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OF THE
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FOR THE

Borough of Birmingham,

AS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

BEING THEIR

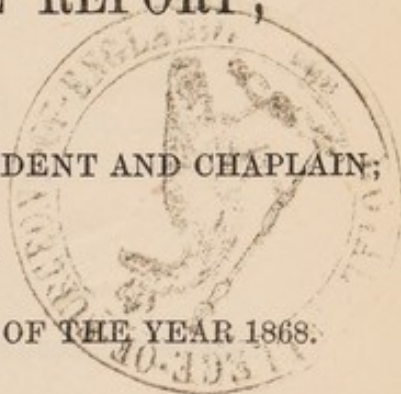
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1868.



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Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

EIGHTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT,

To the Council of the Borough, for the Year 1868.

The "Lunatic Asylum Act, 1853," directs, that the Committee of Visitors shall in every year lay before the Council of the Borough a Report of the state and condition of the Asylum; its sufficiency for the number of Lunatics for whom it may be requisite to provide accommodation; the care of the Patients confined therein; the Management, &c.

Your Committee have therefore to report, that on the 1st of January, 1868, the number of Patients in the Asylum

was	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	589
Patients admitted in the year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	216
„ under treatment in the year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	—	805
„ discharged	„	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	120
„ died	„	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70
								Total	—	190
										—
Patients remaining, December 31st, 1868	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	615

They were chargeable as follows:—

Birmingham Parish	.	.	.	.	.	.	449
Birmingham Borough	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Aston, in the Borough	.	.	.	.	.	.	73
King's Norton ditto	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Total of Patients chargeable to Birmingham	.	.	.	.	.	—	543

Brought forward	543
Leicester Union	23
Strand Union	1
Private Patients	48
Total not chargeable to Birmingham	72
Total	615

The number of Patients admitted in the year was 216, against 238 in 1867; the number discharged 120, against 148; and of deaths 70, against 78 for the same period.

Of the Patients now in the Asylum, there is an increase of 25 chargeable to the parish of Birmingham, over the number chargeable thereto on the 31st December, 1867; also an increase of 3 to the Birmingham Borough Fund, and of 7 to the Union of Aston; a decrease of 1 to King's Norton Union, of 6 to outlying parishes, and of 2 to private patients, being an increase of 26 in the year.

The average daily number of Patients resident through the year was the same as in 1867, viz., 602. The Asylum is provided and furnished for 632 patients, viz., 298 males and 334 females. At one period of the year it was found necessary to put four other beds in the wards for female patients; but this arrangement is only temporary, as the dormitories in which they are placed do not afford sufficient space for them to remain.

The following Table of the number of pauper lunatics in the Asylum on the 31st of December in each year, from 1860 to 1868, chargeable to Birmingham, will show the increase in this class:—

1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868
313	355	378	424	443	475	492	511	543

Of other pauper lunatics, chargeable to the parish of Birmingham at the above periods, your Committee learn, from the returns made to them by the Medical Officers of the Parish, of lunatics in the Workhouse, and others living with their friends, as follows:—

1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868
100	143	142	161	199	199	211	266	260

The Income for 1868 is as follows :—

For Maintenance, Clothing, Care, and Medical Treatment of Pauper Patients	£12,703	0	5
Maintenance, Care, and Medical Treatment of Private Patients	1,590	1	4
Goods sold from the House, and Discounts allowed on paid accounts	101	7	0
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Total Receipts on Maintenance Account	£14,394	8	9
By Expenditure for Maintenance, Clothing, Care, and Medical Treatment, &c., &c.	13,418	19	9
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Balance on Maintenance Account	£975	9	0
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The Farm and Garden Account for the year is as follows :—

Receipts from Farm and Garden (with Stock)	£4,806	8	3
Expenditure on this account (with Stock)	4,395	10	1
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Balance on Farm and Garden Account	£410	18	2
Balance on Maintenance Account brought down	975	9	0
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Total balance on the year's transactions	1,386	7	2
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During the year the amount expended on Building Account, though not chargeable to Maintenance Account, is £1,526 6s. 5d. This has been paid from surplus principally derived from the charges made for out-Borough and Private Patients, in excess of 8s. 6d. per week, as charged for the patients of Birmingham.

The Treasurer's Account on the 1st of January, 1869, is as follows :—

To Amount due to Treasurer	£2,480	8	5
To Tradesmen's Accounts for Dec. Quarter	1,625	1	7
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Total	£4,105	10	0
By Amount due to Treasurer (Parish accounts)	3,208	15	1
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Balance due to Treasurer	£896	14	11
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The Committee feel it their duty to state that the profit derived from outlying patients cannot be relied on in the future ; the balance therefore in favour of the Asylum must necessarily be very much diminished.

The Asylum has been closed against the admission of pauper lunatics (not of Birmingham) throughout the year ; and those now in the Asylum, chargeable to the Union of Leicester, will in all probability be shortly removed to the new Asylum provided for that Borough.

As a matter of duty to the ratepayers of the Borough, your Committee continue to admit as private patients such as may require accommodation ; of this class there are now 48 in the Asylum.

In compliance with the Act before quoted, your Committee thus submit to the Council the present state of lunacy in the Borough, and the provisions made for the reception of this unfortunate class.

The weekly charge for maintenance, clothing, medical treatment, and care of patients, has been the same as charged for the last eight years, viz., 8s. 6d. to parishes in Birmingham, 14s. to outlying parishes, and 8s. 9d. to 21s. for private patients.

The average weekly cost per patient during the past year was 8s. 6½d., against 8s. 5¾d. for the year 1867. This cost is made up as follows :—

	s.	d.
Provisions per patient per week	4	4½
Provisions for officers, attendants, and servants, per patient per week	0	9½
Salaries of officers, attendants, and servants, per patient per week	1	3½
Necessaries, as fuel, lighting, washing, &c., per patient per week	0	10½
Surgery and dispensary, per patient per week	0	0¾
Clothing	0	7½
Furniture and Bedding	0	4½
Repairs of building, wages, materials, &c.	0	2½
Total	8	6½
Less sales, discounts, and profit on farm and garden	0	3¾
Actual cost	8	2¾

At the Farm, during the year, 63 oxen, 280 sheep, 129 pigs, and 11 calves were slaughtered, and the meat consumed in the House. From the long drought during the summer months, there was a great falling-off in the root crop; the quantity of potatoes grown was 874 bushels, against 1,745 bushels in the former year. The other crops suffered in a like manner.

The buildings are in good repair, and, with the exception of the wearing out of some of the tile floors in the male wards, and passages, no repairs have been required to the original structure since handed over by the architect, now nineteen years ago. The roofs, spouts, &c., were inspected (as usual) in the spring and autumn of the year, and the customary wear and tear attended to; the ventilation and drainage continue satisfactory, and the general health of the inmates has been good.

During the year a new set of 4-inch pumps was substituted, at a cost of £42, in place of the old 3-inch ones worn out, and now the establishment is supplied by them from the well with from 25,000 to 30,000 gallons of good water per day.

The boundary wall in Lodge Road, and on the towing-path of the branch arm of the canal, of 647 yards, has been erected in the year by Messrs. J. Barnsley and Sons, at a cost of £956 19s. 9d.; the remaining portion of wall required to complete the boundary, and make private the land in front of the Asylum, is about 500 yards; and it is the opinion of your Committee that this should be completed, in order that the land lately purchased may be laid out as proposed. When this work is done, and the land levelled according to the plan of Mr. Knight, the steward, the whole can be irrigated and manured by the sewage from the Workhouse, which passes through these grounds, and can be applied to about twenty acres of grass and vegetable land, through canals, by gravitation, so as to serve any portion of the land with the quantity required at any time.

During the past year this sewage has been applied to a portion of the grass land; and through the summer drought (when on the neighbouring lands there was not a blade of green grass to be found), 14 cows and 2 horses were kept at pasture, and about $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres were laid down for mowing, from which 3 crops of about 8 tons of hay and 3 tons of green fodder were obtained. It is the opinion of Mr.

Knight, the clerk and steward of the Asylum, that if this land is laid out, and the sewage applied as proposed, sufficient grass may be cut to keep the cattle in stalls through the summer, and hay gathered for their winter consumption. The kitchen garden would also be materially benefited by application of the sewage; and as there is an abundance for both these purposes, and the form of the land is such that but little labour or cost would be required in applying it, it is a question if (as heretofore) this manurial liquid should be lost, when every facility is offered for applying it to the land; its estimated value has been set down at £200 per annum.

The Asylum was visited and inspected by two of the Commissioners in Lunacy in May last; and in their Report they state: "In conclusion, we have to remark that the Committee have lately, and in our opinion very properly, refused further admission to out-borough patients, the present numbers leaving only 21 vacant beds—18 on the male side, and only 3 on the female side. The question of enlargement has been also entertained during the past year, but has been suspended till more is known with certainty of the legislation now contemplated as to pauper lunatics in provincial workhouses." Your Committee, in their last Annual Report, informed the Council, "That they had considered the question of enlarging the Asylum, and had plans submitted to them giving further accommodation for 100 patients of each sex, which plans were approved." They now report that the same reason which induced them to postpone this question still exists.

The House Visitors, appointed from your Committee, have visited the Institution at uncertain periods through the year, and their reports testify to the satisfactory state of the wards and patients at each visit.

The usual detailed Tabular Statements will be found appended to this Report, together with the Reports of the Medical Superintendent and Chaplain, to which your Committee must refer the Council for further information of the several departments of the Asylum.

The Committee take this opportunity to inform the Council that, in consequence of the crowded state of the Asylum, it is absolutely essential that additional accommodation should be provided at the earliest possible period.

HENRY MANTON, *Chairman.*

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
<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
<i>Wednesday</i>	Males	—8 oz.	Meat (ditto) ditto
	Females	—7 oz.	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 6 oz. 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-eighth 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 at Breakfast.

Extra Diet as per Medical Order.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES, 1868.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries to Officers, Attendants, and Servants	2024	9	6
Wages to Baker and Brewer <i>vide</i> Maintenance Account	123	10	0
„ „ Tailors & Shoemakers „ Clothing Account	192	8	0
„ „ Artizans „ Building Account	241	16	1
„ „ Farm Labourers „ Farm Account	395	4	11
„ „ Bricklayers „ Buildg. Capital Account	29	3	5
	£3006	11	11

PAYMENTS, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Chaplain	125	0	0
Medical Superintendent	400	0	0
Clerk and Steward	200	0	0
Matron	80	0	0
Assistant Medical Officer	152	1	0
Assistant Clerk	100	14	0
Storekeeper	33	14	2
Male Attendants	399	18	8
Female do.	275	1	5
Laundresses	45	0	0
Cook	18	16	3
Housemaids	21	0	0
Kitchenmaid	10	14	0
Male Night Attendant	65	0	0
Barber	39	0	0
Stoker	58	10	0
	2024	9	6

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT:—

Baker and Brewer.	65	0	0
Assistant ditto	58	10	0
	123	10	0

Carried forward £2147 19 6

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				2147	19	6
CLOTHING ACCOUNT:—						
Tailor	70	4	0			
Assistant ditto	52	0	0			
Shoemaker	70	4	0			
	<hr/>			192	8	0
BUILDING REPAIRS ACCOUNT:—						
Engineer	78	0	0			
Carpenter	78	0	0			
Assistant ditto—9 weeks	13	5	0			
Painter	71	2	6			
Bricklayer to Oven	1	8	7			
	<hr/>			241	16	1
FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT:—						
Farm Man and Wife	52	0	0			
Gardener and Wife	71	10	0			
Assistant Gardener	53	11	8			
Farm Labourers	147	14	2			
Pigman, &c.	44	16	2			
Wheelwright	6	11	3			
Potato-planters and Getters	19	1	8			
	<hr/>			395	4	11
BUILDING CAPITAL ACCOUNT:—						
Bricklayer				29	3	5

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	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jackets and Coats . . . 127 at	3	0 ...	19	1	0			
Waistcoats . . . 123 „	2	0 ...	12	6	0			
Trousers . . . 184 „	3	0 ...	27	12	0			
Strong Suits . . . 8 „	7	0 ...	2	16	0			
Braces . . . (prs) 219 „	0	3 ...	2	14	9			
Shirts, strong . . . 8 „	1	6 ...	0	12	0			
Blankets, strong . . . 9 „	2	0 ...	0	18	0			
Rugs, quilted . . . 1 „	12	0 ...	0	12	0			
Counterpanes, stitched . . . 82 „	0	2 ...	0	13	8			
Blankets, do. . . 170 „	0	2 ...	1	8	4			
Mattresses and Cases made 14 „	1	6 ...	1	1	0			
Sundries			1	6	3			
						71	1	0

WORK DONE IN SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.

		s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Men's Boots made	(prs) 41 at 3	0	...	6	3	0
" " repaired "	1274 ,, 1	6	...	95	11	0
Women's Boots made	" 117 ,, 2	0	...	11	14	0
" " repaired	574 ,, 1	0	...	28	14	0
Men's Slippers made	" 3 ,, 2	0	...	0	6	0
Women's " made	" 4 ,, 1	6	...	0	6	0
Sundry Repairs . . .				0	11	0
				143	5	0

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

NEEDLEWORK BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS, 1868.

ARTICLES.	Made	At		Total.			Reprs.	At		Total.		
		s.	d.	£	s.	d.		s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aprons	602	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	17	7	3653	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	7	2
Bonnets (trimmed)	216	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	0	13	6	1293	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	13	10
Drawers	17	0	2	0	2	10	704	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	4	0
Dresses	572	1	0	28	12	0	4638	0	2	38	13	0
Caps	553	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	14	7	1197	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	4	11
Chemises	503	0	3	6	5	9	5034	0	1	20	19	6
Kerchiefs	672	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	14	0	762	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	15	10
Night Gowns	74	0	3	0	18	6	1773	0	1	7	7	9
Petticoats	184	0	3	2	6	0	3192	0	1	13	6	0
Skirts	240	0	3	3	0	0	1928	0	1	8	0	8
Scarves	85	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	9	149	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	3	1
Shrouds	76	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shawls	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	0	1	0	9	4
Shirts	597	0	4	9	18	4	3397	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	21	4	7
Stays	—	—	—	—	—	—	762	0	1	3	3	6
Stockings, Men's (prs)	143	0	3	1	15	9	12546	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	26	2	9
Stockings „ (refooted)	156	0	2	1	6	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stockings, Women's	178	0	3	2	4	6	9546	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	19	17	9
Stockings „ (refooted)	50	0	2	0	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vests, Flannel	56	0	4	0	18	8	659	0	1	2	14	11
Antimacassars	84	0	4	1	8	0	12	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	6
Bolster and Pillow Cases	847	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	12	11	3591	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	9	7
Blankets	—	—	—	—	—	—	280	0	1	1	3	4
Counterpanes	—	—	—	—	—	—	377	0	1	1	11	5
Carpets	21	0	1	0	1	9	52	0	1	0	4	4
Dusters and various Cloths	2459	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	2	11	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheets	798	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	13	3	3636	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	11	6
Towels	818	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	17	0	891	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	18	7
Table Cloths	54	0	1	0	4	6	626	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	1
Window Blinds	21	0	1	0	1	9	142	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	5	11
Window Valances	7	0	6	0	3	6	24	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	0
Sundry other work	—	—	—	2	0	0	—	—	—	2	10	0
	10083	—	—	£74	13	7	60976	—	—	£199	12	10

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

PATIENTS EMPLOYED, AND VALUE OF LABOUR, 1868.

EMPLOYMENT.	Males.	Females.	No. of Days Employed.	At per day.	Value.		
					£	s.	d.
On the Grounds, and Farm Helpers	32	—	304	3	121	12	0
House and Gallery Cleaners	62	41	313	1	134	6	7
House, Surgery, and Town Porters	4	—	313	4	20	17	4
In the Bakehouse	2	—	350	6	17	10	0
Stores	8	—	313	3	31	6	0
Engineer's Shop	3	—	290	6	21	15	0
Carpenter's ditto	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Painter's ditto	1	—	308	6	7	14	0
Tailor's and Upholsterer's Shop	4	—	305	6	30	10	0
Shoemaker's Shop	2	—	270	6	13	10	0
Needlewomen	—	103	306	2	262	13	0
Knitters	—	19	306	$\frac{1}{2}$	12	2	3
Assistants in Cooking Kitchen	—	10	365	4	60	16	8
Laundry and Washhouse	—	31	312	4	161	4	0
	118	204			895	16	10

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM JANUARY 1ST AND DECEMBER 31ST, 1868; WITH ADMISSIONS,
DISCHARGES, DEATHS, INCOME FOR MAINTENANCE, &c.

PARISHES, UNIONS, &c.	Jan. 1.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Dec. 31.	At	Maintenance Account.
Birmingham Parish	424	151	78	48	449	8/6	£ 9786 4 6
Birmingham Borough	11	6	2	1	14	8/6	307 0 1
Aston Union	66	30	12	11	73	8/6	1499 0 6
King's Norton Union	8	1	2	-	7	8/6	165 3 10
Leicester Union	26	-	-	3	23	14/-	881 15 6
Ludlow Union	3	-	3	-	-	14/-	29 2 0
Strand Union	1	-	-	-	1	14/-	34 14 0
Private Patients	50	28	23	7	48	8/9 to 21/-	1590 1 4
Total	589	216	120	70	615		14293 1 9

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

EXPENDITURE, 1868.

Salaries and Wages—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Officers, Attendants, and Servants				2024	9	6

Provisions—

Ale and Porter	75 doz. & 2 casks .	15	13	0		
Ale (Home-brewed, <i>see Malt & Hops</i>)	1,760 galls.					
Beer ditto	23,890 "					
Bread (Home-made, <i>see Flour</i>)	230,666 lbs.					
Butter	14,108½ "	723	19	2		
Cheese	6,562¼ "	163	13	0		
Coffee	1,779¼ "	85	5	4		
Chicory	1,083½ "	27	10	4		
Corn Flour	201 "	4	19	4		
Currants	1,620½ "	18	8	10		
Eggs	2,655 "	10	15	4		
Flour	13,898 stone	1652	15	4		
Fish		54	3	9		
Fruit		34	2	8		
Hops	1,733 lbs.	99	3	10		
Malt	1,436 bush.	612	13	0		
Milk	6,789¾ galls.	246	3	4		
Mustard	210½ lbs.	6	8	0		
Meat (Beef)	61,701 "	1706	9	10		
„ (Mutton)	30,385¼ "	851	12	0		
„ (Pork)	15,158 "	442	2	2		
„ (Veal)	4,116½ "	108	11	0		
„ (Bacon)	2,916¾ "	86	11	1		
Poultry and Game		36	16	0		
Potatoes	1,679¾ bush.	371	2	4		
Pepper	34 lbs.	1	2	4		
Pea-Flour, Oatmeal, &c.	364 "	3	5	7		
Rice	347 "	2	18	11		
Raisins	1,640¼ "	24	7	4		
Sago		0	19	6		
Salt and Saltpetre	104½ cwt	8	5	10		
Spirits		6	13	8		
Spices		10	5	4		
Sugar	14,140¾ lbs.	214	17	10		
Sugar (Lump)	87½ "	2	0	0		
Tea	1,711 "	134	12	7		
Tobacco	258 "	42	0	2		
Vegetables (from Garden) 12 mths. supply		128	13	8		
Vinegar		2	17	8		
Wines	4 doz.	6	8	5		
Wages (Baker and Brewer)		123	10	0		
Tapioca	24 lbs.	0	8	9		
Treacle	255 "	2	5	5		
					8074	11 8

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward				10,099	1	2
<i>Surgery and Dispensary—</i>							
	Drugs, Instruments, &c.				87	6	3
<i>Necessaries—</i>							
	Blacking	12	gross.		2	1	6
	Black Lead	111	lbs.		1	5	5
	Bath Bricks	390			1	6	0
	Blue	58 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.		2	0	0
	Brushes, for House use				36	13	1
	Brushes (Hair) and Combs				4	14	11
	Books, Printing, Stamps & Stationery				101	6	2
	Beeswax	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.		13	17	0
	Candles	129	„		2	16	5
	Coals	1,086 $\frac{1}{2}$	tons		589	14	3
	Firewood	1	ton		0	14	6
	Gas	2,390,600	cub. ft.		259	19	8
	Matches	5	gross.		2	0	0
	Soap	8,093	lbs.		124	9	1
	„ Soft	374	„		4	0	5
	Soda	5,024 $\frac{1}{2}$	„		14	19	2
	Starch	115	„		2	12	3
	Scouring Flannel	55	pieces		42	3	11
	Sweeping Chimneys				5	0	0
	Music				5	18	6
	Sundries				27	16	8
	Yearly Auditing				10	10	0
	Carriage of Parcels				17	0	5
	Oil for Lamps	22	galls.		4	17	0
	Turpentine	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	„		6	16	6
	Waste Paper				5	16	6
	Bird Seed				0	6	6
	Advances, Recaptures, and Certifying to Patients				13	9	5
	Funeral Expenses				36	15	0
					1341	0	3
<i>Clothing—</i>							
	Articles and Materials				781	17	9
	Wages of Tailor and Shoemaker				192	8	0
					974	5	9
<i>Furniture and Bedding—</i>							
	Bedding and Drapery Furniture				320	3	7
	Cabinet and other Furniture				281	11	1
					601	14	8
<i>Repairs of Building, &c.—</i>							
	Material and Wages				315	11	8
	Total Expenditure				£13,418	19	9

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1868.

Income.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
To Maintenance, Clothing, Medical Treatment, and care of Birmingham Patients	}	11,757	8	11	By Salaries and Wages (<i>see Table of Salaries</i>)	.	2024	9	6
„ Maintenance, &c., of Pauper Patients not of Birmingham					„ Provisions	.	8074	11	8
„ Maintenance, &c., of Private Patients	.	945	11	6	„ Surgery and Dispensary	.	87	6	3
„ Goods sold from the House, &c.	.	1590	1	4	„ Necessaries (as coal, gas, brushes, soap, &c.)	.	1290	15	10
	.	101	7	0	„ Clothing	.	974	5	9
	.				„ Furniture and Bedding	.	601	14	8
	.				„ Advances to Patients, and Funeral Expenses	.	50	4	5
	.				„ Repairs of Building	.	315	11	8
	.								
	.				Balance	.	13,418	19	9
	.						975	9	0
	.								
	.						£14,394	8	9
Income per Patient per Week	.	.	.	9s. 2½d.	Expenditure per Patient per Week	.	.	8s. 6½d.	
	.	.	.		Less Profit on Farm and Garden, Goods sold from House, &c.	.	.	0s. 3½d.	
	.	.	.		Actual Cost per Patient per Week	.	.	8s. 2¾d.	

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FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT, 1868.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Value of Live Stock, Dec. 31, 1867	422	6	0			
" Growing Crops ditto	57	0	0			
" Provender, &c. ditto	105	17	0			
" 615 Bushels of Potatoes, do.	107	12	6			
" Dead Stock ditto	556	9	4			
				1249	4	10
<i>Cash Paid for Cattle, &c.</i>						
" 4 Milking Cows & Calves	£91	10	0			
" 62 Beasts for Slaughter	1217	8	0			
				1308	18	0
To 290 Sheep for ditto				696	0	4
" 110 Pigs for ditto and stock				244	10	0
<i>Paid for Labour—</i>						
To Gardener and Assistant				125	1	8
" Farm Man and Dairy Woman				52	0	0
" Four Farm Labourers				192	10	4
" Wheelwright				6	11	3
" Potatoc-planters and Getters				19	1	8
<i>Provender—</i>						
To Corn, Meal, Bran, Cake, &c.				136	4	10
" Hay, Straw, &c.				98	0	7
" Grains and Pig Wash				105	8	3
" Roots				22	9	9
<i>Implements, Seeds, Repairs, and Sundries—</i>						
To Manure, Lime, &c.				40	9	8
" Seeds				9	15	2
" Coal				21	1	4
" Rates, Tithes, and Taxes				38	19	4
" Implements, Veterinary, Shoeing, &c.				29	3	1
Balance				139	8	7
				410	18	2
				£4806	8	3

SUPPLIES TO THE HOUSE—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Meat—</i>						
By 45662 lbs. Beef				1331	16	2
" 23169 " Mutton				675	15	3
" 17124 " Pork				499	9	0
" 1607 " Veal				46	17	5
<i>Milk, &c.—</i>						
By 6879½ gallons of Milk & Cream				246	3	4
" 1281½ " Milk to Prison				64	1	2
" 1042¼ lbs. Butter				78	3	5
By 1189 Bushels Potatoes to House				388	7	11
" Green Vegetables ditto				248	7	6
" Poultry and Eggs ditto				124	14	0
" Hides, Skins, and Fat sold				11	15	5
" Sundries sold				£205	2	8
				40	2	2
By Value of Live Stock, 31st Dec., 1868				578	7	6
" Farm Implements, ditto				191	18	6
" Garden ditto ditto				37	12	3
" Shrubs, Plants, Trees, &c.				250	0	0
" Growing Crops, ditto				42	10	0
" 300 Bushels Potatoes, ditto				67	10	0
" Provender ditto				66	2	6
				1234	0	9

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BUILDING, REPAIRS, MATERIALS, &c.

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

1868.	HEADS OF EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	To Timber for Canal Boundary	10	5	0			
	„ Bricklayers' and Painters' Materials	14	18	1			
					25	3	1
Feb.	„ Law Expenses on purchase of Land, 1867	43	11	7			
	„ Bricklayer, &c.	5	9	2			
					49	0	9
March	„ Paving Yard	14	2	10			
	„ Insurance	3	6	0			
					17	8	10
April	„ Timber for Boundary	3	4	0			
	„ Slater	2	18	0			
					6	2	0
May	„ Masonry, Glass, Paper Hangings, Castings, &c.				25	15	0
June	„ Water supplied by Company	28	13	0			
	„ Paper Hangings	4	19	3			
	„ New Pumps and Repairs of Well	68	3	3			
	„ Bricklayer and Materials	7	6	6			
					109	2	0
July	„ Chimney-Terminal, Drain-pipes, &c.	22	2	0			
	„ Timber for House and Farm Work	15	15	11			
	„ Bricklayer and Materials	2	19	9			
					40	17	8
Aug.	„ Furniture	15	13	0			
	„ Work to Chimneys	14	13	9			
	„ Bricklayer, Plasterer, and Materials	11	12	9			
	„ Glass, Paper Hangings, &c.	2	17	1			
					44	16	7
Sept.	„ Timber	22	13	10			
	„ Insurance	16	0	3			
	„ Iron Castings, Workmen, &c.	24	5	2			
	„ Bricklayer and Materials	10	18	11			
					73	18	2
Oct.	„ Queen's Taxes	26	16	9			
	„ Washing Machine, Fittings, &c.	13	6	6			
	„ Repairs of Roofs and Plumbers' Work	23	18	4			
					64	1	7
Nov.	„ Steam Pipes, Taps, &c.				8	8	6
Dec.	„ Castings, Fire-bricks, &c.	12	5	8			
	„ Building Boundary Wall	956	19	9			
	„ Bank Interest	92	6	10			
					1061	12	3
					£1526	6	5

The Accounts of the Treasurer, together with those of the Clerk and Steward of the Asylum, for the year 1868, have been audited by Benjamin Scott and Sons, public auditors, and reported by them to be "*correct and in order.*"

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

GENTLEMEN,

The termination of the year 1868 imposes upon me the duty of laying before you the eighteenth annual report on the state and condition of your Asylum, together with the usual statistical tables.

The work of the Establishment has gone on smoothly during the past year. Its good sanitary condition was well kept up. There was no epidemic disorder to mar the good health usually enjoyed by its inmates, nor was its tranquility disturbed by any suicide or other untoward event.

The admissions during the year were 216,—consisting of 105 males, and 111 females, of which numbers 17 males and 11 females were private patients. With the 590 left at the end of 1867, there were 806 cases under treatment during the year. There were 8 re-admissions, and, including these, 38 had been in the Asylum more than once. The average daily number, including those absent on trial, was 605, precisely the same as the previous year; the numbers having been kept down by the quick discharge of recovered patients, as well as by the non-admission of out-borough cases. The highest number was 626, the lowest 590.

Eighty-eight patients were discharged recovered, which is 40 per cent. upon the admissions, being 3 per cent. above the average of

the previous 18½ years. Twenty-three others—10 per cent.—were discharged convalescent, or much improved.

The death-rate was not high. It was 11·5 per cent. upon the average number resident, which is a little below the average of the previous years. Of the 70 deaths which happened in the year, 24 were due to general paralysis, and 26 to other forms of brain disease. Four were caused by phthisis pulmonalis, and nine by other pulmonary affections. The remaining seven arose from cancer, psoas abscess, diarrhoea, caries of bone, suffocation in a fit, each one, and two from erysypelas.

For the first time since the Asylum opened the female death-rate exceeded the male. The gross mortality from the opening of the Asylum in 1850, calculated upon the admissions, is 31 per cent. for the males, against 20 per cent. for the females.

Three Inquests were held. In two the verdict was “died by the visitation of God.” One of these was a case which proved fatal soon after admission, the other a very sudden death from apoplexy. The third was the case of suffocation above alluded to. The patient, an epileptic of many years standing, three hours after dinner, was seized with a fit while sitting in the closet. The nurse, who was in the day room, was immediately called to her assistance by another patient, but on reaching her she was dead. On post-mortem examination, it was found that, during the paroxysm, some pulpy, nearly digested food, had been thrown up from the stomach, and drawn into the windpipe,—causing death by suffocation.

During the year, four births took place in the Asylum. All the mothers were married women except one, and all were pregnant on admission. One had twins.

Patients are occasionally admitted into the Asylum under regular order and certificate, in whom, after admission, no evidence of Insanity can be discovered. These are generally cases of temporary mania, passing off in the interval between the signing of the medical certifi-

cate and their admission into the Asylum. But last year two such patients were admitted, whose cases did not admit of the same satisfactory solution,—their history showing beyond a doubt that there had not been in either case any well-grounded reason at any time for calling them Lunatics.

The looseness with which medical certificates of Insanity are frequently drawn up, led me, long ago, to the opinion—strongly confirmed by these cases—that so important a matter as the certification of Lunatics—often very difficult, and one in which an error may embitter the whole future life of an individual, ought not to be entrusted to ordinary medical practitioners, but should be placed in the hands of experts—of men, who, having an intimate and practical acquaintance with the different phases of the malady, will be able to distinguish between real and feigned insanity, and will not be liable to errors, such as that of mistaking a natural outbreak of passion for an attack of maniacal excitement. This is a subject which cannot have escaped the notice of the Commissioners in Lunacy, who, it is probable, will in due time take steps to secure more care and greater precision in the framing of such certificates.

The house was nearly full throughout the year. On the female side it was found necessary, in order to meet the increasing demands upon it, to provide an additional number of beds, whereby that department was at times crowded beyond its legitimate and safe number. On reference to Table 8, it will be seen that an unusually large proportion of the patients now in the Asylum—more than one-fourth of the whole number—are epileptics. The presence of so many of that class, intermixed as they necessarily are throughout the house with other patients—the wards specially appropriated for their use being totally inadequate—very much embarrasses the classification, and also materially interferes with the treatment of the curable cases.

If an additional building were at once erected contiguous to the present epileptic wards, where there is ample room, it would give

accommodation for about one hundred patients on either side. This, for some years to come, would leave the Asylum open for the reception of out-borough patients, both pauper and private, at a considerable profit to the Institution; from which source a fund might be raised that would go far towards defraying the cost of the new building, whereas by delaying the measure until the demand becomes more urgent—until the *whole* space may be wanted for home-patients—no such advantageous result can be looked for. Unless such enlargement be promptly carried out, or accommodation for the increasing numbers be provided in some other way, it will soon become necessary not only to decline taking out-borough cases, but also all private patients—even though they may be resident in, and belong to, the Borough.

THOMAS GREEN,

Medical Superintendent.

February 4th, 1869.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1868.

	Private.		Pauper.				Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
In the Asylum, Jan. 1, 1868	27	23	243	297	270	320	590
Admitted for the first time	17	10	86	95	105	111	216
during the year							
Re-admitted during the year .	—	1	2	5			
Total under care during the yr.	44	34	331	397	375	431	806
Recovered	3	5	34	46	89	102	191
Relieved	7	4	6	6			
Not improved	3	1	5	1			
Died	4	3	27	36			
Remain, Dec. 31, 1868 . .	27	21	259	308	286	329	615

Average daily number—Males, 277 ; Females, 327 ; Total, 605.
Highest number, 626 ; Lowest number, 590.

TABLE II.

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, & DEATHS, FROM THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM TO THE 31st OF DECEMBER, 1868.

	M.	F.	Total.
Persons admitted during the 18½ years	1486	1381	2867
Re-admissions	251	222	473
Total of cases admitted	1737	1603	3340
Recovered	573	692	1265
Relieved	151	103	254
Not improved	180	150	330
Died	547	329	876
Total discharged and died during the 18½ years	1451	1274	2725
Remaining, December 31, 1868	286	329	615
Average numbers resident during the 18½ years	178	204	383

TABLE III.

SHOWING HOW THE PATIENTS REMAINING ON THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1868, FROM EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS, WERE DISPOSED OF DURING THAT YEAR.

From the Admissions of	Number of Patients remaining on the 1st January, 1868.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not improved.			Died.			Remaining of each Year's admissions, December 31, 1868.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1850	13	18	31										1		1	12	18	30
1851	4	5	9													4	5	9
1852	2	6	8													2	6	8
1853	5	4	9													5	4	9
1854	1	9	10										1		1	1	8	9
1855	2	12	14													2	12	14
1856	3	6	9													3	6	9
1857	8	10	18	1		1							1		1	8	8	16
1858	12	16	28										1	1	2	11	15	26
1859	7	8	15					1	1				1	1	2	6	6	12
1860	4	12	16										2	2	4	4	10	14
1861	16	15	31										1	2	3	15	13	28
1862	15	23	38					1	1				1	3	4	15	18	33
1863	13	25	38										2	2	4	12	23	35
1864	31	29	60					1	1				2	2	4	26	25	51
1865	31	27	58	1	2	3		1	1	2			3	3	6	25	20	45
1866	44	40	84							4			4	4	8	36	34	70
1867	59	55	114	16	16	32	6	1	7				5	7	12	32	31	63
	270	320	590	17	23	40	6	5	11	6	1	7	22	29	51	219	262	481

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

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
1867	138	96	234	57	59	116	16	5	21	7	3	10	54	24	78
1868	105	111	216	37	51	88	13	10	23	8	2	10	31	39	70
Totals and Average	1737	1603	3340	573	692	1265	151	103	254	180	150	330	547	329	876

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

Remain from each Year's Admissions, December 31, 1868.			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.	
12	18	30	76	71	148	5.3	8.1	4.3	9.2	4.2	6.7	1850
4	5	9	122	119	242	23.5	31.0	27.2	16.3	9.2	12.8	1851
2	6	8	134	135	269	25.8	50.0	38.3	17.9	9.7	13.7	1852
5	4	9	132	139	272	35.6	48.2	41.9	24.2	10.7	17.2	1853
1	8	9	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
3	6	9	136	159	295	42.3	50.	46.1	14.8	7.5	10.5	1856
8	8	16	143	169	312	29.5	50.	39.7	19.5	7.1	12.8	1857
11	15	26	164	181	345	47.7	47.2	47.5	11.5	9.3	10.4	1858
6	6	12	169	184	353	46.5	68.3	58.4	14.7	7.	10.7	1859
4	10	14	156	179	335	29.8	32.7	31.2	14.7	10.	12.3	1860
15	13	28	169	191	361	30.8	32.4	31.6	12.4	4.7	8.3	1861
15	18	33	182	218	400	17.	29.2	23.1	19.2	6.8	12.2	1862
12	23	35	221	263	485	32.6	37.3	35.	15.8	5.7	10.3	1863
26	25	51	237	296	534	32.	38.	35.	15.6	9.4	12.1	1864
25	20	45	252	315	567	29.3	47.	38.2	17.	8.	12.1	1865
36	34	70	268	322	590	37.9	61.1	49.5	17.9	9.6	13.7	1866
32	31	63	281	323	605	41.3	61.4	51.3	19.2	7.4	13.3	1867
67	67	134	277	327	605	35.2	45.9	40.7	11.2	11.9	11.5	1868
286	329	615	178	204	383	33.6	43.5	38.6	16.	8.2	11.9	Totals and Average per Centages.

TABLE V.—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, 1868.

Years.	ADMITTED.			TOTAL DISCHARGED AND DIED OF EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.												REMAINING Dec. 31, 1869.		
	New Cases.			Relapsed Cases.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.			Died.		
	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	63	44	107
1851	85	87	176	4	—	—	19	27	46	5	5	10	17	17	34	44	33	77
1852	55	62	120	3	—	—	23	29	52	6	8	14	11	12	23	16	7	23
1853	79	78	174	8	9	17	32	48	80	9	8	17	10	11	21	31	16	47
1854	57	63	141	14	7	21	26	33	59	8	7	15	14	11	25	21	11	32
1855	49	60	122	7	6	13	28	28	56	4	5	9	5	7	12	17	14	31
1856	68	39	126	10	9	19	36	26	62	7	2	9	13	6	19	19	8	27
1857	83	51	154	15	5	20	34	31	65	9	1	10	9	3	12	38	13	51
1858	79	69	166	13	5	18	44	34	78	7	6	13	9	6	15	21	13	34
1859	52	47	118	6	13	19	15	30	45	4	9	13	9	5	14	24	10	34
1860	58	51	128	9	10	19	24	20	44	6	5	11	12	11	23	21	15	36
1861	59	62	142	9	12	21	19	33	52	3	5	8	5	7	12	26	16	42
1862	94	87	199	6	12	18	24	37	61	8	6	14	17	16	33	36	22	58
1863	90	100	211	14	7	21	39	45	84	9	10	19	5	7	12	39	22	61
1864	92	95	208	11	10	21	32	42	74	11	7	18	7	6	13	27	25	52
1865	107	102	235	9	17	26	44	66	110	16	4	20	5	11	16	26	18	44
1866	131	124	263	6	2	8	38	65	103	14	4	18	9	4	13	40	19	59
1867	130	93	234	8	3	11	58	48	106	16	4	20	4	—	4	29	13	42
1868	103	105	216	2	6	8	20	28	48	7	5	12	2	1	3	9	10	19
	1583	1470	3340	154	133	334	573	692	1265	151	103	254	180	150	330	547	329	876
																286	329	615

TABLE V.—*continued.*

	M.	F.	Total.
Total Admissions—1850-68 . .	1737	1603	3340
Per-centage of Cases Recovered .	32·98	43·17	37·88
„ „ Relieved .	8·69	6·43	7·60
„ „ Not Improved .	10·36	9·36	9·88
„ „ Dead .	31·50	20·52	26·22
„ „ Remaining .	16·47	20·52	18·42
	100·	100·	100·

TABLE VI.

SHOWING THE CAUSES OF DEATH DURING
THE YEAR.

	M.	F.	Total.
Apoplexy and Paralysis	3	1	4
Epilepsy and Convulsions	5	8	13
General Paralysis	13	11	24
Softening of the Brain	1	—	1
Maniacal and Melancholic Decay	3	5	8
Inflammation of Lungs and Bronchi	5	3	8
Pulmonary Congestion	—	1	1
Ditto Consumption	1	3	4
Cancer of Liver	—	1	1
Psoas Abscess	—	1	1
Diarrœha	—	1	1
Erysipelas	—	2	2
Caries of Bones	—	1	1
Suffocation in a fit	—	1	1
	31	39	70

Average age at death—males 47, females 40.

TABLE VII.

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 .	3	3	6	6	7	13
From 1 to 3 months .	10	16	26	2	3	5
„ 3 „ 6 „ .	12	15	27	1	1	2
„ 6 „ 9 „ .	7	5	12	2	2	4
„ 9 „ 12 „ .	2	1	3	—	—	—
„ 1 „ 2 years .	2	5	7	6	4	10
„ 2 „ 3 „ .	—	2	2	2	5	7
„ 3 „ 5 „ .	1	2	3	7	5	12
„ 5 „ 7 „ .	—	1	1	1	6	7
„ 7 „ 10 „ .	—	—	—	2	3	5
„ 10 „ 12 „ .	—	1	1	1	2	3
„ 12 „ 15 „ .	—	—	—	—	1	1
„ 15 „ 20 „ .	—	—	—	1	—	1
	37	51	88	31	39	70

TABLE VIII.

STATE OF THE PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM
JANUARY 1, 1869.

As to probability of Recovery	{ Curable .	33	47	80
	{ Incurable .	253	282	535
		286	329	615
Social State	{ Married .	105	117	222
	{ Single .	167	172	339
	{ Widowed .	14	40	54
		286	329	615
Epileptics		76	87	163
Paralytics		23	15	38
Congenital Imbeciles		19	14	33
Criminal Lunatics		1	3	4

TABLE IX.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 216 CASES ADMITTED
IN 1868.

	M.	F.	Total.
Mania	59	63	122
Mania, with Paralysis	8	1	9
Mania, with Epilepsy	5	7	12
Melancholia ,	6	16	22
Dementia	12	5	17
Dementia, with Paralysis	—	4	4
Dementia, with Epilepsy	8	12	20
Congenital Imbecility	3	2	5
Congenital Imbecility, with Paralysis	1	—	1
Congenital Imbecility, with Epilepsy	3	1	4
	105	111	216

TABLE X.

AGES OF THE 216 PATIENTS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Under 15	1	3	4
From 15 to 20	9	6	15
„ 20 „ 25	13	9	22
„ 25 „ 30	8	21	29
„ 30 „ 35	17	8	25
„ 35 „ 40	17	14	31
„ 40 „ 45	12	15	27
„ 45 „ 50	10	9	19
„ 50 „ 55	6	10	16
„ 55 „ 60	2	7	9
„ 60 „ 65	6	5	11
„ 65 „ 70	3	2	5
Above 70	1	2	3
	105	111	216

TABLE XI.

SHOWING THE DURATION OF THE DISORDER ON ADMISSION, IN THE ADMISSIONS,
DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR.

		DURATION OF DISEASE IN FOUR CLASSES.											
		On Admission.			Recovered.			Removed, Relieved, or otherwise.			Deaths.		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
First attack, and within Three months of admission		57	59	116	27	30	57	6	2	8	17	27	44
First attack above Three and within Twelve months of admission		10	8	18	1	5	6	3	1	4	2	1	3
Not first attack, and within Twelve months of admission		18	22	40	9	12	21	2	5	7	3	2	5
First attack, or not, but of more than Twelve months of admission		20	22	42	-	4	4	10	4	14	9	9	18
		105	111	216	37	51	88	21	12	33	31	39	70

TABLE XII.

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

Social State					M.	F.	Total.
Social State	Married	.	.	.	43	56	99
	Single	.	.	.	53	38	91
	Widowed	.	.	.	9	17	26
					105	111	216
Able to Read and Write					76	62	138
Able to Read only					7	12	19
Uneducated or unascertained					22	37	59
					105	111	216
Established Church					73	82	155
Protestant Dissenters					18	17	35
Roman Catholics					12	9	21
Jewish					2	3	5
					105	111	216

TABLE XIII.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF THE PATIENTS
ADMITTED IN 1868.

	M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total
Tradesmen and				Jail Warder	1	—	1
Shopkeepers	7	—	7	Pensioner	1	—	1
Wives of ditto.	—	8	8	Surveyor	1	—	1
Mechanics and				Servants	—	9	9
Artizans	52	8	60	Teachers	—	5	5
Wives of ditto	—	35	35	Needleworkers	—	6	6
Clerks	5	—	5	Laundress	—	1	1
Lawyer	1	—	1	Nurses	—	2	2
Porters	4	—	4	In-door Paupers	14	15	29
Labourers	7	—	7	No Employment	9	20	29
Circus Agent	1	—	1				
Hawkers	2	2	4		105	111	216

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my *eleventh* annual report of my labours as Chaplain to your valuable Institution, I have great pleasure in stating that the moral and religious condition of the Asylum is upon the whole very satisfactory.

The order of the daily religious services in the chapel has been the same as reported in former years, and I am gratified that I am enabled to report that the chapel is filled for the greater part with attentive and devout worshippers.

In my weekly visitations to the patients in the galleries, I have availed myself of the opportunities presented of affording religious instruction and consolation to the inmates, and which I have invariably found to be most willingly and gratefully received.

I need hardly to assure the Committee that I continue to take a deep interest in the happiness and spiritual welfare of my peculiar but most interesting ministerial charge, requiring, as it does, not only affectionate fidelity in the discharge of duty accompanied by considerable tact and knowledge of human nature, but more especially of the peculiar traits of character and disposition manifested by the various classes of inmates of an Asylum, in order to render the instruction suitable to the wants of the great variety of persons placed under my care as Chaplain; for I have found that the kind of instruction which is well adapted to one class of patients, is

altogether unsuited to the mental condition of others. Hence the desirability of a careful study of character, in order to become acquainted, as far as possible, not only with the actual condition of mind of the individual at the present time, but to ascertain, as far as convenient, the former habit of life and the amount of mental culture received before insanity manifested itself; and my experience gained during the eleven years I have been Chaplain to your Institution has taught me that, by careful observation of the various phases of character brought under my notice, I am enabled much more effectually to adopt the instruction for the benefit of the inmates, which, while it largely contributes to the restoration of the balance of the mental faculties, elevates the moral tone and spiritual condition of the patients, and consequently conduces to their happiness and welfare.

I am happy to report that the Library provided for the use of the inmates of the Asylum continues to be a valuable auxiliary, not only to the instruction I am enabled to afford, but it furnishes an agreeable occupation to the patients and attendants when not engaged in industrial pursuits, the benefits of which cannot be too highly estimated, tending as they do to soothe the mind and strengthen the intellect, and so facilitate the restoration of the afflicted inmates to a sound and healthy condition of mind.

In conclusion, I beg to acknowledge the willing and hearty co-operation I have met with, both from the superior officers and attendants, while in the discharge of my ministerial duties.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) CHARLES BRITTAIN,

Chaplain.

Winson Green,

February 5th, 1869.

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I am happy to remark that the Library provided for the use of the inmates of the Asylum continues to be a valuable auxiliary, not only in the instruction of the inmates, but it has been an agency in the restoration of the patients and attendants who are engaged in industrial pursuits. The inmates of which cannot be too highly commended for their industry and the results of their labor and the progress of the intellect, and the restoration of the inmates of the Asylum to a sound and healthy condition of mind. In conclusion, I beg to acknowledge the willing and hearty co-operation I have met with both from the managers, officers and attendants while in the discharge of my official duties.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) CHARLES BRITAIN

Chaplain

Ulster Green,

February 1st, 1861.