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REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
OF THE
LUNATIC ASYLUM,
FOR THE
Borough of Birmingham,
AS
PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,
BEING THEIR
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT;
TOGETHER WITH THE
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ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE
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COMMISSIONERS TO THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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Borough of Birmingham Lunatic Asylum.

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Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT,

*Presented to the Council of the Borough on the 12th day of
March, 1867.*

At the commencement of the year the number of Patients in the
Asylum was 567

Admitted in the year	263		
		Total	830
Discharged in the year	170		
Died	79		249
			581
Remaining, December 31st, 1866			581

They were chargeable as follows :—

	M.	F.	Total.
Birmingham Parish	190	231	421
Birmingham Borough	2	7	9
Aston (within the Borough)	22	33	55
King's Norton Union (do.)	2	4	6
Outlying Unions	22	18	40
Private Patients	28	22	50
Total	266	315	581

Being an increase of 15 to the Parish of Birmingham, and 7 to the Union of Aston, a decrease of 4 to the Borough of Birmingham, 2 to King's Norton Union, 1 to outlying Unions, and 1 to Private Patients, making an increase on the year of 14.

The daily average number of Patients resident was 586, being an increase on the year 1865 of 21.

Of the 263 Patients admitted, 38 were private, and 48 had been previously in this Asylum; 40 of the latter were pauper, and 8 private.

Of the discharged, 138 were paupers, and 32 private.

Of the deaths, 71 were paupers, and 8 private. Eleven patients were removed to the Asylums of Counties, &c., to which they were chargeable, and one private patient to York Retreat. Two criminals on recovery were returned to prison, and 3 paupers escaped and not recaptured.

The Asylum is now completely furnished for 630 Patients, being 330 beds for Females, and 300 for Males.

The building of the Asylum was commenced in 1846, and provision was made for 300 patients—150 of each sex. Patients were first received in June 1850, and by the end of 1858 there were 302 patients in the House chargeable to Parishes within the Borough of Birmingham, and at the present time (Dec. 31, 1866) there are 491 patients so chargeable. By this statement it will be seen that there is accommodation provided for the Lunatic paupers of the Borough for some years to come.

The Income for 1866 is as follows:—

Maintenance, Clothing, Care, &c., of Pauper			
Patients	£12,580	15	10
Ditto ditto Private ditto	1,763	11	11
Goods sold and Interest received	300	1	7
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		14,644	9 4
Expenditure chargeable to Maintenance Account	12,425	18	3
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Balance	£2,218	11	1
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Receipts from Farm and Garden	£4,697	13	7
Expenditure ditto ditto	4,260	19	11
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Balance	£436	13	8
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Total Balance in favour of Asylum	£2,655	4	9
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During the year the amount expended on Building account, not chargeable to Maintenance, viz.:—

To purchase of Land	}	£	s.	d.
„ Expenses of ditto and Interest				
„ Repairs, Materials, sinking of Well, &c.				
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Total		£7,315	14	11
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This sum has been partly paid from surplus in the hands of the Treasurer, and your Committee propose paying the balance, with the cost of the piece of land ordered to be purchased from Messrs. Shakespear, from surplus on Maintenance account, during the present year.

The Treasurer's Accounts on the 1st January, 1867, were as follows:—

Accounts due for Maintenance, &c., Dec. 31	£3,218	12	2
Amount due to Treasurer	£2,111	10	9
Tradesmen's Accounts for Dec.			
quarter	920	7	5
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		3,031	18 2
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Balance in favour of Asylum	£186	14	0
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The weekly charges for maintenance, clothing, medical treatment, and care of patients has been the same as that of the last four years, viz., In-Borough patients 8s. 6d.; Out-Borough 14s.; and Private Patients from 8s. 9d. to 21s.

The average number of Patients resident for the year was 586, against 565 in 1865, 532 in 1864, 438 in 1863, 402 in 1862, 360 in 1861, and 335 in 1860.

From the limited supply of water obtained from the well, the Establishment for some time had been principally supplied from the Waterworks Company. Your Committee have deepened the well 300 feet by means of boring, making the total depth 426 feet, and this has given a sufficient supply of good water.

The purchase of land from Messrs. Shakespear and others, authorised by Council Minute 5688, has been completed, and possession will be had at Lady-day next.

During the visitation of the Rinderpest in and about Birmingham no cow stock was introduced at the Farm, consequently during that period there was an insufficient supply of milk for the patients for a short time; but by this isolation, good feeding, fumigating and cleanliness, the plague was avoided, which in the farms of several Asylums in the country destroyed the whole of their stock.

Your Committee report that the Buildings are in good preservation, the sanatory state of the Asylum satisfactory, the health of the patients good, and the vacancies in each division of the Institution sufficient for the admissions.

For information as to the details of the year your Committee refer the Council to the Tabular Statements appended to this report, a copy of which, when printed, will be forwarded to each Member.

CHARLES STURGE, *Chairman.*

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

DIETARY.

BREAKFAST AT 7.45 A.M.—For each patient, 1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter.

LUNCH AT 11 A.M.—To patients employed, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.

DINNER AT 1 P.M.—

<i>Sunday</i>	Males —9 oz. Meat (roasted, free from bone), 16 oz. Vegetables, 3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.
	Females—8 oz. Meat (ditto) ditto ditto
<i>Monday</i>	Males —16 oz. Suet Pudding, made with Currants, Raisins, and sweet dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.
	Females—12 oz. ditto ditto
<i>Tuesday</i>	Males —8 oz. Meat (boiled), with Vegetables, Bread, and Beer, same as Sunday.
	Females—7 oz. ditto ditto ditto
<i>*Wednesday</i>	Males —8 oz. Meat (ditto) ditto ditto
	Females—7 oz. ditto (ditto) ditto ditto
<i>Thursday</i>	Males —4 oz. Meat, made into Pie, 8 oz. Potatoes, 12 oz. paste, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.
	Females—3 oz. ditto ditto 9 oz. ditto ditto
<i>Friday</i>	Males —8 oz. Meat, same as on Tuesday.
	Females—7 oz. ditto ditto
<i>*Saturday</i>	Males —8 oz. Meat ditto
	Females—7 oz. ditto ditto

* On *Wednesday* and *Saturday*, one-fourth of the patients have each 1 pint of Soup, 6 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.

The meat is principally slaughtered at the Farm, and consists of Beef, Mutton, Pork, and Veal—sometimes Fish, Poultry or Game is given in place of Meat. Rhubarb or Apples also are given in the season in place of Currants and Raisins. The Vegetables (as in season) are potatoes, parsnips, turnips, greens, peas, beans, &c., also lettuce, radishes, onions, &c.

4 O'CLOCK—The Males employed have $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas-day.

TEA AT 5.45 P.M.—For each patient, 1 pint of Tea, with Bread and Butter, same as Breakfast.

Extra diet as per Medical order.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

WORK DONE BY THE TAILOR AND PATIENTS IN THE
YEAR 1866.

ARTICLES.	Made	Total.			Re- paired.	At.	Total.				
		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	£			<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Coats (best)	18	7	0	6	1872	9	70	4	0		
Jackets	59	3	0	8						17	0
Waistcoats	21	2	0	2						2	0
Trousers	127	3	0	19						1	0
Braces	177	1	½	1	2	1	—	—	—		
Caps	2	—	—	1	0	120	1	10	0		
Mattress Cases	1	2	6	2	6	13	3	3	3		
Palliasse do.	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	2	3		
Bolster do.	160	2	—	1	6	8	—	—	—		
Mattresses	206	1	6	15	9	0	15	6	7		
Palliasse	164	1	6	12	6	0	12	6	6		
Bolsters	183	2	—	1	10	6	—	—	—		
Carpets made	20	3	—	5	0	12	3	3	0		
Curtains and Valances made	122	6	—	3	1	0	7	3	1		
Bed Sackings webbed	8	6	—	4	0	11	6	5	6		
Matting bound	14	3	—	3	6	—	—	—	—		
Sofas covered	4	8	0	1	12	0	7	4	2		
Chairs padded	6	3	—	1	6	6	3	1	6		
Sundry work	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4		
Sunday Clothes cleaned, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	9		
Chairs re-seated	—	—	—	—	—	20	6	10	0		
Pads repaired	—	—	—	—	—	9	6	4	6		
				73	10	9		81	14	7	

WORK DONE BY THE SHOEMAKER AND PATIENTS IN
THE YEAR 1866.

ARTICLES.	Made	Total.			Re- paired.	At.	Total.					
		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	£			<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
Men's Boots pairs	25	7	9	9	13	9	Pairs.	2	0	63	0	0
Women's Boots „	98	5	11	28	19	10	536	1	6	40	4	0
Men's Slippers „	71	3	6	22	8	6	120	1	0	6	0	0
Women's Slippers „	2	3	0	—	6	0	73	1	0	3	13	0
Sundry work „	—	—	—	18	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	196			62	6	1	1359			112	17	0

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

NEEDLEWORK BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS, 1866.

ARTICLES.	Made	At.	Total.			Re- paired.	At.	Total.		
			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
CLOTHING.										
	500	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	11	3	2591	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	8	0
Bonnets (trimmed).	233	$\frac{1}{2}$		9	8	1528	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	3	8
Drawers	16	2		2	8	687	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	2	11
Dresses	506	1 0	25	6	0	3800	2	31	13	4
Day Caps	264	$\frac{1}{2}$		11	0	1684	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	15	1
Chemises	416	3	5	4	0	4190	1	17	9	2
Handkerchiefs	324	$\frac{1}{4}$		6	9	690	$\frac{1}{4}$		14	4
Neckerchiefs	144	$\frac{1}{4}$		3	0					
Night Caps	120	$\frac{3}{4}$		7	6	246	$\frac{1}{4}$		5	1
Night Gowns.	42	3		10	6	1893	1	7	17	9
Petticoats	155	3	1	18	9	2094	1	8	14	6
Skirts	34	3		8	6	1804	1	7	10	4
Scarves	787	$\frac{1}{4}$		16	5	108	$\frac{1}{4}$		1	1
Shirts	635	4	10	11	8	2502	$1\frac{1}{2}$	15	12	9
Shawls	—	—	—	—	—	125	$1\frac{1}{4}$		13	0
Stays	—	—	—	—	—	659	1	2	14	11
Stockings, Men's (prs)	240	3	3	0	0	11791	$\frac{1}{2}$	24	11	3
Stockings, „ refooted	208	2	1	14	8					
Stockings, Women's	94	3	1	3	6	9712	$\frac{1}{2}$	20	4	8
Stockings, „ refooted	55	2		9	2					
Vests, Flannel	28	4		9	4	632	1	2	12	8
Gowns, Flannel	2	1 0		2	0					
Shrouds	48	$\frac{1}{2}$		2	0					
FURNISHING.										
Antimacassars	30	4		10	0	70	$\frac{1}{2}$		2	5
Bolsters and Pillow Cases	446	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	7	10	2450	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	2	1
Blankets	—	—	—	—	—	383	1	1	11	11
Cushion Covers	12	$1\frac{1}{2}$		1	6	20	1		1	8
Counterpanes	—	—	—	—	—	212	1		17	8
Carpets	13	1		1	1	97	1		8	1
Dusters and various Cloths	2470	$\frac{1}{4}$	2	11	6					
Sheets	374	$\frac{1}{2}$		15	7	2918	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	1	7
Towels	194	$\frac{1}{2}$		8	1	623	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	0
Table Cloths	48	1		4	0	521	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	8
Tea Cloths	136	$\frac{1}{4}$		2	10	130	$\frac{1}{4}$		2	8
Window Blinds	18	1		1	6	61	$\frac{1}{2}$		2	6
Window Valances	9	6		4	6	5	$1\frac{1}{2}$			7
	6602		61	16	9	54226		171	3	4

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND AGGREGATE OF DAYS EMPLOYED, WITH THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE LABOUR.—1866.

EMPLOYMENT.	Males.	Females.	No. of Days.	At per Day.		Value.	
				d.	s.	£	d.
On the Grounds and Farm Helpers	33	—	312	3	14	128	0
House and Gallery Cleaners	53	38	312	1½	14	183	0
House, Gate, and Town Porters	4	—	312	4	16	20	0
In the Bakehouse	2	—	312	6	12	15	0
Stores	7	—	312	4	8	36	0
Engineer's Shop	3	—	312	6	8	23	0
Carpenter's ditto	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Painter's ditto	3	—	209	3	16	7	9
Tailor's ditto	3	—	312	6	8	23	0
Shoemaker's ditto	1	—	176	6	8	4	0
Upholsterer's do.	2	—	175	6	15	8	0
Writing, Work-Lists, &c.	1	—	81	1	6	—	9
Needlewomen	—	105	312	2	0	273	0
Knitting	—	25	312	1	10	32	0
Assistants in Cooking Kitchen	—	10	312	3	0	39	0
Laundry and Washhouse	—	31	312	4	4	161	0
	112	209	4073			£959	0 6

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM JAN. 1, 1866; TO WHERE CHARGEABLE; NUMBER ADMITTED,
DISCHARGED, DIED, AND REMAINING, DECEMBER 31, 1866,
WITH THE COST TO EACH PARISH OR UNION.

	In the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1866.	Admitted in the Year.	Discharged in the Year.	Died in the Year.	Remaining, Dec. 31, 1866.	Maintenance, &c. £ s. d.
Contributing	Birmingham Parish	140	70	55	421	9315 11 11
	Birmingham Borough	13	7	1	9	236 6 10
	Aston Union	48	27	11	55	1223 18 8
	King's Norton Union	8	1	3	6	161 5 9
	Birkenhead Union	-	3	2	1	6 6 0
	Bridgnorth Union	5	-	5	-	92 0 0
	Leicester Union	31	46	38	34	1420 14 4
	Ludlow Union	4	2	1	4	97 19 6
	Newton Abbot Union	1	-	1	-	7 0 10
	Wem Union	-	1	1	-	9 6 0
Non-contributing	West London Union	1	-	-	1	10 6 0
	Private Patients	51	31	8	50	1763 11 11
	Total	567	170	79	581	£14,344 7 9

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1866.

<i>Parishes, Unions, &c. to which the Asylum belongs—</i>		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Birmingham Parish, Maintenance, &c.	.	9276	2	2			
„ Ditto ditto Funeral Expenses	.	39	9	9			
					9315	11	11
To Birmingham Borough, Maintenance, &c.	.	235	0	4			
„ Ditto ditto Funeral Expenses	.	1	6	6			
					236	6	10
To Aston Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	1220	9	8			
„ Ditto Funeral Expenses	.	3	9	0			
					1223	18	8
To King's Norton Union	.	161	3	9			
„ Ditto ditto Goods	.		2	0			
					161	5	9
<i>Non-contributing—</i>							
To Birkenhead Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	6	6	0			
					6	6	0
To Bridgnorth Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	92	0	0			
					92	0	0
To Leicester Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	1416	18	0			
„ Ditto Funeral Expenses	.	3	15	0			
„ Ditto Expenses	.		1	4			
					1420	14	4
To Ludlow Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	95	18	0			
„ Ditto Funeral Expenses	.	1	11	6			
„ Ditto Travelling Expenses	.		10	0			
					97	19	6
To Newton Abbot Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	4	8	0			
„ Ditto ditto Removal Expenses	.	2	12	10			
					7	0	10
To Wem Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	9	6	0			
					9	6	0
To West London Union, Maintenance, &c.	.	10	6	0			
					10	6	0
To Private Patients, Maintenance, &c.	.	1740	3	9			
„ Ditto Reimbursements	.	23	8	2			
					1763	11	11
To Goods sold from the House	.	91	15	4			
„ Interest	.	208	6	3			
					300	1	7
					£14,644	9	4

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

EXPENDITURE, 1866.

<i>Salaries and Wages—</i>		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Officers		946	5	1			
Attendants		715	8	10			
Servants		190	4	2			
					1851	18	1
<i>Provisions—</i>							
Ale and Porter		15	2	6			
Ale (Home-brewed, <i>see Malt & Hops</i>)	1800 galls.						
Beer ditto ditto	24,020 "						
Bread (Home-made, <i>see Flour</i>)	226,482 lbs.						
Butter	13,650 "	739	2	3			
Cheese	6,250 "	190	10	10			
Coffee	1,784 "	86	14	8			
Chicory	1,064 "	24	4	5			
Corn Flour	190 "	4	15	0			
Currants	1,580 "	21	13	5			
Eggs	3,397 "	14	3	1			
Flour	13,535 stns.	1274	2	1			
Fish		56	1	6			
Fruit		31	14	6			
Hops	1,754 lbs.	106	17	6			
Malt	1,422 bush.	552	13	7			
Milk	5,546 galls.	185	11	4			
Mustard	240 lbs.	7	10	2			
Meat (Beef)	60,287 "	1758	7	5			
" (Mutton)	21,316 "	621	14	7			
" (Pork)	15,544 "	453	7	4			
" (Veal)	2,374 "	69	4	10			
" (Bacon)	3,053 "	89	0	11			
Poultry and Game		49	19	2			
Potatoes	1,471 lbs.	258	16	2			
Pepper	117 "	4	17	7			
Peas Flour	397 "	3	3	0			
Rice (Ground)	19 "	7	8				
Raisins	1,701 "	29	8	8			
Sago		9	5				
Salt	82 cwt.	7	12	2			
Spirits		2	3	1			
Spices		2	3	1			
Sugar	11,375 lbs.	178	12	8			
Sugar, Lump	125 "	2	17	7			
Tea	1,554½ "	113	17	7			
Tobacco	245 "	38	15	10			
Vegetables (from Garden)		123	13	2			
Vinegar	35 galls.	1	15	8			
Wines		2	14	0			
Sundries (including Baker's Wages)		70	17	10			
					7194	16	3
Carried forward		9046	14	4			

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				9046	14	4
<i>Surgery and Dispensary—</i>						
Drugs, Instruments, &c.	86	5	2			
Wine and Spirits	5	7	8			
Extra Medical Assistant (for Board)	10	10	0			
				102	2	10
<i>Necessaries—</i>						
Blacking 12 gross.	2	3	5			
Black Lead 133 lbs.	1	13	3			
Bath Bricks 320		19	9			
Blue 54 lbs.	2	1	11			
Brushes for House use	29	4	10			
Brushes (Hair) and Combs	3	12	1			
Books, Printing, Stamps, and Stationery	94	7	8			
Beeswax 106 lbs.	10	12	0			
Candles 138 lbs.	3	4	10			
Coal 1,011 tons	578	2	4			
Firewood	15	6	0			
Gas 2,007,900 cub. ft.	226	14	7			
Matches 6 gross	2	8	0			
Soap 7,632 lbs.	110	6	3			
„ White 61 lbs.	1	5	9			
Soda 41 cwt.	15	12	3			
Starch 109 lbs.	2	3	7			
Scouring Flannel 62 pieces.	42	10	11			
Sweeping Chimneys	6	0	0			
Music	8	2	2			
Sundries	30	0	11			
				1186	12	6
<i>Clothing—</i>						
Articles and Materials	905	6	3			
Wages of Tailor and Shoemaker	136	12	0			
				1041	18	3
<i>Furniture and Bedding—</i>						
Bedding and Drapery Furniture	272	18	4			
Cabinet and other Furniture	220	10	4			
				493	8	8
<i>Repairs of Building, &c.—</i>						
Materials	121	13	9			
Wages	310	18	9			
				432	12	6
<i>Advances, Recaptures, and other Expenses—</i>						
Goods, Repairs, &c.	12	4	11			
Bank Charges	71	16	0			
Funeral Expenses	38	8	3			
				122	9	2
				£12,425	18	3

LAND, BUILDING, REPAIRS, AND MATERIALS,

Not chargeable to Maintenance. (25 & 26 Vict. cap. 111. Sec. 6.)

1866.	HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan.	To Fire-brick, Lime, and Cement	4	16	1			
	„ Bricklayer's Wages	9	11	9	14	7	10
Feb.	„ Furniture for new Sleeping Dormitory, No. 9	71	1	10			
	„ Repairing Engine, Boiler, &c. (£115. 16s. 3d. less £16. 13s. 4d. allowed)	99	2	11	170	4	9
March.	„ Locks for new works belonging to Building .	1	3	0			
	„ Sockets, Tubes, &c., for Well Sinker	5	15	5			
	„ Slating Meter House and repairing other roofs	2	3	1			
	„ Stonework, Paving, &c., back Entrance Gates	16	19	11			
	„ Cleaning out bore pipes in Well	3	3	6			
	„ Insurance (Birmingham Office)	3	6	0	32	10	11
April.	„ Furniture for Assist. Med. Officer's Sitting Rm.	11	12	5	11	12	5
May.	„ Pipes and Ironwork for Well	13	15	6	13	15	6
June.	„ Lime, Cement, and Timber	2	16	5			
	„ Leamington Range, Setting, &c. (Medical Superintendent's House)	13	12	2			
	„ New Floor in Entrance Hall and Passage .	108	3	10			
	„ Well-boring (300 feet as per Contract) .	215	0	0			
	„ Water supplied	36	1	0	375	13	5
July.	„ Paper-hangings	12	0				
	„ Dripping pans for Medical Sup.'s House .	13	6				
	„ Iron for Smith's Shop	5	0	6	6	6	0
Aug.	„ Purchase of Land, 8A. 1R. 10P.	6400	0	0			
	„ Interest on Purchase Money	81	18	8			
	„ Conveyance, Law and Surveyor's Charges .	79	5	0			
	„ Stamps, Fees, &c.	41	6	10			
	„ Proportion of Rent due to Vendor	2	1	5	6604	11	11
Sept.	„ Ironwork, Ropes, &c., for Swings	1	8	0			
	„ Fire-bricks and Clay	1	8	0			
	„ Timber for Shop use	13	14	7	16	10	7
Oct.	„ Wire-work for Dormitory Windows	5	4	0			
	„ Paper-hangings	15	6		5	19	6
Nov.	„ Paper-hangings	8	0				
	„ Timber	12	3				
	„ Repairing Roofs and Cleaning out Spouts .	10	3	0			
	„ House Tax	3	15	0			
	„ Insurance (Atlas Company)	16	0	3	30	18	6
Dec.	„ Gas Fittings	1	2	2			
	„ Castings, &c., to Hot water apparatus, Male side	6	15	5			
	„ Lime and Cement	1	2	7			
	„ Adjusting and repairing Road Weighing Machine	4	3	6			
	„ Timber (wheeling planks)	3	15	0			
	„ Law Charges (Colmore's Land)	3	8	10			
	„ Bedsteads, to complete Furnishing	9	12	0			
	„ Water supplied	1	16	6			
	„ Iron Spouts, Spout Head, &c.	1	7	7	33	3	7
					£7315	14	11

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the statistical tables for the year 1866, with comments thereon, being my sixteenth annual report.

The admissions during the year were 263, being 28 beyond those of any former year:—137 were males, 126 females; and of these 26 males and 12 females were private patients. Including the 567 left at the end of 1865 there were 830 cases under treatment during the year. There were 8 re-admissions, and, including these, 48 had been in the Asylum more than once. The average daily number, including those absent on trial, was 590, which is 23 more than the daily average of the previous year. The lowest number was 568, the highest 605.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of admissions since 1859, so that they are now more than double what they were then. Throughout the year the House, on the female side, was nearly full, which accounts for the small number of private patients, only 12, received in that department. It is a question fairly open to the Committee of Visitors whether all the room which the Asylum may have to spare, after accommodating its own patients, ought not to be reserved for the reception of private patients resident in, or connected with, the Borough. There is in all large towns, and conspicuously so in Birmingham, a numerous class of persons, far above pauperism yet whose means are quite inadequate to meet the ordinary charges of a private Asylum, who are greatly in need of the accommodation which the Borough Asylum can well afford to give. There

is no other Institution within their reach where they can be admitted, and have all the advantages of Asylum treatment, upon anything like the same moderate terms. The persons who contribute towards the fund from which the Building was erected, and is still maintained, have a paramount claim to any advantages which the Asylum may have to spare, and are well entitled to a preference over patients, either pauper or private, from distant places. The Insane are too often kept at home, where they are only partially attended to—often altogether neglected. Hence many who, under judicious treatment, might soon be restored to society become permanent lunatics, and a heavy burden to their friends, who, impoverished by the calamity, are not unfrequently compelled to seek parochial aid. If the Borough Asylum were always readily accessible to such cases, on easy terms, and the fact made generally known, this evil would be greatly lessened.

One hundred and twenty-nine patients were discharged recovered, which is 49·5 per cent. upon the admissions; and in addition to those 23 patients, 8·7 per cent. were discharged improved. The recoveries on the total admissions, as may be seen in Table II., average 36·7 per cent., besides 7 per cent. improved.

On reference to Table VII. it will be seen that the prospects for the future are not very encouraging, as 98 patients only are considered to afford any chance of recovery, leaving 483 hopeless cases to be inmates of the Asylum for life, unless taken away by friends. Of the 263 patients admitted in the last year, 69 were above 50 years of age, 27 were above 60, 9 were above 65, and 7 above 70.

The deaths, 79 in number, show a per-centage of 13·7 upon the average number resident, or 9·5 per cent. upon the total number under treatment.

Table V., which gives the causes of death, shows that general paralysis, as usual, takes the lead in the mortality table, being accountable for 21 deaths, while 22 are attributable to various other affections of the brain and nervous system. Next in importance stands phthisis which produced 14 deaths, pneumonia and bronchitis 7, disease of heart and diarrhoea each 3.

A reference to Table VI. will give some idea of the exhausted condition in which patients are often brought to the Asylum. It will there be seen that 13 of the deaths occurred within a month after admission. One patient died in a few minutes after he came. Three others did not live many hours, and six others died within a fortnight. The average age at death was 48 for the males, and 51 for the females.

During the year the Coroner for the Borough, in the exercise of his discretionary power, considered it expedient to hold inquests in so many as thirteen cases. Five were held because the patients, all females, had each sustained a fracture of a limb within a year prior to death. In four of those cases, the fracture having no part in the fatal issue, the verdict was "Died by the visitation of God." In the fifth the death arose from pyæmia the consequence of a large bed-sore, which however, did not commence until five days after the patient had been sitting up, and was due rather to the patient's paralyzed condition than to the fractured limb. Three inquests were held upon patients who died from suffocation during an epileptic fit; two by turning upon the face in bed; the other, which occurred in the garden, by drawing into the windpipe, during the paroxysm, a small portion of some bread which he was in the act of eating when he fell. Another inquest was held under the following circumstances: After the patient's body had been removed to the son's residence preparatory to its interment, it was seen by two medical men, Homœopaths, who thought they had discovered marks of violence upon it, mistaking an imperfectly formed carbuncle at the back of the neck for a severe contusion, which they said was produced by a kick or fall, and was probably the cause of death. They recommended the son to communicate with the Coroner, which he did. The verdict of the Jury was that the death ensued from "atheromatous deposit on mitral valve of heart inducing congestion of the lungs and bronchitis," which verdict the Coroner remarked was a "vindication and exculpation of all and sundry who might have been concerned in the matter."

In the other four cases there was nothing to call for any special

remark. These deaths all arose from natural causes, and the verdict in each case was "Died by the visitation of God."

Every death which happens in the Asylum is reported to the Coroner, together with a statement of the nature and duration of the special malady which caused it, the exact hour of its occurrence, and the name of the person who was present. Should any of these particulars be wanting, or not satisfactory, the Coroner usually holds an inquest; and although during the period here spoken of no default whatever has been substantiated by the enquiry (in only one instance was any charge made,) against any officer, attendant, or other person connected with this Establishment, yet in an Institution like the Asylum, the reputation of which cannot be too jealously guarded, it is quite right that such enquiries should be held, as the most proper and efficient means of anticipating and preventing misrepresentation and false reports; besides that it is one of the measures wisely devised by the Legislature for the protection of the insane from improper treatment or ill-usage.

The amount of sickness during the year was not large. There was no epidemic, or endemic disease worthy of note. Of diarrhoea and like affections, which always prevail more or less in the summer and autumn, there was very little, and the catarrhal affections of the winter months were slight and not numerous. The only point in relation to the health of the Establishment, which appears to call for remark, is the unusually large number of deaths reported to have arisen from phthisis pulmonalis during the last two years—fourteen in each—which is more than double the average of the previous years. In two-thirds of those cases the disease had commenced—in many was far advanced—before admission. Their occurrence, therefore, does not lead to any unfavourable inference with regard to the general sanitary condition of the Establishment.

THOMAS GREEN,
Medical Superintendent.

February 8th, 1867.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND
DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1866.

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.			
In the Asylum, Jan. 1, 1866	25	26	227	289	252	315	567
Admitted for the first time during the year	23	12	108	112	137	126	263
Readmitted during the year .	3	—	3	2			
Total under care during the yr.	51	38	338	403	389	441	830
Recovered	6	6	46	71	123	126	249
Relieved	12	1	4	6			
Not improved	1	5	6	6			
Died	4	4	44	27			
Remain, Dec. 31, 1866 .	28	22	238	293	266	315	581

Average Daily Number—Males 268, Females 322—Total 590.

Highest Number 605. Lowest Number 568.

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND
PROPORTION OF RECOVERIES FOR EACH YEAR.

YEARS.	Admitted.			DISCHARGED.									Died.		
				Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.					
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1850	112	95	207	6	3	9	1	0	1	5	0	5	7	3	10
1851	89	87	176	21	27	48	2	4	6	5	5	10	20	11	31
1852	58	62	120	15	31	46	8	7	15	15	14	29	24	13	37
1853	87	87	174	31	42	73	4	3	7	12	6	18	32	15	47
1854	71	70	141	30	37	67	7	9	16	11	11	22	28	18	46
1855	56	66	122	31	28	59	5	6	11	7	7	14	18	10	28
1856	78	48	126	33	24	57	7	4	11	14	4	18	19	12	31
1857	98	56	154	29	28	57	11	0	11	7	3	10	28	12	40
1858	92	74	166	44	35	79	7	5	12	9	5	14	19	17	36
1859	58	60	118	28	41	69	4	6	10	17	16	33	25	13	38
1860	67	61	128	20	20	40	2	2	4	14	8	22	23	18	41
1861	68	74	142	21	24	45	7	5	12	6	17	23	21	9	30
1862	100	99	199	17	29	46	5	9	14	9	6	15	35	15	50
1863	104	107	211	34	40	74	6	5	11	7	5	12	35	15	50
1864	103	105	208	33	40	73	13	10	23	4	9	13	37	28	65
1865	116	119	235	34	56	90	17	6	23	16	18	34	43	26	69
1866	137	126	263	52	77	129	16	7	23	7	11	18	48	31	79
Totals and Average per Centages.	1494	1396	2890	479	582	1061	122	88	210	165	145	310	462	266	728

DEATHS, WITH THE MEAN ANNUAL MORTALITY AND
YEAR SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

Remain from each Year's Admissions, December 31, 1866.			Average Numbers Resident.			Per-Centage of Recoveries on Admissions.			Per-Centage of Deaths on average numbers Resident.			YEARS.
M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
16	18	34	76	71	148	5.3	3.1	4.3	9.2	4.2	6.7	1850
5	5	10	122	119	242	23.5	31.0	27.2	16.3	9.2	12.8	1851
4	6	10	134	135	269	25.8	50.0	38.3	17.9	9.7	13.7	1852
5	5	10	132	139	272	35.6	48.2	41.9	24.2	10.7	17.2	1853
2	9	11	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
4	6	10	136	159	295	42.3	50.	46.1	14.8	7.5	10.5	1856
9	10	19	143	169	312	29.5	50.	39.7	19.5	7.1	12.8	1857
12	18	30	164	181	345	47.7	47.2	47.5	11.5	9.3	10.4	1858
7	9	16	169	184	353	46.5	68.3	58.4	14.7	7.	10.7	1859
6	12	18	156	179	335	29.8	32.7	31.2	14.7	10.	12.3	1860
17	16	33	169	191	361	30.8	32.4	31.6	12.4	4.7	8.3	1861
17	25	42	182	218	400	17.	29.2	23.1	19.2	6.8	12.2	1862
17	27	44	221	263	485	32.6	37.3	35.	15.8	5.7	10.3	1863
31	33	64	237	296	534	32.	38.	35.	15.6	9.4	12.1	1864
36	39	75	252	315	567	29.3	47.	38.2	17.	8.	12.1	1865
76	65	141	268	322	590	37.9	61.1	49.5	17.9	9.6	13.7	1866
266	315	581	165	190	357	33.1	42.3	37.7	16.1	7.4	11.8	Totals and Average per Centages

TABLE III.
SHOWING HOW THE PATIENTS REMAINING ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY, 1866, FROM EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS, HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.

From the Admissions of	Number of Patients remaining on the 1st January, 1866.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not improved.			Died.			Remaining of each Year's admissions, December 31, 1866.		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1850	20	21	41													16	18	34
1851	7	5	12													5	5	10
1852	4	7	11							1	1					4	6	10
1853	6	5	11													5	5	10
1854	2	10	12													2	9	11
1855	2	12	14													2	12	14
1856	4	6	10													4	6	10
1857	10	10	20													9	10	19
1858	13	18	31													12	18	30
1859	7	11	18													7	9	16
1860	10	13	23													6	12	18
1861	19	18	37													17	16	33
1862	20	34	54													17	25	42
1863	23	30	53													17	27	44
1864	42	42	84													31	33	64
1865	63	73	136													36	39	75
	252	315	567	25	33	58	8	4	12	4	8	12	25	20	45	190	250	440

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, 1866.

Years.	ADMITTED.			TOTAL DISCHARGED AND DIED OF EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.												REMAINING Dec. 31, 1866.		
	New Cases.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.			Died.			M.	F.	Total
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total			
																Relapsed Cases.		
1850	112	95	207	18	22	40	2	2	4	17	9	26	59	44	103	16	18	34
1851	85	87	176	19	27	46	5	5	10	17	17	34	43	33	76	5	5	10
1852	55	62	120	23	29	52	6	8	14	11	12	23	14	7	21	4	6	10
1853	79	78	174	32	48	80	9	8	17	10	11	21	31	15	46	5	5	10
1854	57	63	141	26	33	59	8	7	15	14	11	25	21	10	31	2	9	11
1855	49	60	122	28	28	56	4	5	9	5	7	12	17	14	31	2	12	14
1856	68	39	126	36	26	62	7	2	9	13	6	19	18	8	26	4	6	10
1857	83	51	154	34	30	64	9	1	10	9	3	12	37	12	49	9	10	19
1858	79	69	166	44	34	78	7	6	13	9	6	15	20	10	30	12	18	30
1859	52	47	118	15	30	45	4	8	12	9	5	14	23	8	31	7	9	16
1860	58	51	128	24	20	44	6	5	11	12	11	23	19	13	32	6	12	18
1861	59	62	142	19	33	52	3	5	8	5	7	12	24	13	37	17	16	33
1862	94	87	199	22	35	57	8	4	12	17	16	33	36	19	55	17	25	42
1863	90	100	211	38	45	83	9	10	19	5	7	12	35	18	53	17	27	44
1864	92	95	208	32	40	72	11	6	17	5	6	11	24	20	44	31	33	64
1865	107	102	235	42	58	100	16	3	19	4	8	12	18	11	29	36	39	75
1866	131	124	263	27	44	71	8	3	11	3	3	6	23	11	34	76	65	141
	1350	1272	2890	479	582	1061	122	88	210	165	145	310	462	266	728	266	315	581

TABLE IV.—*continued.*

	M.	F.	Total.
Total Admissions—1850-66 . . .	1494	1396	2890
Per-centage of Cases Recovered . . .	32.07	41.69	36.71
" " Relieved . . .	8.16	6.30	7.27
" " Not Improved . . .	11.05	10.39	10.72
" " Dead . . .	30.92	19.05	25.2
" " Remaining . . .	17.80	22.57	20.1
	100.	100.	100.

TABLE V.

SHOWING THE CAUSES OF DEATH DURING
THE YEAR.

	M.	F.	Total.
Apoplexy and Paralysis	5	5	10
Epilepsy	3	2	5
General Paralysis	17	4	21
Maniacal Decay	3	3	6
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	5	2	7
Pulmonary Consumption	7	7	14
Disease of Heart	1	2	3
Diarrhœa	1	2	3
Albuminuria	1	—	1
Suffocation	2	1	3
Old Age	2	1	3
Pyæmia	—	1	1
Cancer	1	1	2
	48	31	79

Average age at death—males 48, females 51.

TABLE VI.

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

	Recovered.			Died.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Under one month	—	1	1	9	4	13
From 1 to 3 months	17	22	39	8	4	12
" 3 „ 6 „	13	20	33	3	3	6
" 6 „ 9 „	11	19	30	1	3	4
" 9 „ 12 „	4	2	6	4	1	5
" 1 „ 2 years	2	5	7	4	4	8
" 2 „ 3 „	1	3	4	4	1	5
" 3 „ 5 „	4	2	6	3	6	9
" 5 „ 7 „	—	3	3	4	1	5
" 7 „ 10 „				1	—	1
" 10 „ 12 „				—	1	1
" 12 „ 15 „				2	—	2
" 15 „ 17 „				5	3	8
	52	77	129	48	31	79

TABLE VII.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE
1st JANUARY, 1867.

As to probability of Recovery	{ Curable	M.	F.	Total.
		43	55	98
	{ Incurable	223	260	483
		266	215	581
Social State	{ Married	M.	F.	Total.
		100	122	222
		152	158	310
	{ Single	14	35	49
	{ Widowed	226	315	581
Epileptics		75	73	148
Paralytics		35	16	51
Congenital Imbeciles		20	11	31
Criminal Lunatics		4	9	13

TABLE VIII.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 263 CASES ADMITTED
IN 1866.

	M.	F.	Total.
Mania	70	73	143
Mania, with Paralysis	20	1	21
Mania, with Epilepsy	11	8	19
Melancholia	12	13	25
Melancholia, with Paralysis	1	1	2
Dementia	5	15	20
Dementia, with Paralysis	7	3	10
Dementia, with Epilepsy	7	7	14
Congenital Imbecility	2	4	6
Congenital Imbecility and Epilepsy	2	1	3
	<u>137</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>263</u>

TABLE IX.

AGES OF THE 263 PATIENTS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Under 15	1	2	3
From 15 to 20	8	7	15
" 20 ,, 25	8	13	21
" 25 ,, 30	14	21	35
" 30 ,, 35	25	18	43
" 35 ,, 40	18	12	30
" 40 ,, 45	11	17	28
" 45 ,, 50	12	7	19
" 50 ,, 55	14	10	24
" 55 ,, 60	10	8	18
" 60 ,, 65	6	5	11
" 65 ,, 70	6	3	9
Above 70	4	3	7
	<u>137</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>263</u>

TABLE X.

DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
Not exceeding one month	60	65	125
" three months	27	31	58
" six months	18	12	30
" twelve months	9	2	11
" two years	8	2	10
Above two years	15	14	29
	<u>137</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>263</u>
Cases of more than one attack	36	33	69

TABLE XI.
CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

	M.	F.	Total.	
Social State	Married	76	69	145
	Single	54	43	97
	Widowed	7	14	21
	137	126	263	
Well Educated	3	—	3	
Able to Read and Write	112	78	190	
Able to Read only	9	22	31	
Uneducated	13	26	39	
	137	126	263	
Established Church	92	95	187	
Protestant Dissenters	33	24	57	
Roman Catholics	9	6	15	
Jews	3	1	4	
	137	126	263	

TABLE XII.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF THE PATIENTS ADMITTED
IN 1866.

	M.	F.	Total.		M.	F.	Total.
Tradesmen	9	—	9	Travellers	3	—	3
Wives of ditto	—	10	10	Pensioners	2	—	2
Shopkeepers	5	1	6	Accountant	1	—	1
Mechanics and Artizans	63	23	86	Gentlemen	2	—	2
Wives of ditto	—	33	33	School Teachers	1	5	6
Clerks	12	—	12	Policeman	1	—	1
Servants	—	10	10	Farmers	2	—	2
Labourers	15	—	15	Solicitor	1	—	1
In-door Paupers	6	17	23	Charwomen	—	3	3
Station Master	1	—	1	Dressmakers	—	5	5
Hawkers	3	—	3	Laundress	—	1	1
Dentist	1	—	1	No Employment	9	18	27
					137	126	263

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the *ninth* annual report of my labours as Chaplain, I have little to remark beyond the fact that my duties during the past year have been of the same character which from year to year I have had the pleasure to lay before you, and which on the present occasion do not call for any detailed specification. I may however mention that an important change has been introduced during the past year, by which as Chaplain I have been called upon by the Committee to attend every day at the Asylum in the discharge of duty. To this request on the part of the Committee of Visitors I had great pleasure in responding, forming as it did a source of great satisfaction to my mind, to be able to render any additional service in my power for the moral or spiritual benefit of those committed to my ministerial care, and in the discharge of which I have been abundantly repaid, by the hearty and grateful thanks I have received from the patients and others for the ministerial care I have been enabled to render for their benefit, by my increased labours among them. In all other respects my duties remain the same as in former years. I have not found it desirable to alter the mode of instruction, or in any way to change the order of the Services in the Chapel, as they have been found on the whole to harmonize with the general regulations laid down for the management of the Institution.

I have occasionally attended the Recreation meetings in the Hall, and have been pleased to observe that the efforts to minister to the happiness or promote the enjoyment of the afflicted inmates, have been attended by a gratifying amount of success.

During the past year several Lectures and Readings of an amusing and instructive kind have been given in the Hall of the Asylum;—among those who have thus contributed I may mention Mrs. Macready, Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway, Mr. Jeavons, the Medical Superintendent, and the Chaplain;—the whole of which were heartily enjoyed, and contributed greatly to the gratification of the inmates for whose benefit they were designed.

I am happy to report that the Library of the Institution continues to be very useful. The books for the greater part are carefully read, and furnish an unfailing source of pleasant and profitable employment to a large number of the afflicted inmates.

In the conclusion of this my ninth annual report, I beg to assure the Committee of Visitors that it has been my constant and earnest desire to promote the happiness and minister to the moral and spiritual welfare of those committed to my instruction and oversight as Chaplain to your valuable Institution.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your faithful Servant,

CHARLES BRITTAIN,
Chaplain.

Winson Green,
Feb. 8th, 1867.

