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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

LUNATIC ASYLUM

FOR THE

BOROUGH OF BIRMINGHAM,

PRESENTED TO THE

TOWN COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY, 1856,

BEING THEIR

Fifth Annual Report;

TOGETHER WITH THE

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CHAPLAIN;

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS, FOR THE YEAR 1855.

J. PALMER, Esq., MAYOR.

ALDERMAN LUCY, CHAIRMAN.

ALDERMAN T. PHILLIPS.

ALDERMAN C. STURGE.

COUNCILLOR F. DEE.

COUNCILLOR J. CARTER.

COUNCILLOR B. LUDLOW.

COUNCILLOR G. SMITH.

COUNCILLOR F. GRAY.

OFFICERS.

T. GREEN, M.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent.

REV. T. C. ONION, Chaplain.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk and Steward.

C. W. HOUGHTON, Matron.

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Borough Lunatic Asylum.

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS' FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Committee, in presenting their Annual Report, trust that the proceedings of the past year at the Asylum, will meet the approval of the Council.

The Council are already in possession of the working of the Establishment for the three first quarters of the year from the Reports presented to them. Your Committee now combine them with that of the last quarter, and submit to the Council the history of the Asylum for the year.

The number of Patients in the Asylum on the 1st January,

1855, was	...	...	273
Out on trial with their friends	...	...	2
			275
Admitted during the year	...	..	122
Total	...		397

DISCHARGED—Recovered	...	...	57
„ Relieved	...	..	11
„ Not improved	..	..	13
Escaped	..	..	3
Died	..	..	28
			112

Leaving in the Asylum on the 31st Decem- ber, 1855	...	...	...	285
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Of these 31 were private patients.

The financial state of the Asylum will be found fully set forth in Tables appended to this report, also Tables shewing the working of the Farm, Garden, and all else connected with the Establishment.

The Income for the past year is ... £7,261 19 11

The Expenditure (connected with Patients) 6,694 10 9

Your Committee have entered into a contract with the Visiting Justices to supply the Borough Prison with milk.

The whole of the Meat required for the Asylum has again been slaughtered at the Farm, and charged to the Patients at 6d. per lb.; the quality when examined, by the House Visitors, has always been found good. The balance in favour of the Farm transactions for the year is £75, 3s.

The charges to Parishes, Unions, &c., through the year have been as follows :

To Patients belonging to Birmingham 9s. 6d. per week.

To Patients belonging to out-lying Parishes 11s. „

To Private Patients ... 9s. 6d. & 12s. „

The Asylum continues in the same satisfactory condition as during the preceding years, and nothing has occurred since the last Annual Report to call for particular notice.

The health of the Patients, as will be seen from the Medical Report, has been uniformly good, and the mortality less than in any preceding year since the opening of the Asylum.

The occupation, as far as practicable, has been persevered in, and much labour has been performed by the Patients, especially in the laying-out of the grounds in the front of the House, of which more than half are now complete.

The Galleries and Day Rooms occupied by the Patients have had their share of attention also ; and now, from the extra furniture and other requisites provided for them, they have more the cheerful appearance of a home than heretofore ; it is

the intention of the Committee to continue thus furnishing and improving the Day Rooms and Galleries, as they may deem it expedient.

The workshop erected this year is found of great service for Patients to work in, when the weather is such they cannot get on the grounds, and at other times for a class of Patients not able to be out of doors. Many minor works have also been done by the Patients through the year, to the advantage of the Asylum.

The supply of water from the well has continued constant and good, and the ventilation and drainage of the House satisfactory.

The amusements provided for the Patients have been similar to those previously reported: the Monday Evening Concerts being most prominent; on these occasions the Patients' friends and some strangers are often admitted, and a pleasant evening is passed in singing, music, and dancing. Many of the Patients have been permitted to visit their friends in the town; this privilege in no one instance has been abused. Many instructive and amusing Lectures have also been delivered to the Patients by gentlemen of Birmingham, to which the Patients listen with seeming attention.

In conclusion, your Committee have the satisfaction to report well of every department of the Establishment.

C. STURGE, CHAIRMAN, 1856.

the intention of the Commission to continue this building and
improving the Bay Bridge and Harbor as they are situated at
present.

The workshop erected this year is found of great service
for Patients to work in when the weather is not very warm
yet on the grounds, and at other times for a class of Patients
not able to be out of doors. Many more work here also than
done by the Patients through the year in the advantage of the
Asylum.

At the same time it seems from the work that continued constant
and good that the ventilation and drainage of the House will
be found to be of great service to the Patients.

The arrangements provided for the Patients have been
similar to those previously reported: the Monday Evening
Concerts have been continued on their usual basis. The Patients
friends and some strangers are often admitted and a pleasant
evening is passed in singing, talking, and dancing. Many of the
Patients have been permitted to visit their friends in the city;
this privilege is no longer limited to the sick of course. Many
interesting and amusing lectures have also been delivered to
the Patients by gentlemen of distinguished attainments to which the Patients
listen with growing attention. It is to be hoped that the
In conclusion, your Commission have the satisfaction to
report that the work of the Institution, as far as the
management of the Patients is concerned, has been successful and
that the Patients are well and comfortable.

E. J. B. CHURCH, 1884.

Respectfully and obediently as always,
Yours very truly,
E. J. B. CHURCH.

Enclosed are the reports of the Patients and the
work of the Institution, as far as the management of the
Patients is concerned, for the year 1884.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

MALE DIETARY, 1855.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Gruel, made of $\frac{2}{3}$ Milk and $\frac{1}{3}$ Water, thickened with Oatmeal and Wheaten Flour, and 6 oz. of Bread ; or 1 pint of Tea and 6 oz. of Bread and Butter.

DINNER.

Sunday .	{ 10 oz. undressed Mutton, Beef, or Pork, free from bone (roasted) ; 16 oz. Potatoes, Greens, Carrots, or Parsnips ; 3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Monday and Thursday	{ Meat and Potatoe Pie, Crust 12 oz., Meat $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz., Potatoes 6 oz., Beer $\frac{1}{2}$ pint ; or 16 oz. Suet Pudding, with Raisins and Sweet Dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Tuesday and Friday.	{ 9 oz. undressed Mutton, Beef, or Pork, free from bone (boiled) ; 16 oz. Potatoes or other vegetables ; 3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Wednesday and Saturday	{ $1\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Pea Soup, and 6 oz. Bread ; or 16 oz. Rice or other Pudding, with $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, Extra diet on Soup days, same as Tuesday and Friday.

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter.

Extra Diet as per Medical Order.

TO WORKING PATIENTS.

At 11 o'clock, 4oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
At 4 o'clock, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, from Lady Day to Michaelmas Day.

TABLE II.

FEMALE DIETARY, 1855.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter.

DINNER.

Sunday .	{	9 oz. undressed Mutton, Beef, or Pork, free from bone (roasted); 12 oz. Potatoes, Greens, Carrots, or Parsnips; 3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Monday and Thursday	{	Meat and Potatoe Pie, Crust 9 oz., Meat 2 oz., Potatoes $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz., Beer $\frac{1}{2}$ pint; or 12 oz. Suet Pudding, with Raisins and Sweet Dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Tuesday and Friday	{	8 oz. undressed Mutton, Beef, or Pork, free from bone (boiled); 12 oz. Potatoes or other Vegetables, 3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Wednesday and Saturday	{	1 Pint Pea Soup, and 6 oz. Bread; or 12 oz. Rice, or other Pudding. Extra diet on Soup days. The same as Tuesday and Friday.

TEA.

1 pint Tea, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter.

Extra Diet as per Medical Order.

LAUNDRY WORKERS AND HOUSE CLEANERS.

At 11 o'clock, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.

TABLE III.

OFFICERS, ATTENDANTS, AND SERVANTS,

WITH THE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE YEAR

1855.

	Per Annum,		
1 Medical Superintendent—house, fuel, and gas .	£350	0	0
1 Chaplain	100	0	0
1 Matron— board, apartments, and washing	60	0	0
1 Clerk and Steward—ditto ditto ditto .	160	0	0
1 Assistant Steward	30	0	0
1 Engineer—house, fuel, and gas	78	0	0
1 Assistant Engineer	54	12	0
1 Carpenter	84	18	8
2 Farm Bailiff & Dairy Woman—house, fuel, & gas	78	0	0
2 Garden and Lodge Keeper ditto ditto .	65	0	0
1 Baker and Brewer—board, lodging, and washing	30	0	0
2 Laundresses . ditto ditto ditto .	32	0	0
1 Cook . ditto ditto ditto .	20	0	0
1 Kitchen Maid . ditto ditto ditto .	9	0	0
2 House Maids . ditto ditto ditto .	18	0	0
7 Male Day Attendants ditto ditto ditto .	175	0	0
1 „ Night ditto ditto ditto .	25	0	0
8 Female Day Attendants ditto ditto .	135	0	0
1 „ Night Attendant ditto ditto .	16	0	0
2 Farm Labourers	104	0	0
	£1624 0 0		

TABLE IV.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, ETC., MADE BY THE
FEMALE PATIENTS IN

1855.

Linen Shirts	187
Linen Chemises	195
Dresses	169
Petticoats	85
Pairs Drawers	11
Day Caps	244
Night Gowns	43
Neckerchiefs	132
Pocket Handkerchiefs	144
Aprons	145
Men's Aprons	35
Sheets	280
Pillow Cases	197
Table Cloths	25
Towels	202
Window Blinds	49
Window Valances	32
Chair Cushions	16
Settee Cushions	4
Men's Frocks	38
Flannel Vests	11
Pillow Ticks	30
Mattress Cases	25
Shrouds	17
Carpets	124
Tray Cloths	14
Knitted Hose (pairs)	117
Re-footed Hose (pairs)	105
Scarfs	44

TABLE V.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING DELIVERED OUT
OF STORE IN THE YEAR

1855.

FEMALES.		MALES.	
Aprons . . .	161	Cloth Jackets . . .	38
Prints and Woollen } Dresses . . . }	147	Cloth Waistcoats . . .	41
Bonnets . . .	44	Cloth & Cord Trousers } (pairs) . . . }	45
Boots and Shoes . (pairs)	165	Caps and Hats . . .	130
Day Caps . . .	213	Boots and Shoes . (pairs)	75
Night Caps . . .	76	Flannel Vests . . .	14
Flannel Chemises . . .	10	Stockings . . (pairs)	180
Stockings . . (pairs)	276	Stocks, Neckerchiefs, } and Scarfs . . . }	110
Strong Dresses . . .	24	Shirts . . .	136
Bed Gowns . . .	37	Braces . . . (pairs)	118
Stays . . . (pairs)	16	Belts . . .	6
Shawls . . .	13	Aprons . . .	19
Petticoats . . .	69	Summer Frocks . . .	17
Chemises . . .	158	Gloves . . . (pairs)	10
Neck and Pocket Hand- } kerchiefs . . . }	148	Shrouds . . .	14
Shrouds . . .	7	Tick Dress . . .	1

TABLE VI.

PATIENTS HOW DAILY EMPLOYED.

MALES.	FEMALES.
On the Grounds . . .	At Sewing . . .
At the Farm . . .	„ Knitting . . .
Cleaning Galleries . . .	House Cleaning . . .
At Stone Breaking . . .	Cleaning Galleries . . .
As House Porters . . .	In the Laundry . . .
„ Town Porters . . .	„ Kitchen . . .
„ Attendant . . .	„ Matron's Apart- ments . . .
At Tailoring . . .	
„ Upholstering . . .	
Grinding Corn . . .	
In Medical Superinten- dent's House }	
In the Stores . . .	
In the Dispensary . . .	
In the Kitchen . . .	
With the Carpenter . . .	
„ Stoker . . .	
„ Baker . . .	

TABLE VII.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR 1855.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males .	130	127	129	131	127	129	132	133	130	127	126	127	129
Females .	143	149	152	153	151	152	152	153	157	156	155	156	152 ⁷ ₁₂
Total .	273	276	281	284	278	281	284	286	287	283	281	283	281 ⁷ ₁₂

Greatest number of Patients in the Asylum in the year, 292—September 5th, 1855.

Lowest number of Patients in the Asylum in the year, 275—May 9th, 1855.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED FOR THE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males .	63	52	65	71	70	71	69	73	75	71	67	62	67 ⁵ ₁₂
Females .	101	100	101	107	109	103	104	103	105	107	104	104	104
Total .	164	152	166	178	179	174	173	176	180	178	171	166	171 ⁵ ₁₂

Greatest number of Patients employed for the year, 186—August 3rd.

Number of times the Patients have been visited, 3522—

Number of Friends to visit the Patients . 5412—

TABLE VIII.

PARISHES, UNIONS, ETC., TO WHICH PATIENTS BELONG, WITH ADMISSIONS.
DISCHARGES, ETC., FOR THE YEAR 1855.

Parishes, Unions, and Private Patients.	In the Asylum, 1st January, 1855.	Admitted.	Total.	Dis- charged.	Escaped.	Died.	Total Dis- charged, Died, &c.	Remaining in Asylum 31st Decem- ber, 1855.
Birmingham Parish .	192	47	239	24	2	16	42	197
Birmingham Borough	10	11	21	2	1	—	3	18
Aston Union .	24	16	40	6	—	5	11	29
Boston Union .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Bridgnorth Borough .	2	4	6	2	—	2	4	2
Cheltenham Union .	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Daventry Union .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
King's Norton Union	4	1	5	2	—	—	2	3
Ludlow Union .	—	2	2	1	—	—	1	1
St. George's Union .	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	—
Temple Parish, Bristol	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Private Patients .	40	39	79	43	—	5	48	31
	275	122	397	81	3	28	112	285

TABLE IX.

INCOME FROM PARISHES, UNIONS, PRIVATE PATIENTS, AND GOODS
SOLD FOR THE YEAR 1855.

Parishes Unions, &c.	March 31st.	June 30th.	September 30th.	December 31st.	For the Year.
Birmingham Parish .	1191 4 8	1191 3 0	1199 15 5	1220 3 4	4810 6 5
Birmingham Borough .	77 11 9	77 3 2	85 14 2	98 13 3	339 2 4
Aston Union .	144 16 7	163 5 9	194 18 9	187 10 3	690 11 4
Bedford Union .	—	—	3 12 4	—	3 12 4
Boston Union .	5 12 5	7 3 0	7 4 7	7 4 7	27 4 7
Bridgnorth Union .	16 3 8	31 19 7	34 6 5	14 18 7	97 8 3
Cheltenham Union .	—	—	—	2 16 7	2 16 7
Daventry Union .	7 1 5	7 3 0	7 4 7	7 4 7	28 13 7
King's Norton Union .	22 12 11	21 12 2	25 19 4	22 0 7	92 5 0
Ludlow Union .	3 7 7	6 18 3	3 10 9	7 4 7	21 1 2
St. George's Parish, Southwark.	5 2 2	18 10	—	—	6 1 0
Temple Parish Bristol .	7 1 5	7 3 0	7 4 7	7 4 7	28 13 7
Private Patients .	264 7 10	267 3 1	275 10 5	257 9 5	1064 10 9
Sundries Sold .	7 15 6	9 13 7	8 15 11	23 8 0	49 13 0
	1752 17 11	1799 6 5	1853 17 3	1855 18 4	7261 19 11

TABLE X.

ARTICLES DELIVERED OUT OF STORE FROM JANUARY 1ST, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1855.

ARTICLES.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total Quantities.
Meat	3837	3180	3662	3690	3628	3496	3728	3750	3701	3749	3624	3953	43,998 lbs.
Flour	526	490½	571½	534½	575	573	557	592½	618	546	549½	587	6,720½ stone
Bread	8845	8070	8833	8768	9235	9131	9431	9503	9479	9707	9386	9131	109,518
Potatoes	50	67	62	42	58	66½	35	17	43	62	66	62	630½ bbls.
Vegetables	6	3	5	4	6	5	9	12	21½	6	3	5	£80 3 1
Cheese	274	217	260	268	252	234	273	256	232	291	249	287	3,093 lbs.
Butter	450	375	389	466	394	392	474	389	414	445	410	438	5,036 "
Eggs	98	94	223	267	226	151	195	236	164	136	85	122	1,997
Fish	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	..	0	0	£7 9 10
Poultry and Game	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	£8 10 1
Malt	28	48	48	49	65	49	50	70	50	56	65	30	608 bshls.
Hops	28	48	49	44	49	38	45	58	44	45	57	25	530 lbs.
Beer	789	703	807	852	898	869	891	900	877	907	828	840	10,161 glns.
Ale	42	41	50	49	44	54	66	79	90	93	91	122	821 "
Porter	36	24	36	24	36	24	24	36	48	36	36	36	396 pints.
Wine	14	2	3	4	2	2	3	3	4	3	1	14	55 btls.
Spirits	5	7	3	..	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	17	43 "
Milk	261	278	319	364	309	343	294	325	277	304	304	269	3,647 glns.
Tea	91½	75	76½	94½	75½	76	94	77	59	93	74	93	979 lbs.
Coffee	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	3	2	1	3	38 "
Raw Sugar	436	359	343	441	360	343	419	352	352	446	352	463	4,666 "
Lump Sugar	7	7	10	10	9	3	7	6	9	10	9	3	90 "
Rice	24	18	12	20	22	34	20	..	36	20	..	18	224 "
Oatmeal	98	70	70	70	56	56	70	56	56	84	56	56	798 "
Arrow Root	2	4	5	7	3	3	6	5	3	4	3	4	49 "
Split Peas	176	198	198	176	198	198	176	198	176	198	118	176	2,186 "
Currants	..	..	..	4	4	..	11	5	..	..	26	33	83 "
Raisins	53	25	52	67	56	59	65	84	42	51	104	87	745 "
Fruit	..	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	£8 6 3

TABLE XI.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE

INCOME.

Heads of Income.	March 31st.			June 30th.			Sept. 30th.			Dec. 31st.			Total.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.
For Maintenance, &c., from Parishes and Unions, received and due	1471	11	2	1515	0	9	1561	18	5	1569	9	11	6118	0
Receipts from Private Patients	264	7	10	267	3	1	275	10	5	257	9	5	1064	10
Sundries sold from the House	7	15	6	9	13	7	8	15	11	23	8	0	49	13
Repayments for removal of Patients	3	4	5	1	15	6	0	2	6	..			5	2
Repayments for Fu- neral Expenses	5	19	0	5	13	6	7	10	0	5	11	0	24	13
	1752	17	11	1799	6	5	1853	17	3	1855	18	4	7261	19

TABLE XI.—(Continued).

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1855.

EXPENDITURE.

Heads of Expenditure,	March 31 st .			June 30 th .			Sept. 30 th .			Dec. 31 st .			Total.		
Provisions.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Meat	266	11	5	271	0	5	282	5	6	282	4	6	1102	1	10
Flour	226	16	7	248	15	0	225	5	0	237	18	0	938	14	7
Tea and Coffee.....	37	11	8	36	4	2	36	17	9	38	0	4	148	13	11
Sugar	19	9	4	19	10	9	19	8	5	26	16	10	85	5	4
Cheese and Butter	78	1	10	81	7	9	78	0	8	84	1	7	321	11	10
Beer, Ale, Porter, & Yeast	99	8	2	83	3	0	89	19	9	75	6	7	347	17	6
Wine and Spirits.....	4	12	4	1	12	8	2	7	4	5	15	4	14	7	8
Fish, Poultry, & Game ..	2	2	4	3	10	9	6	12	0	3	14	4	15	19	5
Potatoes & other Vegtbls.	42	6	1	41	15	10	51	9	11	43	8	11	179	0	9
Oatmeal and Split Peas..	5	14	2	5	3	4	4	18	2	5	15	11	21	11	7
Arrowroot, Rice, & Sago	0	16	7	0	19	3	1	9	5	1	18	3	5	3	6
Currants, Raisins, & Fruit	2	16	5	3	12	1	6	6	0	11	6	9	24	1	3
Milk and Eggs.....	30	6	1	36	11	0	32	6	11	30	13	3	129	17	3
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, and Pepper	1	17	7	2	1	0	2	17	1	2	7	3	9	2	11
Spices	..	..	..	0	7	6	0	2	3	0	8	5	0	18	2
Tobacco, Snuff, & Pipes..	4	2	3	4	13	3	5	7	3	4	17	6	19	0	3
Drugs	14	11	4	13	17	3	12	16	11	14	19	1	56	4	7
House and other Expenses.															
Erecting workshop.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	17	8	102	17	8
Coal.....	172	14	2	137	17	10	106	12	6	83	12	9	500	17	3
Gas	43	14	9	13	14	6	11	6	3	58	7	7	127	3	1
Firewood and Matches ..	1	7	10	0	4	2	0	5	9	2	10	1	4	7	10
Candles, and Lamp Oil ..	3	16	2	2	13	6	3	17	0	2	7	5	12	14	1
Soap, Soda, Starch & Blue	20	16	0	20	0	1	20	11	0	20	16	6	82	3	7
Brushes, and Scouring Flannel	18	13	0	19	14	6	18	10	10	22	1	2	78	19	6
Blacking, Black Lead, & Bath Bricks	1	9	6	0	13	10	0	10	8	0	12	9	3	6	9
Paint, Oil, Turpentine, &c	5	13	1	9	4	10	5	7	7	4	0	1	24	5	7
Stamps, Books, Station- ery, &c.	11	11	1	24	13	10	14	0	9	26	1	1	76	6	9
Salaries, and Wages	369	6	0	352	10	6	356	2	6	355	11	1	1433	10	1
Patients' Clothing	93	12	10	73	3	1	89	8	0	77	10	11	333	14	10
Removal of Patients	3	4	5	1	15	6	0	2	6	..	..	..	5	2	5
Advances from Private Patients	4	12	1	0	15	5	3	14	1	3	6	0	12	7	7
Wear & Tear of Furniture, at 10 per Cent.	91	10	9	91	10	10	91	10	10	91	10	10	366	3	3
Funeral Expenses	4	15	10	4	13	3	5	15	0	4	8	6	19	12	7
Taxes	1	17	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	6	3	15	11
Insurance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	17	6	22	17	6
Sundries.....	6	14	6	14	10	11	13	3	3	30	4	5	64	13	1
Balance	60	4	3	177	4	10	254	8	5	75	11	8	567	9	2
	1752	17	11	1799	6	5	1853	17	3	1855	18	4	7261	19	11

TABLE XII.

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS,
WITH THE WEEKLY COST FOR EACH QUARTER, THE
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR,
AND THE AVERAGE COST PER WEEK FOR THE SAME.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter	
ending March 31st	277
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period .	9s. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter	
ending June 30th	281
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period .	8s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter	
ending September 30th	285
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period .	8s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter	
ending December 31st	283
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period .	9s. 8d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Year .	281
Average Weekly Cost per Patient for the Year .	9s 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

SUMMARY OF COST PER PATIENT PER WEEK
FOR THE YEAR 1855.

Provisions, Drugs, Wine, &c., per Patient	3 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Provisions for Officers, Attendants and Servants	0 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
House and other Expenses, with Wear and Tear of 10 per Cent. on Furniture	2 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Patients' Clothing, with repairs of same	0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Salaries and Wages	1 11
	9 1 $\frac{1}{4}$

TABLE XIII.

FARM LAND, 1855.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	
To Green Vegetables supplied to the					By Stock of Parsnips and Plants,					
House			13	6	7	January 1st, 1855		30	10	0
„ Parsnips sold			17	6	6	„ Manure Purchased		23	9	2
„ Potatoes sold			7	10	0	„ Bone Manure		6	10	0
„ 14 Bushels of New Potatoes supplied						„ Manure from Farm Yard		15	0	0
to the House			2	16	0	„ Seed Potatoes purchased		10	7	0
„ 680 Bushels of Potatoes.			102	0	0	„ Seed Potatoes from the House and				
„ Refuse Hay to Cattle			4	0	0	Garden		25	1	6
„ Turnips supplied to Cattle			1	5	0	„ Seeds purchased		3	4	6
„ Potatoes supplied to Farm Bailiff			0	19	6	„ Implements and Repairs		1	17	4
„ 45½ Tons of Sweed Turnips			45	10	0	„ *Wages to Labourers		104	5	11
„ 25 Tons of Mangold Wurtzel.			25	0	0	„ Cabbage Plants		0	4	0
„ 2 Tons of Parsnips			6	0	0	„ Profit on the Year's transactions		15	16	11
„ 97 Bushels of Pig Potatoes			3	12	9					
„ Grass Keep to Horse and Sheep			7	0	0					
			£236	6	4			£236	6	4

* This is charged in lieu of Rent

TABLE XIV.

GARDEN LAND, 1855.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.			
To Vegetables supplied to the House to					By Stock of Vegetables as per Valua-							
December 31st					56	9	2	tion, March 16th, 1855		13	17	0
" Potatoes sold					2	9	0	Plants and Seeds purchased		5	1	7
" Seed Potatoes to the Farm					9	8	0	" Manure purchased		19	1	9
" Refuse Vegetables to the Farm					1	14	0	" Manure from Farm Yard		5	0	0
" Stock as per Valuation, December					20	17	0	" Implements		7	3	11
31st, 1855					9	18	0	Taxes		0	9	10
" Loss								43 Weeks' Wages to Gardener		43	0	0
								" 9 Months' Rent, to December 31st,				
								1855		7	1	1
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TABLE XV.

CATTLE ACCOUNT, 1855.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To	29 Fat Beast killed, 20,664 lbs. Beef at 6d.	516	12	0	By	Stock as per Valuation, January 1st, 1855.	103	0	0
"	3,714 Gallons of Milk supplied to the House	123	16	0	"	30 Fat Beast and Milking Cows purchased	537	4	7
"	1,229 Gallons of New Milk supplied to the Prison	66	9	0	"	Exchange in Two Milking Cows	13	0	0
"	683 lbs. Fresh Butter	34	3	0	"	28 $\frac{1}{4}$ Tons of Sweed Turnips	28	5	0
"	Fat sold	30	17	5	"	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tons of Mangold Wurtzel	15	10	0
"	Hides sold	32	11	1	"	9 Cwt. of Oil Cake	6	1	0
"	One Cow sold	15	0	0	"	2 Bags of Beans	2	2	6
"	Butter and Milk supplied to Farm Bailiff	3	18	0	"	8 Cwt. of Bean Meal	4	18	0
"	Two tons of Sweed Turnips supplied to Pigs and Sheep	2	0	0	"	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ Tons of Hay	43	1	5
"	Three tons of Mangold Wurtzel supplied to Pigs	3	0	0	"	4 Tons 18 cwt. of Straw	11	17	4
"	Lay for Horses	5	15	0	"	1836 Bushels of Grains	33	2	10
"	Eleven Bushels of Potatoes from Ground Rented	1	13	0	"	Refuse Hay and Vegetables	4	5	6
"	Stock of 6 Cows, December, 31st, 1855	110	0	0	"	Rent for Grass Keep	16	0	0
					"	Cow Leech	1	16	0
					"	Cattle Tube	0	10	6
					"	Expenses from Farm Sundries.	100	0	0
					"	Per Cent. on Farm Buildings Repairs Act.	4	19	0
					"	Profit on the Year's Transactions	20	0	10

TABLE XVI.

PIG ACCOUNT, 1855.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To 88 Pigs killed, 11,227 lbs. Pork at 6d.	280 13 6	By Stock of Pigs as per Valuation, Jan. 1, 1855	78 12 0
" Bones Sold from the Wash	11 0 0	" 41 Pigs purchased	67 3 0
" Stock of 31 Pigs, December 31st, 1855	65 0 0	" 97 Cwt. of Sharps	38 18 9
		" 5 Cwt. of Bran	1 12 6
		" 44 Bushels of Barley	10 8 0
		" 2 Cwt of Pea Meal	1 4 0
		" 22 Cwt. of Sweed Turnips	1 2 0
		" 60 Cwt. Mangold Wurtzel	3 0 0
		" 649 Bushels of Grains	12 1 10
		" 136 Bushels of Potatoes	6 12 9
		" Refuse Vegetables	1 8 6
		" One Year's Wash from Prison and Asylum	20 0 0
		" One Year's Wash from the Workhouse, to	
		March 26th, 1856	8 0 0
		" 50 Cwt. of Straw	6 7 2
		" Pig Cutter and use of Hog	0 12 0
		" Expenses from Farm Sundries	60 10 11
		" Profit on the Year's Transactions	39 0 1
	£356 13 6		£356 13 6

TABLE XVII.

SHEEP ACCOUNT, 1855.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To 119 Sheep killed, 10,935 lbs. Mutton at 6d.	273	7	6
" Fat sold	25	7	3
" Skins sold	25	16	1
	£324	10	10

TABLE XVIII.

POULTRY ACCOUNT, 1855.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Poultry supplied to the House	7 13 3	By Stock as per Valuation, January 1, 1855	6 8 0
" 1825 Eggs	7 12 1	" Ducks Purchased	1 3 0
" Eggs Sold	1 1 2	" Pigeon purchased	0 2 6
" Stock 31st December, 1855	7 0 0	" Barley supplied	9 9 10
		" Peas ditto	4 1 4
		" Wheat ditto	1 15 8
		" Potatoes ditto	0 3 0
		" Profit on the Years's Transactions	0 3 2
	<u>£23 6 6</u>		<u>£23 6 6</u>

TABLE XIX.

HORSE ACCOUNT, 1855.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Amount to Farm Sundries . . .	35	9	5	By One Horse as per Valuation, Jan. 1, 1855	30	0	0
„ One Horse as per Valuation, Dec. 31, 1855	25	0	0	„ Nine Bags of Oats . . .	8	4	0
				„ 30½ Cwt. of Hay . . .	8	17	11
				„ 28 Cwt. of Straw . . .	3	12	1
				„ Six Bags of Beans . . .	6	9	0
				„ Grass Keep from the Farm . . .	2	0	0
				„ Shoeing Smith . . .	1	6	5
					£60	9	5

TABLE XX.

FARM AND GARDEN IMPLEMENTS, 1855.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Twelve Months' Wear and Tear to Farm				By Balance from last Year's Account . . .	234	15	2
„ Sundries, at 10 per cent . . .	23	9	6				
„ Balance . . .	211	5	8				
					£234	15	2

TABLE XXI.

FARM SUNDRIES ACCOUNT 1855.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To Manure from the Farm Yard .	.	20	0	0	By 52 Weeks' Wages to Bailiff and Wife	.	78	0	0
, Amount carried to Cattle Account .	.	100	0	0	" 26 Weeks' Wages to Farm Labourer	.	26	0	0
, Ditto Pig Account .	.	60	10	11	" 41 Tons 16 Cwt. of Coal	.	20	7	2
, Ditto Sheep Account .	.	11	15	10	" Implements and Repairs .	.	4	8	9
					" Taxes .	.	3	9	0
					" Horse Expenses .	.	35	9	5
					" Wear and Tear of Farm and Garden	.			
					Implements, at 10 per Cent. .	.	23	9	6
					" Sundries .	.	1	2	11
							<u>£192</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

TABLE XXII.

SUMMARY OF FARM, GARDEN, AND STOCK ACCOUNT, 1855.

	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.			EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.		
To Farm Land .	.	.	236	6	4	By Farm Land .	.	. 220 9 5
" Garden Land	.	.	.	90	17	" Garden Land.	.	. 100 15 2
" Cattle Account	.	.	.	945	14	" Cattle Account	.	. 925 13 8
" Pig Account .	.	.	.	356	13	" Pig Account .	.	. 317 13 5
" Sheep Account	.	.	.	324	10	" Sheep Account	.	. 314 10 10
" Poultry Account	.	.	.	23	6	" Poultry Account	.	. 23 3 4
						" Balance on the Year's Transactions.	.	. 75 3 0
		£1977 8 10						
					£1977 8 10			

TABLE XXIII.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE ASYLUM, DECEMBER 31, 1855.

LIABILITIES.			£	s.	d.	ASSETS.			£	s.	d.
To Tradesmen's Accounts	.	.	979	2	11	By Parishes and Unions	.	.	1603	0	3
" Borough Treasurer's Current Account	.	.	4452	1	7	" Drapery Furniture, with 10 per Cent off	.	Cent off	1123	13	1
" Balance	.	.	387	0	3	" Cabinet Furniture	ditto	ditto	1236	4	8
						" Ironmongery Furniture	ditto	ditto	382	14	6
						" Earthenware and Glass Furniture	ditto	ditto	112	18	0
						" Farm and Garden Implements	ditto	ditto	211	5	8
						" Library and Books for Chapel	ditto	ditto	22	19	8
						" Drapery and Clothing Stock	.	.	335	12	6
						" Provisions, Coal, and other Stores	.	.	386	8	0
						" Live Stock at Farm	.	.	207	0	0
						" Stock on Farm and Garden Land	.	.	84	7	0
						" Engineer's Stock	.	.	29	17	9
						" Carpenter's Stock	.	.	39	10	11
						" Cash in hand, December 31st, 1855	.	.	42	11	9

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BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to lay before you the following Report on the condition and management of the Asylum, during the year 1855, together with the usual Statistical Tables.

The admissions during the year have been 122, of whom 39 were Private, and 83 Pauper Patients, which together with the 275 left at the end of the previous year, make a total of 397 Patients who have been under treatment. Of this number 59 left the Asylum recovered—being 49 per cent. upon the admissions; and 11 others in an improved or convalescent state. The proportion of recoveries is much larger among the Private than Pauper Patients, 83 of the latter having afforded only 34 recoveries, or 40 per cent., whilst 39 admissions of the former class gave 25 recoveries, or 64 per cent. And in addition to this, five of the eight Private Patients who were taken away from the Asylum in an improved or convalescent state, have since been ascertained to have advanced speedily to complete recovery. If these were added to the successful cases, as not improperly they might be, the number would be increased to 30, or more than 76 per cent.

It is worthy of inquiry to what cause this great difference in the curability of the two classes is to be attributed, there being

nothing in their relative social position, in their habits or occupations, fully to account for it. Doubtless it is owing to the one class being sent to the Asylum at a much earlier period of the malady than the other. With Paupers, and more so with those who are not strictly Paupers, but who for want of adequate means are obliged to seek admission to the Asylum through the medium of the parish, many obstacles occur to cause delay ; and this delay is always increased in the Birmingham Parish by the uniform practice of sending these Patients to the Workhouse in the first instance. I have repeatedly protested against this practice, and have pointed out its evil effects ; but as yet in vain. Take one case in illustration : in Birmingham, insanity is often brought on by fluctuations in trade—by a state of depression succeeding period of prosperity. A working man, or little tradesman, hitherto in flourishing circumstances, suddenly finds his means so far curtailed, that he is compelled to resort to his hard earned savings, which are soon exhausted. With the fear of poverty ever before him, he broods over his altered prospects—it may be that he takes to drinking, which hastens the catastrophe ; finally the mind gives way, and he is a lunatic. This is no imaginary or uncommon case, and I ask what can be worse than to send such a man to the very place, the dread of which has been the cause of his malady.

The mortality has been lower than in any other year since the Asylum opened. The number of deaths was 28, being 23 per cent. upon the admissions, or 25 per cent. upon the discharges. In 8 cases death was ascertained to have been caused by disease of the brain alone ; in 9 by a combination of cerebral, with thoracic or abdominal disease, and in 1 by dysentery ; this Patient was nearly moribund from that disease when admitted. In the 10 other cases in which no post-mortem inspection was made, the deaths are registered as occurring from apoplexy 2 ; epilepsy 1 ; maniacal exhaustion 2 ; phthisis 2 ; general para-

lysis 3. In one case a Coroner's inquiry was deemed requisite. At five o'clock one morning, a male epileptic was found dead upon the floor, having been seen an hour before by the Night Attendant, and he was then well. Softening at the base of the brain, which was found on examination, was considered a satisfactory cause for the sudden manner in which the case terminated.

Three male Patients made their escape, two of whom had recovered. One of these, a criminal lunatic, had been reported well, and the order for his discharge was received shortly after he left; the other would have been reported at the next meeting of the Committee. The third Patient after wandering about the country for a month, voluntarily returned to the Asylum; but too late to be taken in without a fresh certificate. He was therefore placed in the hands of the police, in the expectation that when brought before the magistrates they would order his immediate readmission to the Asylum as a "wandering lunatic," according to the Provision of the Lunacy Act, s. 68; but instead of this course being adopted, he was sent to the Workhouse, where he still remains. This man's usual demeanour was harmless and inoffensive; but at times he was irascible and easily irritated, and then was prone to attack any one near him, not hesitating to make use of any weapon that lay within his reach.

Some efforts have been made to find additional employment for the male Patients, and further plans are under consideration. Since the last Report a large shed has been erected for this purpose, in which a dozen Patients are engaged in Stone-breaking, which seems likely to afford a regular and profitable source of employment.

The Monday Evening Concerts have been attended as before by about 150 Patients of both sexes, and have produced as great an amount of enjoyment. These meetings are frequently visited by former Patients, who kindly give their services in helping to entertain their less fortunate brethren.

During the summer months an attempt was made to interest the Patients by the delivery of Lectures upon such popular subjects as would afford amusement combined with instruction, and so far as the experiment has been carried, it has been decidedly successful. Some of the subjects chosen by the Gentlemen who liberally lent their aid to the undertaking, such as Combustion, The Atmosphere, The Discoveries of Layard, &c., were illustrated by experiments or diagrams, which by appealing to the eye as well as the ear, obtained the devoted attention of an audience of more than 100 Patients, many of whom afterwards spoke to me in the warmest terms of the gratification they had experienced. But a plan of this kind could not be carried out on anything like an adequate scale by the Officers of the Institution alone, consequently they have been compelled to seek the assistance of others. Some little help has been promised for the ensuing summer ; and I confidently hope that among the enlightened inhabitants of Birmingham, many will be found who will kindly volunteer their services in aiding so good a work.

The health of the Patients during the year which has just expired has been remarkably good, better than in any previous one ; and the Establishment has been free from any epidemic or endemic disorder, for although in the early part of the year fever was prevalent round the neighbourhood of the Asylum, it failed to gain any footing within its boundaries.

For the first, and only time since the Asylum opened, it has been found necessary to resort to instrumental restraint. The case was a surgical one, caused by the Patient's self-violence, and the restraint was used to prevent further mischief. In the first instance a leather belt was used, to which the wrists were secured by straps. Shortly after it was put on, the Patient himself pointed out its inefficiency (it should be stated that his mental condition was characterised by paroxysms of maniacal

frenzy, with intervals of rationality), and requested that it might be made more secure. This being found impracticable, on the spur of the moment the sleeves of a common jacket were lengthened, so that it might be used after the manner of an ordinary strait waistcoat, and this fully answered the purpose. As further security, an Attendant was constantly in the room with him both day and night, and another within call; but such was the Patient's strength and violence during the paroxysms, that it was as much as both could do, even by the aid of the waistcoat, to prevent him from committing further injury. On the evening of the third day, thinking the paroxysm had so far subsided that the waistcoat might be dispensed with, I wished to remove it, but to this he decidedly objected. I therefore kept it on unfastened for three days longer, when it was finally taken away. At one time this Patient refused all sustenance, and it was feared that a resort to compulsory feeding would become necessary, but his resistance was fortunately overcome by a short inhalation of chloroform, an expedient to which I have successfully resorted in similar emergencies—the patient recovered.

This case, the details of which are for obvious reasons withheld, is I believe without precedent, both as regards the manner in which the injury was inflicted, and its extent. It was an exceptional case, and cannot therefore be cited as an argument in favour of mechanical restraint as a rule. Such extraordinary cases must ever be met by unusual measures—their treatment cannot be guided by or be taken as a guide for those of more common occurrence.

The boon which after mature deliberation you more than a year ago granted to the Profession, in opening to it the practice of the Asylum, has not yet produced its full fruits. A few gentlemen have taken advantage of this valuable privilege, and when it becomes better known it is to be expected that a

knowledge of the nature and treatment of mental disease, now an essential part of a medical education, will be more generally sought for by the junior members of the profession where the means of obtaining it are so ample.

THOMAS GREEN,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1855.

				Private.		Pauper.				Total
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Patients in the House Jan. 1, 1855 ..				23	17	110	125	133	142	275
Admitted during that year				23	16	33	50	56	66	122
				46	33	143	175	189	208	397
Discharged Recovered				15	8	12	19			
„ Improved				5	4	2	2			
„ Unimproved				5	6	1	2			
„ By Escape				—	—	*3	—			
„ By Death				3	2	15	8	61	51	112
Remaining on the 1st of January, 1856				18	13	110	144	128	157	285

Average daily number, 128 Males, 152 Females.—280.

*Two of these had recovered.

TABLE II.

TOTAL ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, AND DISCHARGES.

	Admissions.			Deaths.			DISCHARGES.									Total Deaths and Discharges.			Remain from each Year's Admissions.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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TABLE III.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE
FIRST OF JANUARY, 1856.

						M.	F.	TOTAL.	
As to probability of Recovery						Curable ...	28	49	77
						Incurable .	100	108	208
									185
Social State	{	Married	.	.	.	44	53	97	
		Single .	.	.	.	73	86	159	
		Widowed	.	.	.	11	18	29	
									285
Epileptic	.	.	.	.	.	94	29	53	
Paralytic	.	.	.	.	.	11	11	22	
Congenital Imbeciles	.	.	.	.	.	10	9	19	
Criminal Lunatics	.	.	.	.	.	7	7	14	

TABLE IV.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 122 CASES
ADMITTED IN 1855.

						M.	F.	TOTAL.
Mania	.	.	.	.	.	33	47	80
Mania with Paralysis	.	.	.	.	.	8	1	9
Mania with Epilepsy	.	.	.	.	.	5	2	7
Melancholia	.	.	.	.	.	6	10	16
Dementia and Imbecility	.	.	.	.	.	2	4	6
Ditto	ditto	with	Paralysis	.	.	2	0	2
Ditto	ditto	with	Epilepsy	.	.	0	2	2
						56	66	122

TABLE V.

DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF
ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Not exceeding One Month	27	32	59
„ „ Three Months	7	15	22
„ „ Six Months	4	6	10
„ „ Twelve Months	5	5	10
„ „ Two Years	6	3	9
Above Two Years	7	5	12
	56	66	122
Cases of more than one attack .	11	9	20

TABLE VI.

AGES OF THE 122 PATIENTS ON ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Under 15	2	0	2
From 15 to 20	9	4	13
„ 20 „ 30	7	21	28
„ 30 „ 40	18	14	32
„ 40 „ 50	11	12	23
„ 50 „ 60	7	9	16
„ 60 „ 70	2	4	6
Above 70	0	2	2
	56	66	122

TABLE VII.
CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

				M.	F.	TOVAL.
Social State	}	Married	. . .	39	32	71
		Single .	. . .	15	24	39
		Widowed	. . .	2	10	12
				122		
Of Fair Education	. . .	. . .	. . .	11	5	16
Able to Read and Write	. . .	. . .	. . .	34	37	71
Able to Read only	. . .	. . .	. . .	7	18	25
No Education	. . .	. . .	. . .	4	6	10
				122		
Established Church	. . .	. . .	. . .	39	40	79
Roman Catholic	. . .	. . .	. . .	5	8	13
Protestant Dissenters	. . .	. . .	. . .	9	18	27
Jewish	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	0	2
None or unknown	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	0	1
				122		

TABLE VIII.
SUPPOSED CAUSE OF DISORDER.

				M.	F.	TOTAL.
Reverses, Privation, Disappointment	. . .			9	13	22
Congenital Defect	. . .			2	3	5
Epilepsy, Paralysis, Disease of Brain	. . .			5	3	8
Dissipation, Intemperance	. . .			14	3	17
Religious Anxiety	. . .			2	4	6
Over Application	. . .			1	0	1
Puerperal	. . .			0	6	6
Seduction	. . .			0	1	1
Fright	. . .			1	1	2
Fall on Head	. . .			1	1	2
Imprisonment	. . .			3	0	3
Ill Health	. . .			1	1	2
Love Disappointment	. . .			1	4	5
Joy	. . .			1	0	1
Jealousy	. . .			0	2	2
Misconduct of Children	. . .			0	2	2
Husband's Illusage	. . .			0	1	1
Death of Friends	. . .			0	4	4
Suppressed Discharges	. . .			0	2	2
Unassigned	. . .			15	15	30
				56	66	122
Hereditary disposition ascertained in	. . .			10	14	24

TABLE IX.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS ADMITTED
IN 1855.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Mechanics and Artizans	19	2	21
Innkeepers	4	0	4
Labourers	3	0	3
Clerks	2	2	2
Shoemakers	2	0	2
Gardener	1	0	1
Town Missionary	1	0	1
Shopkeepers	9	2	11
Hawkers	0	2	2
Wives of Mechanics, &c.	0	30	30
Domestic Servants	1	7	8
Dressmakers	0	3	3
Washerwoman	0	4	4
Confectioner	1	0	1
Cab-driver	1	0	1
Miller	1	0	1
Paper-hanger	1	0	1
Plasterer	1	0	1
Optician	1	0	1
Itinerent Musician	1	0	1
Tailor	1	0	1
Currier	1	0	1
Baker	1	0	1
Accountant	1	0	1
Needle Workers	0	3	3
Teacher of Music	0	1	1
No Occupation	3	12	15

TABLE X.

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NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED, AND MODE
OF EMPLOYMENT.

MALES.	FEMALES.
On the Grounds and Farm 26	Needlework 44
As House Porters 2	Knitting 11
As Messenger 1	Laundry 24
Ward and House Cleaning 34	Kitchen 6
At the Mill 4	Gallery Cleaning 16
As Tailors 2	House Cleaning 3
Upholsterer 1	
Carpenter 1	
Painters 2	
In the Dispensary 1	
With the Stoker 3	
Baker 1	
In the Stores 1	
Stone-breaking 12	

TABLE XI.

DISCHARGES ON RECOVERY, WITH DURATION
AND FORM OF INSANITY.

No. on Register.	Sex.	Age.	Duration of Insanity.		Form of Malady.
			Before Admission.	After Admission.	
49	M.	38	Three days	4 yrs. 43 wks	Acute recurrent mania
234	..	24	Three years	2 yrs. 25 wks.	Mania
302	..	22	Three weeks	1 year	Acute mania
306	..	20	Two weeks	25 weeks	Acute mania
310	..	18	A month	23 weeks	Acute mania
313	..	65	A week	16 weeks	Mania, with paralysis
315	..	17	Three weeks	19 weeks	Acute Mania
316	..	21	A month	10 weeks	Suicidal melancholia
320	..	16	Five weeks	74 days	Acute mania
327	..	16	Two weeks	108 days	Partial insanity
330	..	32	A week	15 weeks	Suicidal monomania
332	..	44	A week	67 days	Epileptic mania
334	..	21	A week	38 days	Acute mania
336	..	48	Six months	35 days	Partial insanity
70	..	55	Three months	306 days	Partial insanity
101	..	50	A week	26 days	Recurrent mania
102	..	41	Eight days	20 days	Acute mania
106	..	57	3 years (?)	1 month	Mania, with paralysis
107	..	35	Two months	1 week	Mania a potu
108	..	17	Seven days	73 days	Acute mania
113	..	16	Nine days	6 weeks	Acute mania
114	..	16	A week	19 days	Acute mania
115	..	46	Five years (?)	134 days	Partial mania
119	..	28	Two months	12 days	Suicidal melancholia
120	..	35	Six days	1 week	Acute mania
121	..	34	Two months	7 weeks	Partial insanity
122	..	43	Three days	1 month	Acute recurrent mania
123	..	16	Three days	17 days	Acute mania
124	..	51	A week	11 days	Acute recurrent mania
162	F.	71	Seven years	3 yrs. 40 wks.	Moral insanity
218	..	31	Two months	2 yrs. 40 wks.	Acute mania
247	..	66	Six months	1 year 46 wks.	Mania
264	..	34	Six months	1 year 34 wks.	Melancholia
276	..	46	Several mths.	1 year 36 wks.	Mania
299	..	39	Three weeks	1 year 33 days	Melancholia
307	..	37	Two months	42 weeks	Religious mania
316	..	18	Four weeks	42 weeks	Epileptic mania
317	..	45	Two months	206 days	Recurrent mania
332	..	19	Twelve days	30 days	Acute mania
334	..	36	Six days	130 days	Acute mania
343	..	57	Five days	6 weeks	Acute mania
345	..	27	Two weeks	19 weeks	Puerperal mania
346	..	38	A few days	17 days	Acute mania

TABLE XI.—(Continued)

No. on Register.	Sex.	Age.	Duration of Insanity.		Form of Malady.
			Before Admission	After Admission	
347	F.	29	A week	38 days	Puerperal mania
348	..	37	A few days	22 weeks	Melancholia
351	..	22	A month	11 weeks	Puerperal mania
356	..	43	Two weeks	17 weeks	Acute dementia
365	..	31	A few days	80 days	Suicidal mania
68	..	22	Some weeks	270 days	Acute mania
70	..	19	Twelve days	18 weeks	Hysterical mania
78	..	50	Six weeks	24 weeks	Acute mania
81	..	39	Three weeks	10 weeks	Acute mania
82	..	52	A week	1 month	Partial insanity
84	..	36	A month	9 weeks	Acute mania
88	..	53	Ten days	6 weeks	Melancholia
89	..	27	Six days	59 days	Acute mania

TABLE XI.—OBITUARY.

No. on Register.	Sex.	Age.	Duration of Insanity.		Cause of Death, or post-mortem appearances.	State on Admission.
			Before Admission.	After Admission.		
30	M.	69	Three years	4 yrs. 30 weeks	Tubercular cavities in lungs, thickened arachnoid	Chronic mania, pulmonary disease
312	..	50	Three weeks	51 days	Thickened arachnoid, pneumonia	Mania, diabetes, shattered health
152	..	23	A year	4 years	Softening of pons varolii	Epilepsy, dementia
294	..	30	Two weeks	1 year 27 days	Ditto of brain and spine, large cerebro-spinal effusion	Mania, cerebral disease
311	..	49	A week (?)	136 days	Thickened arachnoid and effusion	Mania, with paralysis
65	..	41	Three years	1 year 81 days	Large amount of serum in and under arachnoid	Epileptic mania, and paralysis
273	..	39	Three years	1 year 23 wks.	Thickened arachnoid, effusion. pleuro-pneumonia	Ditto, ditto
59	..	33	A year	1 year 144 days	Thickened arachnoid, effusion, softening at base of brain	Mania, gen. paral. soon after admission
227	..	47	Fourteen years	3 years	Hypertrophy of heart, general dropsy	Chronic mania
319	..	30	Eighteen mths.	191 days	General paralysis	Dementia and general paralysis
258	..	45	Two years	2 yrs. 17 weeks	Ditto	Mania and ditto
47	..	32	Childhood	5 years 95 days	Hepaticization of right lung	Epileptic mania
339	..	42	Four months	29 days	Exhaustion	Acute mania, very feeble
328	..	36	A month	180 days	Thickened arachnoid and effusion	Melancholia, ditto
309	..	43	Unknown	1 year	Coma	Dementia, cerebral disease
109	..	35	Three months	34 weeks	Thickened arachnoid, effusion, softening at base of brain	Melancholia
124	..	32	A year	3 yrs. 43 weeks	Exhaustion after fits	Epileptic dementia
334	..	65	Seven months	1 month	Arachnoid opaque, great effusion, abscess, and hepatization of both lungs	Suicidal mania, very feeble
310	F.	34	Four days	26 weeks	Phthisis	Mania, pulmonary disease
59	..	48	Six months	4 yrs. 32 weeks	Fatty degeneration of liver and spleen, cerebral effusion	Recurrent mania
326	..	42	Three months	35 days	Thickened arachnoid and effusion, granular disease of kidneys	Mania, much reduced
10	..	52	Seven years	2 yrs. 42 weeks	Pulmonary congestion, diffused tubercle	Chronic mania
327	..	44	Seven weeks	129 days	Effusion, lymph on arachnoid	Dementia, very feeble
289	..	63	Three months	1 year 124 days	Coma	Senile mania, hemiplegia
87	..	54	A week	22 days	Cerebral effusion, inflammation of bladder	Melancholia, much exhausted
354	..	47	A week	9 days	Ulceration of intestines	Mania, dysentery
359	..	21	Two weeks	57 hours	Maniacal exhaustion	Mania, great prostration
650	..	57	11 years	10 years		

BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE BOROUGH OF BIRMINGHAM LUNATIC ASYLUM.

GENTLEMEN,

During the past year the religious and moral well-being of the inmates of the Asylum has received my best attention ; and I have reason to think that my ministrations have been attended with beneficial results.

There appears to be no doubt as to the soothing effect which the religious services have upon the Patients generally. Without entering into details, perhaps I may be allowed to say, that it has been my happiness to be assured, in several cases, especially of Patients who have recovered and left the Asylum, that they have derived, besides religious instruction, much spiritual benefit and consolation from their attendance upon the means of grace provided for them while in the Asylum.

In some cases recovered Patients have seemed to recognize God's will in the heavy circumstances of their affliction, and to experience that all things work together for good to them that love Him.

With the bitter cup of affliction you have caused now and then to be mingled the cup of pleasure, and the Patients have not been denied the enjoyment of those things which God has given as a blessing to all.

In addition to the means hitherto used for this purpose, Lectures were delivered during last summer ; and at the request

of the Chairman, I had the pleasure to deliver the opening Lecture on The Life and Character of Oliver Goldsmith, to a numerous and attentive, and as I afterwards discovered, a somewhat hypercritical audience.

I believe everything has been done which appeared likely to promote the religious and moral interests of those committed to my charge; and I trust, that through God's mercy and blessing, and the kind co-operation of the Medical Superintendent and other officers, much good, in many ways, will continue to result from my labours among the heavily afflicted inmates of this Institution.

I have the honour to be, &c.,

T. C. ONION, M.A.,

CHAPLAIN.

January 17, 1855.