REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE

Borough of Birmingham,

AS

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

BEING THEIR

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1865.

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1866.

Borough of Birmingham Lunatic Asylum.

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

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

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N. KIMBERLEY, Treasurer.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk and Steward, and Clerk to Visitors.

Mrs. KNIGHT, Matron.

Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

FIFTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT,

Presented to the Town Council at the adjourned Meeting, April 3rd, 1866.

The Committee of Visitors present their Annual Report in accordance with the 62nd section of the 16 & 17 Vict. c. 97.

The number of Patients in the Asylum on the 1st of January, 1865, was	547	
One Patient was out on leave of absence . .	1	
Patients Admitted in the year	235	
		783
Patients Discharged	147	
,, Died	69	
		216
Remaining, December 31st, 1865 . . .		567

ERRATA.

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9. BREAKFAST.—For "*Tea*" read "*Coffee.*"
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10. Assistant Medical Officer—For "*b*" read "*a.*"
14. For "*Tower*" Porters read "*Town*" Porters
19. MEAT.—For £2668. 8*s.* 7*d.* read £2666. 8*s.* 7*d.*
,, Balance for the year.—For £2250. 2*s.* 1*d.* read £2550. 5*s.* 1*d.*

y were chargeable as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Birmingham Parish . . .	182	224	406
Birmingham Borough . . .	4	9	13
Aston in Birmingham . . .	17	31	48
King's Norton Union . . .	3	5	8
Outlying Unions . . .	21	20	41
Private Patients . . .	25	26	51
	252	315	567

By this statement (when compared with the return in last year's report) it will be seen that there is an increase of 23 paupers chargeable to the Parish of Birmingham, 6 to the Borough, 3 to Aston Union, and 7 to Private Patients, and a decrease of 19 to outlying Parishes and Unions; making an increase at the end of the year of 20 patients more than at the commencement.

The daily average number of Patients resident in the Asylum during the year was 565.

Of the 235 Patients admitted, 37 were Private Patients, 39 had been previously in this Asylum, 4 were transferred from the Private to the Pauper class, and 1 from the Pauper to the Private class.

Of the Discharges, 117 were paupers and 30 were private patients; of the Deaths, 68 were paupers and 1 was a private patient. 22 of the paupers were chargeable to Lincoln County, and removed from this Asylum on the 7th November last.

The Income and Expenditure for the year 1865 is as follows :—

To Parishes, Unions, and Private Patients, for Maintenance, Care, Clothing, and Medical treatment	13,944	10	1
To Sundries sold from the House . . .	173	6	3
Total	14,117	16	4
By Expenditure for Maintenance, &c. . .	11,567	14	3
Balance	£2550	2	1

The receipts from the Farm and Garden for the year (with Stock)	4154	17	6
The Expenditure (with Stock)	3877	14	10
Balance	277	2	8

Since the last Annual Report the Committee have completed the enlargement and additions to the Asylum, as sanctioned by the Council, in making a new day-room and bed-room on the male side for epileptic and demented patients, also a large sleeping dormitory for eighteen beds over part of the gallery of the front male wing. The amount expended during the year on account of Building, Furniture, Repairs, &c. (not chargeable to Patients' Account), is £1997. 0*s*. 6*d*. Your Committee purpose paying this sum from surplus derived from charges made for private patients and patients out of the Borough : the items of this Account will be found in the Appendix, as also will those of Maintenance, Farm and Garden Account, &c.

The charges per week for maintenance, clothing, medical treatment and care have been the same as those of last year, viz., patients of the Borough 8*s*. 6*d*.; out of the Borough 14*s*.; and private patients 8*s*. 9*d*. to 21*s*.

The greater portion of the water used at the Asylum through the year has been supplied by the Birmingham Waterworks Company, at a cost of £50. 3*s*. 0*d*.; but your Committee are ascertaining the advisability of saving this expenditure in future by deepening their own well.

The general health of the patients has been good. There has, however, been a second case of small pox, but it was confined to the ward provided at the top of the house for contagious diseases, which is so constructed that the infected patients are completely cut off from the healthy ones, so that there was no spread of the malady. There has been one case of suicide by hanging, which occurred at the latter end of the year, and now forms a question for investigation of your Committee. Inquests on other cases have also been held during the year, and the inquiry in each case has cast no censure on the management of the officers and attendants of the Asylum.

Your Committee have made further alterations in the diet of the patients by giving them a meat dinner on Wednesdays in place of "Irish stew," they being of opinion that a good and generous diet is favourable to restoration to health.

Two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum on the 19th and 21st September, when they saw the whole of the patients and inspected the galleries, day and bed rooms, bedding, &c.

Your Committee, as instructed by Resolutions of the Council after advertising for Candidates, appointed J. H. Davidson, M.D., of Edinburgh, as assistant Medical Officer to the Asylum.

From the reports of the monthly visits of the Committee of Inspection, your Committee are informed that on each visit the Asylum has been found in good order, and all connected with its management satisfactory.

Your Committee has received an offer of a piece of land lying in front of the Asylum, belonging to Sir Edward Gooch, containing 8*a*. 1*r*. 10*p*., at the price of £6400, on condition that the offer is accepted at once, and the purchase completed by the 10th May next, all costs being defrayed by the Corporation.

The land in question is divided from the Asylum grounds by a piece of land the property of the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Birmingham, with whom your Committee are in negociation for an exchange for an equal quantity of land belonging to the Asylum on the other side of the Canal, adjoining the Workhouse boundaries, and your Committee have every reason to believe that such exchange will shortly be agreed to. Your Committee are greatly impressed with the importance of securing both these pieces of land, and earnestly recommend the Council to empower them to purchase the land offered by Sir Edward Gooch, upon the terms above set forth, under the authority contained in the Lunatic Asylums Acts, for the purposes of the Asylum.

CHARLES STURGE, *Chairman.*

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH

MALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. of Bread, and ½ oz. of Butter.

DINNER.

Sunday .	9 oz. undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted). 16 oz. Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.
Monday and Thursday .	Meat and Potato Pie (crust 12 oz., meat 4 oz.), and ½ pint of Beer, or 16 oz. of Suet Pudding, with raisins and sweet dip, and ½ pint of Beer. *Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.*
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday .	8 oz. undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled). 16 oz. Potatoes or other Vegetables. 3 oz. Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.

Once a week one-fourth of the patients have for dinner, each alternate *Wednesday* and *Saturday*, 1 pint of Soup (made from previous day's meat boiling), 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and ½ pint of Beer; or Extra diet of Meat, &c.

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. Bread, and ½ oz. Butter.

TO PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

At 11 a.m., 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, and ½ pint of Beer.
At 4 p.m., ½ pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas-day.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1865.

FEMALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. Bread, and ½ oz. Butter.

DINNER.

Sunday .	8 oz. undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted). 12 oz. Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.
Monday and Thursday .	Meat and Vegetable Pie (crust 9 oz., meat 4 oz.), and ½ pint of Beer, or 12 oz. Suet Pudding, with raisins and sweet dip, and ½ pint of Beer. *Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.*
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday .	7 oz. undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled). 12 oz. Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.

Once a week one-fourth of the patients have for dinner, each alternate *Wednesday* and *Saturday*, 1 pint of Soup (made from previous day's meat boiling), 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and ½ pint of Beer; or Extra diet of Meat, &c.

TEA.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. of Bread, and ½ oz. of Butter.

TO PATIENTS EMPLOYED IN LAUNDRY, ETC.

At 11 a.m., 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and ½ pint of Beer.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES, 1865.

Officers, Attendants, and Servants.	*Charged to.*	*Amount paid in the year.* £	*s.*	*d.*
Chaplain	Necessaries . .	100	0	0
b Medical Superintendent . .	ditto . .	400	0	0
b Assistant Medical Officer .	ditto . .	26	19	4
a Clerk of Asylum, of Visitors, and Steward	ditto . .	200	0	0
a Matron	ditto . .	80	0	0
a Assistant Clerk . . .	ditto . .	50	0	0
Storekeeper, &c. . . .	ditto . .	4	19	8
Baker and Brewer . . .	Maintenance . .	65	0	0
Stoker and Assistant Brewer .	Necessaries . .	58	10	0
b Engineer (Wife Side Gate Keeper)	Building Materials and Repairs Acct.	75	16	0
b Gardener (Wife Front Lodge Keeper)	Farm and Garden .	71	10	0
b Farm–Man (Wife Dairy Woman)	ditto	52	0	0
Carpenter	Building Materials and Repairs Acct.	75	16	0
Painter and Paperhanger .	ditto	62	8	0
Tailor and Upholsterer . .	Clothing . .	65	0	0
Shoemaker	ditto . .	65	0	0
a 14 In-door Male Attendants .	Necessaries . .	337	10	0
4 Out-door ditto ditto .	Farm and Garden .	187	4	0
1 Male Night Attendant .	Necessaries . .	58	10	0
a 15 Female Attendants . .	ditto . .	250	0	0
a 1 Female Night Attendant .	ditto . .	20	0	0
a 2 Laundry Attendants . .	ditto . .	39	0	0
a 2 Kitchen ditto . . .	ditto . .	29	0	0
a 1 Barber ditto . . .	ditto . .	14	5	0
a 2 Housemaids . . .	ditto . .	19	0	0
1 Bricklayer . . .	Building Materials and Repairs Acct.	63	16	3
Assistants	Various departments	78	19	2

a Have Board, Apartments, &c.
b Have Apartments, Fuel, and Gas.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1865.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yr.'s Average.
Men .	252	256	254	245	244	249	251	254	259	257	249	248	252
Women	302	311	310	300	307	312	316	321	326	325	314	319	314
Total .	554	567	564	545	551	561	567	575	585	582	563	567	565

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Highest Number of Patients in the Asylum in 1865 . . .	261	329	= 590
Lowest Number of Patients in the Asylum in 1865 . . .	241	296	= 537

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED IN THE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yr.'s Average.
Men .	113	105	108	112	111	113	110	110	113	117	110	109	111
Women	190	193	193	198	202	207	213	216	220	221	222	221	208
Total .	303	298	301	310	313	320	323	326	333	338	332	330	319

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM FROM THE OPENING.

	1851	1852	1853—1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865
Patients.	246	270	272	283	281	295	312	345	353	346	360	400	483	532	565

Number of Patients admitted from the Opening .	2627
Ditto ditto discharged ditto .	1411
Ditto ditto died ditto .	649

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

1865.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND DRAPERY FURNITURE MADE AND REPAIRED IN THE YEAR.

ARTICLES MADE.	No.
Best Coats	14
Jackets	92
Waistcoats	40
Trowsers	117
Braces (pairs)	69
Boots	148
Slippers	52
Shirts	496
Chemises	518
Night-Gowns	84
Petticoats	349
Flannel Vests	94
Dresses	492
Aprons	570
Caps	528
Scarfs	120
Neck and Pocket Kerchiefs	342
Stockings knitted (pairs)	126
Stockings re-footed (pairs)	184
Drawers (pairs)	26
Mattress & Palliasses made	127
Cases for ditto	106
Bolsters made	270
Cases for ditto	461
Carpets	67
Hearth-Rugs made	3
Table Cloths	62
Towels	510
Sheets	425
Window Blinds	61
Window Valances	70
Cushions for Chairs	26
Pudding Cloths	112
Dusters and Knife Cloths	1761
Antimacassars	22
Shawls	19
Blouses	16
Quilted Blankets	30

ARTICLES REPAIRED.	No.
Jackets, Trousers, & Vests	1579
Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, (pairs)	1268
Stockings (pairs)	11,053
Stays (pairs)	801
Sheets	2540
Bolster and Pillow Cases	2389
Blankets	254
Counterpanes	152
Mattress Cases	25
Carpets	27
Window Blinds	58
Window Valances	9
Table Cloths	352
Towels	672
Shirts	2362
Chemises	4173
Petticoats	2229
Flannel Vests	725
Skirts	1597
Dresses	5735
Drawers	713
Night Gowns	1937
Caps	1754
Aprons	3007
Neck and Pocket Kerchiefs	1738
Bonnets	1145
Shawls	120
Scarfs	81
Bed Sackings	20
Chair Seats recovered	17
Forms ditto	12

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

1865.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND DRAPERY FURNITURE DELIVERED OUT OF STORE IN THE YEAR.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.	*No.*	ARTICLES OF FURNITURE.	*No.*
Best Coats	36	Sheets	351
Jackets	96	Pillow Cases	324
Waistcoats	147	Blankets	165
Trousers	181	Counterpanes	50
Flannel Vests	54	Mattresses	53
Boots, Shoes, & Slippers	297	Bolsters	93
Shirts	456	Feather Beds	1
Chemises	463	Feather Pillows	3
Hats and Caps	240	Waterproof Sheets	24
Scarfs and Handkerchiefs	449	Carpets	67
Stays	73	Table Cloths	54
Bonnets	170	Table Covers	8
Petticoats	133	Palliasses	52
Dresses	396	Under Bolsters	50
Aprons	470	Towels	324
Women's Caps	504	Valences	70
Bonnet Ribbon (yds.)	862	Window Blinds	21
Night Gowns	54	Strong Counterpanes	6
Shawls	49	Bed Sackings	16
Shrouds and Caps	32		

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BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1865.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED, WITH THE AGGREGATE OF DAYS, AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF LABOUR.

AT WHAT EMPLOYED.	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Days.*	@	*Value.*		
					£	*s.*	*d.*
On the Grounds	27	–	297	2*d.*	100	4	9
House and Gallery Cleaners	52	38	311	1½*d.*	174	18	9
House, Gate, and Tower Porters	6	–	312	4*d.*	31	4	0
In the Bakehouse	2	–	311	6*d.*	15	11	0
In the Stores	6	–	312	4*d.*	31	4	0
Blacksmiths	3	–	310	6*d.*	23	5	0
Carpenters	1	–	148	6*d.*	3	14	0
Painters and Glaziers	2	–	302	6*d.*	15	2	0
Shoemakers	1	–	274	6*d.*	6	17	0
Tailors	3	–	303	6*d.*	22	14	6
Upholsterers	2	–	303	6*d.*	15	3	0
Needle-Workers	–	104	311	2*d.*	269	10	2
Knitters	–	23	311	1*d.*	29	16	1
In the Cooking Kitchen	–	10	365	3*d.*	40	15	0
In the Laundry and Washhouse	–	33	311	4*d.*	171	1	0
At Farm, as Helpers	3	–	313	4*d.*	15	13	0
At Writing	1	–	216	1*d.*	0	18	0
					£967	11	3

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1865.

PARISHES, UNIONS, &c., TO WHICH PATIENTS HAVE BEEN CHARGEABLE IN THE YEAR WITH THE ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, & DEATHS, AND INCOME FROM EACH PARISH, &c.

PARISHES, &c.	In the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1865.	Admitted in the Year.	Discharged	Died.	Remaining in the Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1865.	Income from each Parish, Union, &c.
Aston Union	45	13	7	3	48	1079 16 7
Birmingham Parish	383	144	68	53	406	8812 0 11
Birmingham Borough	7	6	–	–	13	216 4 1
Bridgnorth Borough	8	2	3	2	5	278 5 0
King's Norton Union	8	2	2	–	8	178 8 10
Lincoln County	23	–	22	1	–	709 17 0
Leicester Union	28	28	15	9	31	996 6 0
Ludlow Union	1	3	1	–	4	112 6 0
Scarborough Union	–	1	1	–	–	6 10 0
Birkenhead Union	–	1	1	–	–	2 6 0
Meriden Union	–	1	1	–	–	4 0 4
Newton Abbott Union	–	1	–	–	1	13 14 0
Private Patients	45	37	25	1	51	1534 15 0
	548	235	145	69	567	£13,944 10 1

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PROVISIONS AND NECESSARIES DELIVERED OUT OF STORE IN THE YEAR, 1865.

	January.	*February.*	*March.*	*April.*	*May.*	*June.*	*July.*	*August.*	*September.*	*October.*	*November.*	*December.*	TOTAL.
Ale (home-brewed .	240	120	120	120	60	180	60	120	60	120	120	300	1620 gallons
Beer (home-brewed) .	1550	1610	1750	1700	1950	1870	1990	1960	1600	2070	1890	1890	21830 ,,
Bread (home-made) .	17,958	16,658	18,568	17,086	17,902	17,343	18,302	18,857	18,579	19,002	17,913	18,934	217,102 lbs.
Butter . . .	1192	1045	1026	1018	1388	1019	1138	1102	1125	1262	1027	1054	13,396 lbs.
Cheese . . .	568	462	473	660	472	563	665	586	694	633	438	455	6669 lbs.
Coffee . . .	144	142	157	154	155	150	131	155	150	156	148	155	1797 lbs.
Chicory . . .	75	73	78	72	65	56	86	86	82	79	70	78	909 lbs.
Corn Flour . .	6	12	16	13	11	7	7	11	9	8	7	10	117 lbs.
Currants . . .	56	28	84	157	68	28	84	60	112	—	34	190	901 lbs.
Drugs . . .	£12/5/10	£13/0/0	£39/17/9	£24/16/9	£9/11/8	£8/0/10	£19/13/3	£13/5/11	£11/4/9	£3/6/3	£3/1/6	£8/9/1	£166 : 13 : 7
Eggs . . .	102	100	156	142	216	172	169	114	71	129	43	235	1649
Flour . . .	1024	1009	1153	1017	1080	1041	1061	1138	1150	1102	1089	1116	1298 stones
Fish, Poultry, & Game	£22/1/0	£12/15/7	£32/11/9	£16/7/9	£9/15/9	£7/12/9	£3/1/4	£2/9/5	£2/18/9	£7/18/6	£12/18/3	£9/14/0	£140 : 4 : 10
Fruit . . .	£5/12/4	£1/12/4	£2/0/0	£2/5/5	4/6	£5/9/3	—	£1/0/4	—	£2/2/0	£1/5/4	£3/3/0	£24 : 14 : 6
Hops . . .	114	108	148	101	126	144	129	132	112	159	166	126	1565 lbs.
Malt	103	99	133	91	105	121	103	102	88	127	126	103	1301 lbs.
Meat	6844	6727	6358	6488	7143	7633	7940	7992	8475	8389	8338	9093	91,420 lbs.
Milk	250	261	328	360	377	359	410	370	389	403	330	309	4146 gallons
Mustard . . .	28	15	5	20	18	15	22	20	18	19	15	26	221 lbs.
Potatoes . . .	160	144	152	142	130	143	53	45	145	139	132	149	1534 bushels
Porter . . .	36	36	24	36	36	48	48	48	36	48	48	48	429 pints.

Pepper . . .	12	6	10	8	7	8	8	15	15	15	16	18	138 lbs.
Peas Flour . .	56	50	48	48	48	50	56	50	56	48	48	48	606 lbs.
Rice	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	14 lbs.
Raisins . . .	178	122	140	140	224	224	140	84	148	112	280	168	1960 lbs.
Spirits . . .	8	2	2	1	—	2	—	1	1	2	1	2	22 bottles
Sugar . . .	950	901	951	886	1005	723	1074	1062	1056	1076	841	942	11,467 lbs.
Salt	8	2	2	6	9	9	8	12	7	8	5	5	81 cwt.
Tea	132	121	133	129	132	116	124	129	131	147	121	150	1565 lbs.
Tobacco . . .	22	20	20	21	26	19	25	20	20	20	22	24	529 lbs.
Vegetables (green) .	£9/10/0	£9/10/0	£9/10/0	£11/17/6	£9/10/0	£9/10/0	£11/17/6	£9/10/0	£11/17/6	£9/10/0	£9/10/0	£11/17/6	£123 : 10 : 0
Vinegar . . .	2	4	2	2	2	4	6	6	5	6	8	8	55 gallons
Wine . . .	15	3	—	1	—	—	2	1	2	5	3	2	34 bottles
Necessaries.													
Blue	6	4	6	8	6	8	8	6	4	4	4	4	68 lbs.
Black Lead . .	7	7	7	14	7	7	7	7	14	7	7	14	105 lbs.
Blacking . . .	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	9 gross
Bath Bricks . .	30	20	30	30	20	25	25	25	25	15	20	15	280
House Brushes . .	£4/10/11	£2/16/0	£3/0/10	£1/9/5	£3/7/8	£3/15/0	£3/15/3	£2/3/11	£2/2/0	£1/19/0	£1/16/2	£2/3/8	£32 : 17 : 10
Hair Brushes & Combs	10/.	15/6	10/.	1/0/0	12/.	8/.	11/6	9/6	12/.	8/6	9/.	8/11	£6 : 14 : 11
Beeswax . . .	12	13	9	10	12	20	12	8	8	16	8	7	135 lbs.
Books, Stamps, &c. .	£4/3/1	£3/3/11	£5/3/6	£5/5/11	£1/16/11	£8/9/8	£6/14/10	£11/12/5	£11/0/2	£7/5/3	£2/7/7	£4/13/0	£71 : 16 : 3
Coal	60 7 2	142 6 0	208 12 2	69 0 0	124 0 0	76 2 0	77 2 0	117 0 0	122 0 0	74 6 0	71 10 0	146 0 0	1288t. 6c. 0q.
Firewood . . .	£7/1/1	8/16/9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	£15 : 17 : 10
Gas	—	—	691,500	—	—	279,200	—	—	325,300	—	—	699,900	1,959,900 ft.
Candles . . .	25	21	16	16	13	5	5	8	11	17	15	17	169 lbs.
Matches . . .	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	7 gross
Scouring Flannel .	6	5	7	6	3	4	6	6	5	6	6	6	66 pieces
Starch . . .	13	7	8	10	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	6	99 lbs.
Soap	613	567	530	496	568	570	601	599	494	504	597	583	6722 lbs.
Soda	328	312	260	309	367	362	340	362	318	267	375	402	4002 lbs.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUG

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FR

Income.

Heads of Income.	March 31.			June 30.			Sept. 30.			Dec. 31.			Total.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.
To Parishes and Unions, for Maintenance, Clothing, Medical Treatment, and care of Patients . .	3053	10	6	3034	3	3	3196	1	2	3126	0	2	12,409	15
To Private Patients, for Maintenance, Medical Treatment and Care . .	388	14	6	380	2	2	576	18	0	389	0	4	1534	15
To Sundries Sold from the House, and Bank Interest	24	11	0	66	13	7	22	12	8	59	9	0	173	6
	3466	16	0	3480	19	0	3595	11	10	3574	9	6	14,117	16

UNATIC ASYLUM.

NUARY 1st TO DECEMBER 31st, 1865.

Expenditure.

Heads of Expenditure.	March 31.			June 30.			Sept. 30.			Dec. 31.			Total.		
Provisions.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Meat	581	5	3	620	4	0	711	17	5	753	1	11	2668	8	7
Flour	221	0	5	221	12	7	234	7	7	262	12	5	939	13	0
Tea, Coffee, and Chicory	65	14	9	63	5	4	58	8	3	58	0	11	245	9	3
Sugar	43	16	3	39	12	11	51	2	3	46	19	11	181	11	4
Ale and Beer . . .	138	16	8	130	12	0	123	8	5	151	11	11	544	9	0
Wine, Spirts, and Porter	5	9	4	3	14	8	2	10	11	4	1	1	15	16	0
Fish, Poultry, and Game	67	8	4	33	16	3	8	9	6	30	11	7	140	5	8
Potatoes & other Vegetables	96	5	4	101	3	7	79	2	5	104	7	6	380	18	10
Peas, Corn Flour, Rice, and Spices . . .	0	18	0	1	17	2	2	13	6	2	18	1	8	6	9
Currants, Raisins, & Fruit	17	15	4	20	15	7	9	17	8	21	16	8	70	5	3
Milk and Eggs . .	29	9	2	38	14	10	40	8	10	36	5	7	144	18	5
Butter and Cheese . .	217	8	4	219	13	8	228	6	5	237	3	4	902	11	9
Vinegar, Pepper, Salt, and Mustard . . .	3	12	11	6	0	9	6	7	6	4	12	9	20	13	11
Tobacco and Pipes .	10	3	4	10	8	9	10	5	10	10	5	10	41	3	9
Sundries	..			2	13	0	0	3	0	1	0	6	3	16	6
Bakers' & Brewers' Wages	16	5	0	16	5	0	16	5	0	16	5	0	65	0	0
Drugs	65	3	7	42	9	3	44	3	11	14	16	10	166	13	7
Necessaries.															
Coal	240	17	0	135	9	9	176	1	0	153	8	10	705	16	7
Gas	82	2	3	33	3	1	30	6	7	79	9	5	225	1	4
Firewood, Candles, and Matches . . .	17	9	8	0	19	7	0	10	6	30	10	5	49	10	2
Soap, Soda, Starch, & Blue	25	17	5	27	3	8	27	9	11	29	3	8	109	14	8
House Brushes & Scouring Flannel . . .	25	13	9	19	9	10	20	1	5	19	3	4	84	8	4
Hair Brushes and Combs	4	15	0	..			0	12	0	1	6	5	6	13	5
Books, Printing, Stamps, and Stationery . .	12	10	6	15	12	6	29	7	5	14	5	10	71	16	3
Bath Bricks, Blacking, Black Lead . . .	1	14	0	0	10	9	0	18	6	1	4	0	4	7	3
Beeswax . . .	3	8	0	4	4	0	2	16	0	3	2	0	13	10	0
Sundries . . .	9	0	10	9	13	11	15	7	7	26	4	10	60	7	2
Clothing . . .	230	19	0	245	19	10	268	4	10	207	3	11	952	7	7
Salaries & Wages chargeable	413	10	0	425	9	10	468	4	10	447	6	0	1712	15	1
Furniture . . .	131	0	6	167	18	7	144	10	9	151	8	3	594	18	1
Repairs of Building, &c.	96	4	6	91	0	2	81	3	5	84	13	5	353	1	6
Advances and Patients' Expenses . . .	18	12	2	2	14	0	7	1	4	2	3	3	30	10	9
Funeral Expenses . .	20	13	6	18	2	0	7	19	0	8	0	0	54	14	6
Total Expenditure .	2915	0	1	2770	10	10	2866	17	11	3015	5	5	11,567	14	3
lance of each Quarter and the Year . . .	551	15	11	710	8	2	728	13	11	559	4	1	2250	2	1
	3466	16	0	3480	19	0	3595	11	10	3574	9	6	14,117	16	4

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

1865.

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

	s.	d.
Provisions per Patient per week (including provisions supplied to Officers, Attendants, and Servants . .)	4	3¾
Drugs, Wines, Spirits, and Porter	0	1½
Necessaries (as Coal, Gas, Soap, Soda, &c.) . . .	0	11¾
Clothing (including Wages of Shoemaker and Tailor) .	0	7¾
Salaries and Wages	1	2
Furniture and Bedding	0	4¾
Building, Repairs of Building, and Materials . . .	0	2¾
Total cost per Week	7	10¼
Less Goods sold from the House, and Profit on Farm and Garden	0	3¾
Actual Weekly Cost per Patient for the Year . . .	7	6½

Daily average Number of Patients for the Year . . 565

Charge per week for Pauper Patients 8/6 and 14/.

,, ,, for Private Patients 8/9 to 21/.

Value of Work done in the Year in the Tailor's Shop .	154	16	11
,, ,, ,, ,, Shoemaker's Shop	174	16	7
,, ,, ,, ,, Carpenter's Shop.	163	18	11
,, ,, ,, ,, Engineer's Shop .	144	10	2
,, ,, ,, ,, Painter's Shop .	161	9	6
,, ,, ,, on the Grounds . .	336	4	0

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1865.

FARM, GARDEN, AND STOCK ACCOUNT.

Income.

	£	s.	d.
To 51,118 lbs. of Beef, at 7*d.*	1490	18	10
,, 11,911 lbs. of Mutton, at 7*d.*	347	8	1
,, 20,574 lbs. of Pork, at 7*d.*	600	1	6
,, 625 lbs. of Veal, at 7*d.*	18	4	7
,, 2081 galls. of New Milk, at 1*s.*	104	1	2
,, 4187 galls. of Skim'd Milk, at 8*d.*	139	11	4
,, 1296 Eggs, at 1*d.*	5	8	0
,, 496¼ lbs. of Butter, at 1*s.* 3*d.*	29	6	7
,, Potatoes and Green Vegetables	380	11	6
,, Poultry	6	2	6
,, Hay, Mangold, Swedes, and Pig Potatoes	143	11	11
,, Hides, Skins, and Fat sold	189	8	6
,, Stock as per Valuation, Dec. 31st, 1865	697	10	0
	£4154	17	6

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Stock, January 1st, 1865	650	15	0
,, 69 Beast Purchased	1461	10	0
,, 139 Sheep ditto	406	12	0
,, 3 Milking Cows and Calves ditto	71	0	0
,, Exchange of Cows	8	10	0
,, 134 Pigs purchased	309	5	0
,, Provender, Pig Wash, and Grains	413	6	9
,, Seeds and Plants	46	8	3
,, Poultry	1	18	9
,, Wages	320	4	4
,, Coal	16	13	8
,, Tithes, Rates and Taxes	29	3	5
,, Manure	79	6	5
,, Straw	36	10	11
,, Implements and Repairs	13	15	0
,, Veterinary, Farrier, and Sundries	10	8	4
,, Timber	2	7	0
Balance, being profit	277	2	8
	£4154	17	6

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1865.

BUILDING, REPAIRS, AND MATERIALS,

Not chargeable to Maintenance Account, (25 & 26 *Vict. cap.* cxi. 1862.)

	Items of Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan.	To Furniture	33 0 2	
	,, Bricks	1 2 6	
			34 2 6
Feb.	,, Laundry Extension and Alterations .	60 17 9	
	,, Repairs of Boiler.	10 9 6	
	,, Furniture and Bedding . . .	94 18 0	
			166 5 3
March.	,, Plumbers' Work, Repairing Spouts, &c.	24 1 11	
	,, Furniture	63 7 9	
	,, Water supplied	8 16 0	
	,, Insurance	4 10 0	
	,, Timber	2 13 6	
	,, Gravel	3 18 0	
	,, Registering and Repairing Gas Meters	8 12 0	
			115 19 2
April.	,, Pointing Boundary Walls . . .	15 13 6	
	,, Furniture	24 1 0	
	,, Timber	3 16 7	
	,, Cement	1 16 0	
			45 7 1
May.	,, Extension of Main Building . .	500 0 0	
	,, Water supply, Watercocks and Pipes .	31 8 0	
	,, Furniture	1 6 10	
	,, Pointing Boundary Walls . . .	10 17 6	
	,, Cement	0 13 0	
			544 5 4
June.	,, Extension of Main Building . .	431 9 3	
	,, Architect's Commission . .	46 11 6	
	,, Ironwork	27 10 9	
	,, Paving Kitchen Court . . .	42 16 4	
	,, Furniture	127 7 2	
	Carried forward	675 15 0	905 19 4

BUILDING, REPAIRS, AND MATERIALS.

	Items of Exenditure *continued.*	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	675	15	0	905	19	4
	To Plumber's work, Repairs . .	6	0	8			
	,, Bricks and Cement . . .	1	15	3			
	,, Timber	6	0	7			
	,, Water supplied	12	2	6			
	,, Pointing Boundary Walls . .	14	9	3			
					716	3	3
July.	,, Queen's Taxes	25	0	0			
	,, Furniture	51	2	5			
	,, Ironmongery Furniture . . .	3	3	2			
	,, Glass	2	14	7			
	,, Iron Castings	2	15	0			
	,, Timber and Cement	15	4	3			
	,, Bricklayer's work	8	1	8			
					108	1	1
August.	,, Bricklayer's Wages and Materials .	43	17	5			
	,, Furniture	21	16	6			
	,, Ironmongery Furniture, Timber & Glass	7	1	8			
					72	15	7
Sept.	,, Repairing Boiler	11	12	8			
	,, Insurance	16	0	3			
	,, Water supplied	14	12	0			
	,, Furniture	9	11	8			
	,, Glass	4	2	9			
	,, Bricklayer's Wages and Materials .	5	11	3			
					61	10	7
October.	,, Furniture	16	4	9			
	,, Iron Castings	2	14	3			
					18	19	0
Nov.	,, Furniture	39	1	3			
	,, Timber	22	5	8			
	,, House Tax	3	15	0			
					65	1	11
Dec.	,, Gravel	30	17	1			
	,, Slates	3	0	0			
	,, Water supplied	14	12	6			
					48	9	7
					£1997	0	6

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

GENTLEMEN,

The Statistical Tables appended to this Report for the year 1865 are formed upon a plan suggested by a Committee appointed for that purpose by the "Association of Medical Officers for Asylums." Reecognizing the importance of a uniform system of Asylum statistics —having long indeed felt the want of it—I readily fall in with the suggestion, though at the cost of much more time and labour than would have been involved in the preparation of the old tables. Should the suggestion be generally adopted by Asylum Superintendents, it will very much enhance the value of their annual reports. These, as hitherto drawn up, not only afford no ready means of comparison with like Institutions, but often fail to give a clear insight into the working of their own.

Throughout the year the sanitary condition of the Establishment has been well maintained, and the general health of its inmates has been remarkably good. The only point in relation thereto which appears to call for special notice is the occurrence of two cases of small pox, one in February, the other in July. Both patients were young women, whose arms showed distinct marks of a successful vaccination. In consequence of the small pox having made its appearance at the Workhouse, which in a direct line is about a quarter of a mile distant from the Asylum, all the inmates of the house, whose arms showed no clear marks of their having undergone the operation, had

been vaccinated previous to the occurrence of the first case; and immediately afterwards every other person in the house, except some aged people, and those who had already had small pox, were also operated upon. It is singular that the disease was limited to those two cases, especially as both were of the confluent character. They both recovered.

Among the events of the year was one of a painful nature—a suicide—which happened in December. It occurred after an interval of freedom from such a distressing event of nearly eight years' duration, and it is the third only which has happened since the opening of the Asylum in June, 1850. The act was committed by a man who had been in the Asylum little more than a month. By fastening a sheet to the window-frame of the room in which he slept, he formed a broad loose fold through which he thrust his head. He was found at 5-30 A.M. suspended by his chin, with his back to the wall, and just dead. The only other events of the year worthy of note were three fractures—one of the leg, compound—one of some ribs, rather a bad case, attended by extensive emphysema—and one of the forearm. All were accidental, and all terminated in perfect recovery.

The admissions during the year were 235; being 24 in excess of any former year. 116 were males, 119 females; and of these 22 males and 15 females were private patients. Including 548 left at the termination of the previous year, there were 783 under treatment. There were 11 re-admissions; 27 transfers; and 3 successful escapes. The average daily number, including those absent on trial, was 567; shewing an increase of 33 over the daily average of the previous year. The lowest number was 548; the highest 593.

Ninety patients were discharged recovered, which is 38 per cent. upon the admissions, and 4 per cent. above the average of the previous five years.

The deaths numbered 69, which is 12 per cent. upon the average number resident—or, calculated as formerly, upon the total number

under treatment, 8·8 per cent. The average mortality of the previous five years calculated in the former way was 11 per cent., in latter 8 per cent.

Thirty-seven of the deaths—more than half—arose from general paralysis and other affections of the brain and nervous system; 14 from phthisis; 11 from other chest affections.

In four instances inquests were held. The first was upon a woman who before her admission burnt her hand badly by holding it in the fire. It being found impossible to save the hand, twenty-five days after she came it was amputated, and three weeks afterwards she died from bronchitis. Two inquests were on cases of apoplexy; and the fourth was the suicide already referred to.

The improvement in the dietary sanctioned by the Committee in the early part of the year, in the substitution of meat dinners for soup and stew has been very acceptable and beneficial to the patients. If a still further improvement could be effected in the shape of an additional supply of milk for the morning and evening meals, it would almost leave nothing more to be desired,—certainly nothing that I could venture to ask for.

The appointment of an Assistant Medical Officer has contributed greatly to the efficiency of the Medical department; and I am pleased to be able to report that in Dr. Davidson I have an able, efficient, and conscientious colleague.

THOMAS GREEN,
Medical Superintendent.

February 2, 1866.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1865.

	Private. M.	Private. F.	Pauper. M.	Pauper. F.	M.	F.	Total.
In the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1865	25	20	221	282	246	302	548
Admitted for the first time during the year . .	20	13	91	100	116	119	235
Re-admitted during the year .	2	2	3	4			
Total under care during the yr.	47	35	315	386	362	421	783
Recovered . .	6	5	28	51			
Relieved . .	13	—	4	6			
Not improved . .	2	4	14	14			
Died . . .	1	—	42	26	110	106	216
Remain, December 31st, 1865	25	26	227	289	252	315	567

Average Daily Number—Males 252, Females 315—Total 567.

Highest Number 593. Lowest Number 548.

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AN
PROPORTION OF RECOVERIES FOR EA

Years.	Admitted.			DISCHARGED.									Died.		
				Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.					
	M	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	To
1850	112	95	207	6	3	9	1	0	1	5	0	5	7	3	1
1851	89	87	176	21	27	48	2	4	6	5	5	10	20	11	3
1852	58	62	120	15	31	46	8	7	15	15	14	29	24	13	3
1853	87	87	174	31	42	73	4	3	7	12	6	18	32	15	4
1854	71	70	141	30	37	67	7	9	16	11	11	22	28	18	4
1855	56	66	122	31	28	59	5	6	11	7	7	14	18	10	2
1856	78	48	126	33	24	57	7	4	11	14	4	18	19	12	3
1857	98	56	154	29	28	57	11	0	11	7	3	10	28	12	4
1858	92	74	166	44	35	79	7	5	12	9	5	14	19	17	3
1859	58	60	118	28	41	69	4	6	10	17	16	33	25	13	3
1860	67	61	128	20	20	40	2	2	4	14	8	22	23	18	4
1861	68	74	142	21	24	45	7	5	12	6	17	23	21	9	3
1862	100	99	199	17	29	46	5	9	14	9	6	15	35	15	4
1863	104	107	211	34	40	74	6	5	11	7	5	12	35	15	4
1864	103	105	208	33	40	73	13	10	23	4	9	13	37	28	6
1865	116	119	235	34	56	90	17	6	23	16	18	34	43	26	6
Totals and Average per Centages.	1357	1270	2627	427	505	932	106	81	187	158	134	292	414	235	6

ATHS, WITH THE MEAN ANNUAL MORTALITY AND
AR SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

main from each Year's Admissions, cember 31, 1865.			Average Numbers Resident.			Per-Centage of Recoveries on Admissions.			Per-Centage of Deaths on average numbers Resident.			YEARS.
.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
)	21	41	76	71	148	5·3	3·1	4·3	9·2	4·2	6·7	1850
'	5	12	122	119	242	23·5	31·0	27·2	16·3	9.2	12·8	1851
;	7	11	134	135	269	25·8	50·0	38·3	17·9	9·7	13·7	1852
;	5	11	132	139	272	35·6	48·2	41·9	24·2	10·7	17·2	1853
2	10	12	134	148	283	42·2	52·8	47·5	20·8	12·1	16·2	1854
2	12	14	128	152	281	55·3	42·4	48·3	14·	6·5	9·9	1855
;	6	10	136	159	295	42·3	50·	46·1	14·8	7·5	10·5	1856
)	10	20	143	169	312	29·5	50·	39·7	19·5	7·1	12·8	1857
3	18	31	164	181	345	47·7	47·2	47·5	11·5	9·3	10·4	1858
7	11	18	169	184	353	46·5	68·3	58·4	14·7	7·	10·7	1859
)	13	23	156	179	335	29·8	32·7	31·2	14·7	10·	12·3	1860
9	18	37	169	191	361	30·8	32·4	31·6	12·4	4·7	8·3	1861
0	34	54	182	218	400	17·	29·2	23·1	19·2	6·8	12·2	1862
3	30	53	221	263	485	32·6	37·3	35·	15.8	5·7	10·3	1863
2	42	84	237	296	534	32·	38·	35.	15·6	9·4	12·1	1864
3	73	136	252	315	567	29·3	47·	38·2	17·	8·	12·1	1865
52	315	567	159	182	342	32·8	41·2	37·0	16·	7·9	11·7	Totals and Average per Centages

TABLE III.

SHOWING HOW THE PATIENTS REMAINING ON THE FIRST OF JANUARY, 1865, FROM EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS, HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF DURING THAT YEAR.

From the admissions of	Number of Patients remaining on the 1st of January, 1865.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.			Died.			Remaining of each year's Admissions, Dec. 31, 1865.		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1850	23	24	47										3	3	6	20	21	41
1851	7	6	13											1	1	7	5	12
1852	5	7	12	1		1										4	7	11
1853	6	5	11													6	5	11
1854	2	10	12													2	10	12
1855	4	13	17										2	1	3	2	12	14
1856	4	8	12		1	1								1	1	4	6	10
1857	11	10	21										1		1	10	10	20
1858	14	19	33										1	1	2	13	18	31
1859	10	12	22		1	1	2		2				1		1	7	11	18
1860	10	13	23													10	13	23
1861	22	18	40	1		1							2		2	19	18	37
1862	36	46	82							11	12	23	5		5	20	34	54
1863	28	41	69	1	2	3		1	1		2	2	4	6	10	23	30	53
1864	64	70	134	8	18	26	4	3	7	2	–	2	8	7	15	42	42	84
	246	302	548	11	22	33	6	4	10	13	14	27	27	20	47	189	242	431

TABLE IV.—SHEWING THE HISTORY OF THE ANNUAL ADMISSIONS SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM, WITH THE DISCHARGES AND DEATHS, AND THE NUMBERS OF EACH YEAR REMAINING ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1865.

	ADMITTED.					TOTAL DISCHARGED AND DIED OF EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.												REMAINING Dec. 31, 1865.		
	New Cases.		Relapsed Cases.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.			Died.					
Years.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1850	112	95	–	–	207	18	22	40	2	2	4	17	9	26	55	41	96	20	21	41
1851	85	87	4	–	176	19	27	46	5	5	10	17	17	34	41	33	74	7	5	12
1852	55	62	3	–	120	23	29	52	6	8	14	11	11	22	14	7	21	4	7	11
1853	79	78	8	9	174	32	48	80	9	8	17	10	11	21	30	15	45	6	5	11
1854	57	63	14	7	141	26	33	59	8	7	15	14	11	25	21	9	30	2	10	12
1855	49	60	7	6	122	28	28	56	4	5	9	5	7	12	17	14	31	2	12	14
1856	68	39	10	9	126	36	26	62	7	2	9	13	6	19	18	8	26	4	6	10
1857	83	51	15	5	154	34	30	64	9	1	10	9	3	12	36	12	48	10	10	20
1858	79	69	13	5	166	44	34	78	7	6	13	8	6	14	20	10	30	13	18	31
1859	52	47	6	13	118	15	28	43	4	8	12	9	5	14	23	8	31	7	11	18
1860	58	51	9	10	128	24	20	44	6	4	10	11	11	22	16	13	29	10	13	23
1861	59	62	9	12	142	18	32	50	3	5	8	5	7	12	23	12	35	19	18	37
1862	94	87	6	12	199	20	33	53	8	3	11	17	15	32	35	14	49	20	34	54
1863	90	100	14	7	211	37	43	80	7	10	17	5	7	12	32	17	49	23	30	53
1864	92	95	11	10	208	30	38	68	10	5	15	4	4	8	17	16	33	42	42	84
1865	107	102	9	17	235	23	34	57	11	2	13	3	4	7	16	6	22	63	73	136
	1219	1148	138	122	2627	427	505	932	106	81	187	158	134	292	414	235	649	252	315	567

TABLE IV.—(*continued.*)

	M.	F.	Total.
Total Admissions—1850–65 . .	1357	1270	2627
Per-centage of Cases Recovered .	31·46	39·80	35·50
,, ,, Relieved .	7·81	6·38	7·11
,, ,, Not Improved	11·63	10.52	11·11
,, ,, Dead . .	30·50	18·50	24·70
,, ,, Remaining .	18·60	24.80	21·58
	100·	100·	100·

TABLE V.

SHOWING THE CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR.

	M.	F.	Total.
Apoplexy and Paralysis	4	3	7
Epilepsy	5	4	9
General Paralysis	15	3	18
Decay, Maniacal and Melancholic . . .	–	2	2
Disease of Brain	1	–	1
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	5	3	8
Pulmonary Consumption	9	5	14
Disease of Heart	1	2	3
Tubercular Peritonitis	–	1	1
Dysentery	–	1	1
Disease of Bladder	1	–	1
Sphacelus from Extravasation of Urine . .	1	–	1
Senile Gangrene	–	1	1
Suffocation from Abscess bursting into Larynx -	–	1	1
Suicide	1	–	1
	43	26	69

TABLE VI.

SHOWING THE LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THOSE DISCHARGED RECOVERED, AND IN THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR.

	Recoved.			Died.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Under One Month . .	5	3	8	5	4	9
From 1 to 3 Months . .	13	16	29	5	3	8
,, 3 ,, 6 ,, . .	8	11	19	9	1	10
,, 6 ,, 9 ,, . .	1	7	8	2	1	3
,, 9 ,, 12 ,, . .	2	10	12	3	1	4
,, 1 ,, 2 Years . .	2	5	7	5	8	13
,, 2 ,, 3 ,, . .	1	2	3	4	1	5
,, 3 ,, 5 ,, . .	1	–	1	2	–	2
,, 5 ,, 7 ,, . .	–	1	1	2	1	3
,, 7 ,, 10 ,, . .	–	1	1	2	2	4
,, 10 ,, 12 ,, . .	–	–	–	1	–	1
,, 12 ,, 15 ,, . .	1	–	1	2	3	5
,, 15 ,, 16 ,, . .	–	–	–	1	1	2
	34	59	90	43	26	69

TABLE VII.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1866.

		M.	F.	Total.
As to probability of Recovery	Curable . .	36	64	100
	Incurable .	216	251	467
		252	315	567
Social State	Married	90	119	209
	Single	147	159	306
	Widowed	15	37	52
		252	315	567
Epileptics		53	56	109
Paralytics		25	12	37
Congenital Imbeciles		20	12	32
Criminal Lunatics		6	11	17

TABLE VIII.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 235 CASES ADMITTED IN 1865.

	M.	F.	Total.
Acute Mania	9	20	29
Mania	60	56	116
Mania with Paralysis	11	2	13
Mania with Epilepsy	7	7	14
Melancholia	8	20	28
Dementia	6	5	11
Dementia with Paralysis	5	3	8
Dementia with Epilepsy	4	6	10
Congenital Imbecility	3	–	3
Ditto ditto with Epilepsy	3	–	3
	116	119	235

TABLE IX.

AGES OF THE 235 PATIENTS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Under 15	5	–	5
From 15 to 20	10	10	20
,, 20 ,, 25	11	15	26
,, 25 ,, 30	13	15	28
,, 30 ,, 35	12	15	27
,, 35 ,, 40	17	11	28
,, 40 ,, 45	16	15	31
,, 45 ,, 50	7	11	18
,, 50 ,, 55	9	9	18
,, 55 ,, 60	4	5	9
,, 60 ,, 65	4	5	9
,, 65 ,, 70	5	5	10
Above 70	3	3	6
	116	119	235

TABLE X.

DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
Not exceeding One Month	54	67	121
,, ,, Three Months	26	19	45
,, ,, Six Months	6	10	16
,, ,, Twelve Months	4	6	10
,, ,, Two Years	4	2	6
Above Two years	22	15	37
	116	119	235
Cases of more than one attack	13	18	31

TABLE XI.

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

		M.	F.	Total.
Social State	Married	62	56	118
	Single	47	51	98
	Widowed	7	12	19
		116	119	235
Well Educated		3	–	3
Able to Read and Write		86	82	168
Able to Read only		10	21	31
Uneducated		17	16	33
		116	119	235
Established Church		88	81	169
Protestant Disenters		18	24	42
Roman Catholics		8	11	19
Jews		2	3	5
		116	119	235

TABLE XII.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS ADMITTED IN 1865.

	M.	F.	Total.
Tradesmen	10	–	10
Wives of ditto	–	10	10
Shopkeepers	4	4	8
Mechanics and Artizans	52	11	63
Wives of ditto	–	36	36
Clerks	10	–	10
Gentlemen	2	–	2
Shoemakers	4	1	5
Tailor, Baker, Brewer, Sailor	4	–	4
Barbers	2	–	2
Servants	6	16	22
Labourers	7	–	7
Itinerants	4	3	7
Dressmakers	–	10	10
Governesses	–	3	3
Laundress	–	1	1
Midwife	–	1	1
Prostitutes	–	2	2
No Employment	11	21	32
	116	119	235

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my *eighth* annual report as Chaplain to the Borough Lunatic Asylum, I desire to express my heartfelt thankfulness that I have continued to receive during the past year the same grateful and kind recognition of my efforts for the moral and spiritual welfare of those committed to my charge, from both Officers and Inmates of the Institution.

I have much happiness in reporting that the services in the Chapel are attended by large congregations of orderly and for the greater part devout worshippers, who enter with much depth of feeling into the various parts of religious worship.

I have not found it desirable to make any change in the *order* of the services in the Chapel, the plan pursued for many years continues to be attended with success.

I may briefly indicate their order, which is as follows:—on Sundays, Divine worship commences at *Eleven* a.m., and consists of the ordinary Morning Prayer, the singing of a hymn, and the delivery of an appropriate Sermon.

On the Wednesday morning in each week Divine Service begins at half-past Eight, and consists of the Litany, the singing of a hymn,

and the delivery of a Bible Lecture—a mode of instruction I have found by several years' experience to be peculiarly adapted to awaken and sustain an interest in the minds of my congregation in subjects of a moral and religious character.

On Thursday mornings at half-past Eight I read Prayers in the Chapel; at the conclusion of Divine worship I visit the whole of the Galleries of the Institution, in order to afford religious instruction to the various classes of the inmates, adapted as far as possible to the requirements of the individual cases.

I have much pleasure in stating that during my visits in the discharge of ministerial duty, my mind has often been gladdened by the deep interest manifested by the patients in religious duties, and the earnest desire frequently expressed for spiritual instruction. I have found, during the many years I have been Chaplain, that religion exercises a powerful influence upon the minds of the afflicted inmates—calming their disturbed minds, and solacing the hearts of the poor sufferers.

I have again great pleasure in reporting that the Library of the Institution continues to be very useful, and forms a welcome and powerful helper to me in the discharge of my ministerial duties, in addition to its being a never-failing source of amusement and instruction heartily appreciated and enjoyed by a large proportion of the patients.

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion has been regularly administered each quarter during the past year.

In the ordinary discharge of my duties I am frequently called to minister to the spiritual requirements of the sick and the dying. At such seasons I have observed with sincere thankfulness and gratitude the consoling and sustaining influences of the religion of the Gospel upon the minds of the poor sufferers.

Although during the past year nothing of importance has transpired demanding special notice, yet abundant evidence has been

presented to my mind as to the valuable benefits accruing, not only to the patients themselves, but also to society in general, from the establishment of well-regulated Institutions of a character similar to your own, for the reception of those of our fellow-creatures unhappily suffering from mental afflictions.

In conclusion, I beg to assure you, gentlemen, that it is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that I report that in my judgement no means have been left unemployed which would tend to the happiness or minister to the welfare of those committed to my ministerial care and oversight.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your faithful, obedient Servant,

CHARLES BRITTAIN,

Chaplain.

Winson Green,

January 19*th*, 1866.

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