit ment, rendering it dangerous for any one to approach him. H conversation is rapid and full of delusions; he shouts words without meaning, as Punch Junio. He is at present under personal restrain having threatened violence to Attendants and destroyed beddin R. H., Attendant on the Insane, says, I saw G. H. before he will admitted-it took several men to secure him-he threatened to out the entrails of several persons, and to kill the first man he can Since his admission he has refused his food—has been in excited state, and threatened to knock a man's head off." "R. says W. D. frequently strikes the other Patients. His conversati

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is full of debauchery-he is intolerable when the fits come on. Yesterday he smashed with one of the fire irons the sashes of the window, and ten panes of glass; he threatens to kill me, and ran after me with a poker; says he will rip his own entrails clear out; considers himself one of the best fellows in existence." These cases might be multiplied; they were most powerful men, and in states of wiolent excitement. One of them was much bruised. The verbal statements made by those who brought them, were even stronger than the written account, yet in obedience to a principle which has hitherto been unfailing, they were liberated immediately, and never restrained again. One who was a butcher by trade, slaughtered a big for the Institution within a fortnight after his chains were removed, and from that time was employed daily in useful occupations until he was discharged—cured. A second has also returned home -cured. The third is an epileptic, and will probably remain with as as long as he lives.

These facts will form an apology for a large amount of doubt as the necessity of mechanical restraint in the treatment of the Insane, nd they gather force from the large experience and careful reflection the Commissioners in Lunacy, who, in their last Report, testify as llows :- "For ourselves, we have long been convinced, and have leadily acted on the conviction, that the possibility of dispensing ith mechanical coercion in the management of the Insane is, in a st majority of cases, a mere question of expense, and that its connued or systematic use in the Asylums and Licensed Houses where still prevails, must in a great measure be ascribed to their want of itable space and accommodations, their defective structural arrangeents, or their not possessing an adequate staff of properly qualified tendants, and frequently to all these causes combined." * n numerous instances in which the employment of constant or freent restraint was represented to be indispensable, the Patient has on our recommendation been removed to another Establishment ere a different system is adopted, and the removal has frequently ien found to be attended with the happiest effects."-Eighth Report the Lord Chancellor, p. 42.

It appears from these observations, that tranquillity and order among the Insane are in an inverse ratio with the amount of violences mechanical or moral, which is employed in treating them. It is not enough to loose the fetter from the limb, the mind must not be chafed or only one part, and that the least of the non-coercion system has been attempted; in brief, the compound word "non-restraint" is a short term to express the absence of all irritation, and to imply the presence of everything that is calculated to soothe the troubled mind into healthfulness and peace.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Contractor for clothing to the Essex County Asylum having paid over a considerable sum for needlework performed by the Female Patients of this Asylum, some portion of it was devoted to the purchase of a Harmonium for the Chapel, and to the removal of a Screen which excluded the Male and Female Patients from the sight of each other. Mr. Fritche, sen., kindly gave some music lessons to the Chief-Attendant (Mr. Joyce), who quickly comprehended his instructions, and has ever since conducted the music part of the service witl efficiency and success. The Harmonium is fitted up as an Organ and possesses much of the grandeur and power of this instrument and is perhaps equally well adapted to the purposes of a small place of worship. These changes have effected great improvement, and have approximated the character of the Chapel and its services to that of a small parish Church. In no village Church is there greate order and decorum. Several of the Patients are bowed down with deep sorrow, and they find in the Chapel Services a consolation and comfort; still more of them look forward to it as a change in the routine of their daily life. The service of the Church of England clothed as it is in language which the most simple can understand and calling as it does in many parts upon the congregation for responsive prayer-and the Psalms, with their rich description of the varied feelings of the human heart, and their suggestive teachings or resignation and trust, together with their eloquent pourtrayal of Him "whose mercy endureth for ever," seem especially adapted to those "who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate"-and the result has been

that since the opening of the Chapel, now three years ago, only a solitary instance of disturbance has taken place during the Service. Even this disturbance was limited to a poor Epileptic, who, seized with a sudden paroxysm of Mania, shouted aloud. He was removed amid the most perfect quietude and silence of all the other Patients, and the Service proceeded as usual to its close. This solitary exception occurred on the last Sunday of the old year. The Chapel Services have been conducted with punctuality and decorum; and your Physician is happy to testify that the Chaplain seems at all times desirous to carry out his wishes in the moral management of the Insane.

Religious Services.

The Insane are so peculiarly special in their words and actions that it requires much intuition and some experience to distinguish between the workings of disease and the utterances of a troubled conscience. When the physical organ through which Mind displays itself has become disordered, its manifestations are no longer harmonious and truthful, but like a distorted prism it throws off the disjointed and scattered rays of thought tinged and coloured with all kinds of morbid fancies and spectral illusions, and the individual thus afflicted properly passes from the spiritual control of the Divine to the medical and moral care of the Psycopathic Physician. As in of Mind and the treatment of an inflamed eye, or a disordered limb, the Medical Man would endeavour to adjust the imponderable agencies of light and motion to the strength and condition of each particular member, so does he in the irritable Brain claim for himself the sole guidance of those subtle moral influences which more than anything beside control or agitate, sooth or disorder, the nervous Invalid. He alone has been trained to detect and distinguish the physical ailment, and can therefore best appreciate the sympathetic relations which exist between the Mind and the Body.

Sympathy Body.

The mysterious influence exerted by the Mind upon the Body, and the Body upon the Mind, was forcibly illustrated in the case of E. E. So long as she exhibited no physical ailment, she gave us the most unremitting anxiety in consequence of her strong suicidal

impulses, but when the Body became more obviously under the influence of disease, her Mind seemed to gather strength, hope, and peace. Her case was altogether one of deep interest. She had for many years been a most kind and trustworthy servant in a neighbouring Lunatic Asylum. Under a well-authorised hope of being married, she gave up her situation. The person to whom she had been long attached disappointed her expectations, and not only did not marry her, but abandoned her altogether. Intense grief was followed by despair-despair by madness; she threw her hard-earned savings away—she destroyed her clothing; she attempted to destroy herself. She was taken as a Patient to that Hospital in which she had so often ministered to the broken-hearted and insane. night and day through several anxious weeks, she was closely watched, yet from time to time she almost baffled all their care. The Superintendent wrote to me several times, describing her as the most suicidal person he had ever known, and expressing strong fears that in consequence of her intimate knowledge of the habits and duties of the Nurses and the routine of the Establishment, she would accomplish her design. He had some reason to conjecture that she had a parochial settlement in Derbyshire, and feeling that she would be safer here than under his care, owing to the above causes, he exerted himself to procure her removal. That removal was effected by the Parish of Hartshorne. It was soon found that the intense apprehensions which had been expressed respecting her were well founded. She required unceasing vigilance. By abstinence from food, by attempted strangulation, and by various arts, she endeavoured to terminate her existence. She was watched night and day. Bye and bye a few lucid intervals seemed to break across the deep dark gloom of her mind, and tears welled up to her relief. In these brief snatches of returning sense, opportunities were taken to appeal to the known kindness of her nature, and to explain to her the disgrace she would bring upon those who surrounded her, and upon the Institution in which she was, if she carried her sad designs into execution. There were periods in which she felt this, and she would then implore us not to leave her for a single moment alone. The anguish which had overwhelmed her mind at length began to make rapid encroachments upon her bodily health; she became very weak,

a hectic flush tinged her pallid cheek, a short cough—slight at first -but unmistakeable in its significance, set in; and now the moments of rational calm became more prolonged, there were large intervals of time in which she might be safely left alone; she began to look out from herself, and to find consolation in listening to cheering passages from the Bible, or even in reading its hallowed pages herelf. As the pulmonary disease advanced, she became quite free rom all suicidal feelings, or at all events could keep them under berfect check, as wrong and sinful. A time arrived in which they isappeared wholly, and at which she became calm, resigned, and wen hopeful. Her cheeks were often bedewed with tears of gratiande as she contemplated the dangers through which she had passed, nd many and deep were her expressions of thankfulness to the Jurses who had watched over her. She was too weak for active of Mind and kertions, but she employed herself in making light and elegant rticles of needlework, which she gave away as memorials of her steem to the Nurses, the Chaplain, and others. There was always her countenance a deep trace of the sorrows she had passed brough, and pensiveness pervaded her words and actions, yet it was pensiveness imbued with much of the sweetness of hope, and rich peaceful resignation, she gained and kept the love of all around er, and when in eleven months after her admission, she breathed Ber last, there was no Nurse, and scarcely a Patient, who did not feel hat they had lost a friend. Her death was tranquil in the extreme. the moment of her departure, her face was for the first time ethted up with a radiant smile, and some minutes passed away ofore the bystanders could believe that her spirit had flown to where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." Inmate who is usually selfish and apathetic, had been so intested by the beautiful close of Ensor's career, that she composed ne verses of considerable merit upon her death. She gave a copy these verses to a discharged Patient, who had them privately ented at Nottingham; and some of these, to the surprise and gratiation of every one, were forwarded to the Asylum. It may perhaps right to add to this brief history a fact, which is creditable alike the Attendants of this Institution, and to those of the General ylum at Nottingham. The poor Patient had a yearning desire

Sympathy Body.

that her body might be buried near to her relatives. She had no funds by which this wish could be realised, yet nevertheless her Attendants assured her that this desire should be ministered to; and by subscriptions from this Asylum to the amount of £3. 17s., aided by £1.5s. from the Attendants at Nottingham, her remains were conveyed to that County, and repose in the quiet churchyard of Clifton.

It should have been stated, that the Commissioners in Lunacy visited this Asylum on two separate occasions during the past year and on each occasion left favourable Reports of the Asylum, of which the following are copies:—

Derby County Asylum, March 16, 1854.

There are 184 Patients in this Asylum, of whom 2 Males and the same number of Females are private Patients, and 98 Males are 82 Females are pauper. Nineteen of these are registered as being under medical treatment. No one is registered as being at presensubjected to seclusion, and we did not see any one secluded at the time of our visit. Since the commencement of the operation of the existing Act of Parliament (at the beginning of November last) the appear to have been twenty-six instances of seclusion, for she periods of time each, such instances, however, having reference on to ten Patients.

Commissioners' Reports.

Since the last visit of the Commissioners, on the 16th December 1852, 158 Patients have been admitted, 86 have been discharge and 36 have died; 16 deaths being ascribed to Paralysis, 3 Exhaustion after Mania, 5 to Epilepsy, 3 to Phthisis, 2 to General Debility, 1 to Suicide, (upon which an Inquest was held), and the rest to various other causes.

We learn on enquiry that about half the Patients are general

employed, 17 Males working on the Farm and Garden, and 33 in the House, and 12 Women being occupied in the Laundry, and 27 in the Wards.

About 80 Patients on an average attend the Church Service, which is read (together with a Sermon) on every Sunday by the Chaplain; and Prayers read on the week days by Dr. Hitchman.

The Dietary remains the same as heretofore. The dinner to-day consisted of rice-pudding in lieu of stew. The rations appeared to us to be ample.

We have to-day seen all the Patients, and have inspected the Rooms appropriated to their use. The Patients were remarkably tranquil, and the Wards, without any exception, clean, well-ventilated, and in good condition.

Altogether the Establishment appears to us to be in a satisfactory state.

B. W. PROCTOR, Commissioners in Lunacy.

Derby County Lunatic Asylum, Sept. 21, 1854.

There are now 229 Patients in this Asylum, of whom six only are private Patients; the remainder, to the number of 116 Males and 107 Females, being paupers.

We have this morning gone through and inspected all the Wards, and have seen and examined their Inmates.

The Patients at the time of our visit were remarkably quiet and orderly; and no one of either sex was in seclusion, which is, how-

ever, occasionally employed for short periods, in the case of violent and maniacal Patients. The different Galleries, Dormitories, and Sleeping-rooms were in excellent order, well-ventilated, clean, and free from any offensive smell.

In consequence of the long and unusual drought there has been a some deficiency in the supply of water; but we did not perceive any want of cleanliness, either in the persons of the Patients, or in the sinks and closets.

The bodily health of the Patients is generally very good, and there is no epidemic or serious illness among them. The names of twelve are registered as being under medical treatment.

Commissioners' Reports.

We are informed that about 68 of the Males are employed in the Garden and Farm; and upwards of 50 of the Females in the Laundry and Kitchen and at their needle. All the clothing as well as the shoes required in the Establishment are made by the labour of the Patients themselves.

We inspected the bedding of the Patients, which was clean comfortable, and of excellent quality.

We have made the various inquiries relative to the management of the Institution, directed by the statute, and have received satisfactory replies.

The condition of the Asylum altogether is creditable to those to whom more immediately its supervision and management are entrusted.

J. W. MYLNE, Commissioners in Lunacy.

Such is a brief outline of the Asylum's History during the passes. Although the retrospect be suggestive to the writer of many

dersonal shortcomings, yet it also awakens in him emotions of thankulness that during its progress the Establishment has never been douded by the presence of a pestilence, and that neither the wishes if the Suicide or the Homicide have been consummated. "Nisi dominus custodieret civitatem, frustra vigilat qui custodit eam."

The Resident Physician has now the pleasing duty to thank the committee of Visitors for their personal kindness and support, and express a hope that they may long continue to foster the Institution by their wise and benevolent exertions.

January 1st, 1855.

JOHN HITCHMAN.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

Since my appointment as Chaplain to your Asylum, I have always experienced satisfaction in the discharge of the duties belonging to that office.

The regular attendance at Chapel on Sundays of the majority of the Patients thich as you are aware is entirely voluntary)—their reverential behaviour throughs: the whole of the Service—the manner in which they repeat the responses, tite in singing the hymn, and their attention to the Sermon,—are evident proofs the deep interest they take in the performance of their religious duties.

One of the Female Patients, E. E., alluded to in pages 17 and 18 of Dr. tchman's Report for 1853, whom I visited continually, and to whom I administed the Holy Communion, afforded me great pleasure. Though incapacitated illness from attending the Services in the Chapel, I always found upon visiting that she was well acquainted with the subject of the previous Sunday's disurse (which of course must have been told her by other Patients); and when I alluded to the expected period of her dissolution, she always assured me to the was not afraid to die"—neither, indeed, was she, as from the whole tenor ther conversation it was evident that her hopes were based on the only true indation, Jesus Christ.

Several Men Patients have from time to time assured me that they have reved great benefit from my ministrations.

I cannot conclude without acknowledging the extreme kindness of Dr. Hitchwn, who upon all occasions has rendered me most valuable assistance and vice.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

January 10th, 1855.

GEORGE FRITCHE.

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DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE 1st JANUARY TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1854.

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FROM UNIONS AND PARISHES CONTRIBUTING.	INCOME FROM WEEKLY RATE FOR THE QUARTERS ENDING				HEADS OF		EXPENDITURE FROM WEEKLY RATE FOR THE QUARTERS ENDING							
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Examined. (Signed) H. SEYMOUR BLANE,

CHAIRMAN.

JOHN LANGLEY, CLERK & STEWARD.

The whole of the Repairs are done in the Asylum.

200 Aprons. 100 Bonnets. 200 Bolster Cases. 160 Boot Uppers. 170 Caps, Women's. 158 Ditto, Men's. Chemises. 12 Drawers. Gowns. 92 Ditto, night. 154 Handkerchiefs. 12 Men's Cloth Suits. 119 Mattress Covers. Pall. 103 Petticoats. 89 Pinafores. 140 Stocks. 154 Sheets. 225 Shirts. 70 Ditto, Flannel. 25 Shawls. 24 Shrouds. 12 Strong Dresses. 170 Towels.

RETURN OF CLOTHING AND BEDDING, MADE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS

BETWEEN THE 1st JANUARY AND THE 31st DECEMBER, 1854.

ABSTRACT OF SUPPLIES TO THE HOUSE FROM THE FARM AND GARDEN, from January 1 to December 31, 1854.

5039	lbs.	Pork.		
5039 180 5781 10	lbs. lbs.	Veal.		
5781	Galls.	Milk.		
	Tons	Ca		
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1	Ton			
18	s cwt.	Carrots.		
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129	ushels.	Beans.		
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6 1	wt. qı	Onions.		
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4	Tons c	Pot		
OX		Potatoes.		
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19	cwt.	Parsnips.		
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ю	h lb.	ips.		
494	Pecks.	Peas.		
1285	lbs.	Rhubarb.		
494 1285 1855	Heads.	Lettuce.		

	Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday				
	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	oz.	Bread.	Ma	В
	1	1	1	1		1	1	pt.	Milk Porridge.	Males.	REAL
	Ot.	<u>ت</u>	07	OT.	01	01	OT.	oz.	Bread.	Fem	BREAKFAST.
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	pt.	Milk Porridge.	Females.	T.
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-	14	:	:		:	:	.:	oz.	Pie or Pudding.	Males.	
-	:	:,	:	:	:	1	:	pt.	Soup.		
-	: -	:	12	:	:	:	:	oz.	Stew.		
	:	12	:	12	12	:	12	oz.	Vegetables.		DIN
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-	14	:	:	:	:	:	:	oz.	Pie or Pudding.	Females.	
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-	:	12	:	12	12	:	12	oz.	Vegetables.		
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ORDINARY DIET.

Workers & pint Beer extra at 11 o'clock a.m., and at 4 o'clock p.m. Laundry Women, & pint Beer, with Bread and Chases at 11 o'clock

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST OF EACH PATIENT.

s.	d.
5	834
2	01
0	6
3	$0\frac{1}{2}$
0	2
11	51/2

Average Daily Number of Patients, 207.