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OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
OF THE
LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE
Borough of Birmingham,

AS
PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

BEING THEIR
TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT;

TOGETHER WITH THE
REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE
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Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

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Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1862,

*Prepared for presentation to the Council at the Quarterly Meeting,
3rd February, 1863.*

As required by the Lunatic Asylums Act, the Committee of Visitors submit their Report for the year 1862, to which they have appended tabular statements under various heads, affording information connected with the several departments of the Institution.

The number of Patients in the Asylum on the 31st	
December, 1861, was	376
Admitted in the year 1862	199
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	Total
Discharged in the year	74
Died	50
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	124
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Leaving in the Asylum, Dec. 31, 1862	451
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The Patients in the Asylum on the 31st December last were chargeable as follows :—

To Birmingham Parish	314
„ Birmingham Borough	10
„ Aston Union	48
„ King's Norton Union	6
„ Bridgnorth Borough	6
„ Leicester Union	7
„ Lincoln County (Asylum)	24
„ St. James's Parish, London	1
„ Wolverhampton Union	1
„ Private Patients	34
Total	<u>451</u>

The daily average number of patients resident during the year was 400.

Of the Patients admitted, 24 had been previously in this Asylum, and 36 were Private patients, 4 of whom had been previously admitted.

Of the Patients discharged, 23 were taken away by their friends on application made by them to the Committee, 3 were transferred from the list of Paupers to that of Private patients, and 5 were removed either to other Asylums or to the Workhouse, they having no settlement in the Borough of Birmingham.

The Income and Expenditure of the year was as follows :—

Income from Parishes, Unions, Private Patients, and Goods sold	9340	12	8	
Expenditure for Maintenance, &c.	8560	6	10	
Balance				780 5 10
Receipts from Farm and Garden, with Stock	3047	17	5	
Expenditure on ditto	2671	4	6	
.				<u>376 12 11</u>
Allow for Rent	50	0	0	
.				<u>326 12 11</u>
Balance	£1106	18	9	

The Treasurer's Accounts at the close of the year were as follows :—

Amount due to Treasurer, 31st December, 1862	919 19 8		
Tradesmen's Accounts	1136 1 11		
		2056	1 7
To Accounts due for Maintenance, 31st December, 1862	2367 10 6		
To Furnishing Account due from Capital Account	1707 6 0		
		4074	16 6
Balance in favour of Asylum	£2018	14	11

The charges for maintenance, &c., have been revised by your Committee, and are now as follows :—

For Lunatics chargeable to the Borough of Birmingham, and to Parishes within the Borough	8s. 6d. per week.
For Lunatics from Outlying Parishes	14s. „
„ „ from Bridgnorth (Contract)	11s. „
„ „ from Private Patients from 8s. 9d. to 21s.	„

The employment of the Patients, their attendance at Chapel, and the visiting by their friends, has continued as in former years.

The ventilation, warming, and drainage continue good. There was but a limited supply of water during some part of the year (water being obtained from the Borough Gaol to supply the deficiency). This important subject is now under the consideration of your Committee.

The whole of the buildings are in thorough repair. The amount expended in the year on works and materials connected therewith was £663. 1s. 1d.; on insurance of same, £22. 17s. 6d.; and £47. 16s. 2d. has been paid for Bank charges. These sums have been charged to the Maintenance account. Your Committee hope by the end of the present year to have a sufficient sum in the hands

of their Treasurer for payment of the Asylum accounts, and so for the future avoid the latter charge, which would not occur if the Parishes and Unions would pay their accounts as they became due.

Your Committee have to report that the general health of the patients through the year has been very favourable, and the sanitary state of the Asylum satisfactory.

The beneficial effects arising from the employment of the patients continues to manifest themselves in each department. The whole of the Clothing for the patients is made in the Establishment.

The grounds produce sufficient vegetables of various sorts for the inmates. The Farm supplies the Institution with milk, eggs, and some butter; it also supplies the Borough Prison with milk; and the meat is slaughtered at the Farm. The brewing, baking, washing, and other work, has afforded occupation to 256 patients on an average throughout the year.

Your Committee have invariably found the cleanliness and order of the Establishment unexceptionable; a like testimony has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy and other visitors.

The daily life of the patients in the Asylum, were it not for the cheerfulness of their apartments, would be exceedingly monotonous, and ill calculated to restore the balance of the impaired mind. Your Committee, guided by experience, have caused the whole of the galleries, day and bed rooms, to be papered with cheerful and neat patterns; they have also caused pictures, busts, draperies, and ornaments of various kinds, to be so arranged therein, that the eye is attracted and the attention engaged at almost every turn by some pleasing object. These auxiliaries tend much to the comfort and contentment of the inmates, and the Steward reports that there is now far less wilful destruction than when the wards were destitute of ornament and each article more out of reach of the patients. Formerly acts of wanton destruction were frequent, they are now comparatively rare.

The recreation grounds for each sex when completed (according

to plan submitted by the Steward and approved by your Committee), will be extensive, convenient, and ornamental. The recreation ground for the females will be finished in the spring, and will be a pleasing object from their sitting room windows. The work has been done by the male patients; and the whole is so arranged with terraces, shaded walks, grass plats, raised mounds planted with evergreens, sunshades, and paved walks, that when completed it will afford all that is required in this department; whilst the ornamental palisades, forming the boundary of the court, gives it a finish without in any way interfering with the view of the front grounds.

The recent enlargement of the Asylum has provided commodious day-rooms, dormitories, bath-rooms, dressing-rooms, lavatories, &c.

The original building was erected for 300 patients, and the Asylum in its present state has accommodation for 560. The former day-rooms were only 24 feet by 18 feet, the present rooms are 52 feet by 32 feet; over these are the patients' dormitories and sleeping rooms for the attendants; and in the two back blocks of building, rooms have been made out of the roofs, 30 feet by 21 feet, as wards for patients with contagious diseases, with an attendant's room attached to each; and on each side of the establishment (convenient to the wards) is a bath-room, containing six body baths, and a shower bath, with dressing-room to each.

The overcrowding both in the day-rooms and sleeping apartments so frequent previous to the extension, is now happily avoided, and the ample room now given conduces greatly to the peace and quietude of the place, which is less often disturbed by the patients coming into collision with each other and the quarrels consequent thereon.

The contractors gave up the building in June last, and your Committee have paid to them at various times on the architect's certificates £8200, leaving a balance of £139 due to them on the contract.

Your Committee now submit the statement of expenditure connected with the purchase of land from C. F. C. Colmore, Esq., with

the expenses incurred in stopping up the Footpath across the same, and also accounts for work done in enlarging the Asylum, furnishing new day-rooms, dormitories, &c. &c.

Your Committee also remind the Council that the sum granted for purchase of land was £7000, and for buildings, furniture, &c., £10,000.

Statement of Cost of Land, erection of Buildings, and Furniture, provided for the Lunatic Asylum.

Purchase of Land	£7000	0	0
Law Charges, Compensation, and sundry expenses connected with the above purchase, stopping Footpath, &c.	354	11	8
Charges on Loans	56	0	4
Messrs. Hardwick & Son, and Chambers & Hilton's contracts for enlarging the Asylum, and other works connected therewith	8902	10	0
Extra works not included in contract, as per Archi- tect's statement	1726	13	6
Day account for sundry works, in old and new Buildings	534	6	6
Architect's Commission and Charges	395	11	9
Ironmongery and Locks	61	16	7
Furniture, Fittings, and work done in alteration of Bath-rooms, Lavatories, Closets, Water and Gas services, Wages, &c.	2638	11	4
Taking out Windows in walls and putting in new ones in roofs for Bath and Dressing Rooms, &c.	114	15	11
	£21,784	17	7

By the foregoing statement it will be seen that the expenditure of this account exceeds the amount provided by the Council; and as your Committee propose (with the sanction of the Council) to purchase of the Canal Company the margin of land by the side of

their Canal of about one acre (at a price not exceeding £360 per acre), for the purpose of making the piece of land purchased from C. F. C. Colmore, Esq., complete, and giving a good roadway to the same; also to erect a wall on the boundary of the said land from the Workhouse to the Asylum new bridge. Your Committee therefore ask permission of the Council to carry out their recommendation, and report that they shall require a further grant of £5,500, which sum will discharge the accounts due, and enable them to purchase the land and erect the walls as proposed.

Your Committee have other works in contemplation, which are required to complete the Asylum buildings, recreation grounds, &c., the cost of which they propose defraying out of the income derived from private patients in excess of their cost of maintenance.

H. MANTON, *Chairman.*

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH

MALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

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

DINNER.

- Sunday* . { 9 oz. undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted).
16 oz. Potatoes, or other Vegetables.
3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Monday*
and
Thursday . { Meat and Potatoe Pie (crust 12 oz., Meat 4 oz. and
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; or 16 oz. of Suet Pudding, with
raisins, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.
- Tuesday*
and
Friday . { 8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled).
16 oz. of Potatoes or other Vegetables.
3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Wednesday* { $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Irish Stew (of 4 oz. Meat and 16 oz. Vege-
tables), and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, with 3 oz. of Bread.
Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.
- Saturday* . { $1\frac{1}{2}$ pint Pea Soup (Meat same as Stew) & 6 oz. Bread,
or 16 oz. of Rice or other Pudding, & $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.
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TEA.

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

Extra diet as per Medical order.

TO PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

At 11 o'clock am., 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, & $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer;
at 4 o'clock p.m. $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas.

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LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1862.

FEMALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

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

DINNER.

<i>Sunday</i>	{	8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted). 12 oz. of Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Monday and Thursday</i>	{	Meat and Vegetable Pie (crust 9 oz. Meat 3 oz., and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; or Suet Pudding 12 oz., with raisins, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer. <i>Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.</i>
<i>Tuesday and Friday</i>	{	7 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled). 12 oz. of Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Wednesday</i>	{	1 lb. of Irish Stew (4 oz. Meat and 12 oz. Vegetables), 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer. <i>Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	{	1 pint of Pea Soup (Meat same quantity as Stew), and 6 oz. of Bread, or 12 oz. of Rice or other Pudding, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer. <i>Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.</i>

TEA.

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

Extra diet as per Medical order.

To Laundry Workers, Kitchen Patients, and House Cleaners, at 11 o'clock, a.m., 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES.

<i>Officers, Attendants, and Servants.</i>	<i>To what Account charged.</i>	<i>Amount per Annum.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
† Medical Superintendent	To Necessaries Acct.	360	11	7
Chaplain	ditto	100	0	0
* Clerk of Asylum, of Visitors, and Steward	ditto	168	4	4
* Matron	ditto	60	0	0
* Assistant Clerk	ditto	30	0	0
Baker and Brewer	Maintenance Acct.	65	0	0
Stoker and Assistant Brewer	Necessaries Acct.	58	10	0
† Engineer (Wife Side Gate Keeper)	Building Materials Account	78	0	0
† Gardener (Wife Front Lodge Keeper)	Farm & Garden acct.	71	10	0
† Farm Man (Wife Dairy Woman)	ditto	52	0	0
One Carpenter	Buildg. Materials ac.	72	16	0
Two Painters & Paperhangers	ditto	73	0	0
Tailor and Upholsterer	Clothing Account	65	0	0
Shoemaker	ditto	65	0	0
* Ten In-door Male Attendants	Necessaries Account	234	16	10
One Male Night ditto	ditto	52	0	0
* Twelve Female ditto	ditto	196	9	10
* One Female night ditto	ditto	20	0	0
Three Out-door Attendants	Farm & Garden acct.	156	0	0
* Two Laundress ditto	Necessaries Account	40	0	0
* Two Kitchen ditto	ditto	29	0	0
* Two Housemaids	ditto	18	0	0
		£2065 18 7		

Marked * have Board, Apartments, &c.

Marked + have Apartments, Fuel, and Gas.

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Men .	173	177	177	172	174	175	176	182	186	187	202	208	182
Women	202	204	206	207	210	215	216	224	225	229	242	242	218
Total .	375	381	383	379	384	390	392	406	411	416	444	450	400

Greatest number of Patients in the Asylum in the Year . . . 454
 Lowest number of Patients in the Asylum in the Year . . . 373

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Men .	84	88	87	89	88	92	103	109	107	106	95	95	95
Women	152	152	152	153	155	155	157	165	165	166	178	180	161
Total .	236	240	239	242	243	247	260	274	272	272	273	275	256

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM EACH YEAR FROM 1850.

Years.	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862
Patients.	246	270	272	283	281	295	312	345	353	346	360	400

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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

ARTICLES MADE.	No.	ARTICLES REPAIRED.	No.
Coats	8	Coats	} 1324
Jackets	27	Jackets	
Waistcoats	101	Waistcoats	
Trousers	93	Trousers	} 947
Braces	222	Boots (pairs)	
Belts	14	Shoes do.	
Mattresses	192	Slippers do.	} 2000
Boots (pairs)	176	Sheets	
Slippers and Shoes (pairs)	34	Blankets	313
Shirts	398	Bolster and Pillow Cases .	1805
Chemises	277	Counterpanes	152
Night Jackets	94	Mattress Cases	87
Petticoats	158	Carpets	170
Flannel Vests	76	Window Blinds	58
Dresses	195	Ditto Valances	27
Aprons	228	Table Cloths	157
Day and Night Caps	232	Towels	719
Scarfs	64	Shirts	1400
Neck and Pocket Kerchiefs	270	Chemises	3221
Bolster Cases	405	Flannel Vests	593
Carpets	38	Petticoats	1524
Stockings knitted (pairs)	178	Skirts	1415
Ditto re-footed (pairs)	128	Dresses	2955
Shrouds	16	Drawers	518
Table Cloths	42	Night Gowns	1793
Window Blinds	99	Caps	2412
Ditto Valances	48	Aprons	2110
Towels, Bathing, & Tea Cloths	385	Neck and Pocket Kerchiefs	1128
Sheets	412	Bonnets	1017
Blankets	199	Men's Frocks	119
Counterpanes	61	„ Scarfs	13
Knife Cloths, Dish Cloths, and Dusters	615	Stockings (pairs)	15,391
Floor rubbers & Iron holders	174	Shawls	176
Pudding Cloths	46	Stays	617
Bolster Ticks	217		
Bolsters made	346		

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.	No.	ARTICLES OF FURNITURE.	No.
Aprons	216	Blankets	120
Bonnets	89	Sheets	262
Boots (pairs)	188	Counterpanes	40
Shoes (pairs)	27	Pillow Cases	214
Slippers (pairs)	80	Palliasses	33
Braces (pairs)	210	Hair Mattresses	15
Caps (Men's)	63	„ Bolsters	21
Caps (Women's)	242	Carpets . . . (yds.)	437
Chemises	219	Feather Beds	2
Flannel Vests	61	„ Pillows	2
Gowns	219	Mattress Cases	41
Handkerchiefs and Scarfs	308	Door Mats	24
Jackets and Coats	75	Waterproof Sheets	36
Men's Frocks	11	Table Covers	18
Night Jackets	72	Table Cloths	37
Petticoats	103	Tea Cloths	59
Ribbons . . . (yds.)	846	Towels	170
Shirts	317	Window Blinds	58
Stays (pairs)	30	„ Valances	20
Shawls	21	Fringe . . . (yds.)	99
Shrouds	16	Air Beds	1
Stockings (pairs)	263	„ Cushions	16
Trousers	150	Bathing Towels	42
Waistcoats	127		
Worsted . . . (lbs.)	166		

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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

AT WHAT EMPLOYED.	Males.	Females.	Days.	@	Value.	
					£	s. d.
Farm and Garden	20	-	301	4d.	100	6 8
Laying out Recreation Grounds	22	-	301	4d.	110	7 4
Gallery Cleaners and Ward Helpers	30	24	311	1½d.	104	19 3
Housemaids' Assistants	-	4	311	1½d.	7	15 6
House, Gate, and Town Porters	2	-	313	4d.	10	8 8
Baker and Brewer's Helpers	1	-	313	6d.	7	16 6
Carpenters	2	-	150	6d.	7	10 0
Smiths	3	-	284	6d.	21	6 0
Shoemakers	2	-	118	6d.	5	18 0
Tailors	5	-	294	6d.	36	15 0
Upholsterers	1	-	311	6d.	7	15 6
Painters and Whitewashers	1	-	270	6d.	6	15 0
Helpers in Stores	6	-	308	4d.	30	16 0
Ditto Cooking Kitchen	-	9	356	2d.	26	14 0
Ditto Laundry and Washhouse	-	26	311	4d.	134	15 4
Needlework in Galleries	-	82	311	2d.	212	10 4
Knitting in ditto	-	16	311	1d.	20	14 8
	95	161			£853	3 9

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PARISHES AND UNIONS TO WHICH PATIENTS HAVE BEEN CHARGEABLE IN THE YEAR,
WITH THE ADMISSIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS.

	In the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1862	Admitted in the Year.	TOTAL.	Transferred from.	Transferred to.	Discharged or Removed.	Died.	Total Discharged and Died.	Remaining in Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1862.
Birmingham Parish .	293	109	402	8	-	44	36	80	314
Birmingham Borough	8	1	9	-	1	-	-	-	10
Aston in the Borough	48	15	63	1	1	6	9	15	48
King's Norton ditto .	6	5	11	1	-	3	1	4	6
Bridgnorth Borough .	5	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cleobury Mortimer U.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
Hastings Union .	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
Leicester Union .	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	7
Lincoln County .	-	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	24
Newcastle-under-Lyme	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
St. James's, London .	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Warwick County .	2	-	2	-	2	4	-	4	-
West Bromwich Union	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
Wolverhampton Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Private Patients .	13	36	49	-	1	12	4	16	34
Total . . .	376	199	575	10	10	74	50	124	451

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED EACH QUARTER FROM PARISHES, UNIONS, AND PRIVATE PATIENTS.

Parishes, Unions, &c.	March Quarter.		June Quarter.		September Quarter.		December Quarter.		Total for the Year.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Birmingham Parish	1621	11 2	1618	17 6	1729	6 5	1773	13 7	6743	8 8
Birmingham Borough	43	14 3	44	14 0	45	4 3	52	11 7	186	4 1
Aston Union	265	11 3	267	7 8	270	12 0	272	13 11	1076	4 10
King's Norton Union	34	14 6	36	7 5	40	10 4	35	0 7	146	12 10
Bridgnorth Borough	35	7 2	35	15 0	38	14 9	43	7 5	153	4 4
Cleobury Mortimer Union	4	15 3	7	9 6	3	5 8	-	-	15	10 5
Hastings Union	5	19 11	7	9 6	1	17 3	-	-	15	6 8
Leicester Union	-	-	-	-	0	10 6	48	2 3	48	12 9
Lincoln County	-	-	-	-	-	-	129	12 0	129	12 0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	1	17 9	0	14 10	-	-	-	-	2	12 7
St. James's, London	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2 0	5	2 0
Warwick County	4	10 4	7	9 6	2	19 2	-	-	14	19 0
West Bromwich Union	7	7 10	7	9 6	5	11 8	-	-	20	9 0
Wolverhampton Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7 2	7	7 2
Private Patients	110	17 5	158	1 5	206	4 3	215	15 9	690	18 10
	2136	6 10	2191	15 10	2344	16 3	2583	6 3	9256	5 2

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR EACH QUARTER, AND THE YEAR;

ALSO CHARGE AND COST PER WEEK FOR THE SAME.

Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending March 31	381
Charges per Week for the same period: Paupers 8/6, & 11/.; Private 8/6, 10/., and 12/6.	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	8/6
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Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending June 30	385
Charges per Week for the same period: Paupers 8/6, and 11/. Private 8/6, 10/6, and 12/3.	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	8/4
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Daily Number of Patients for the Quarter ending September 30	406
Charge per Week for the same period: Paupers 8/6, 11, and 14/. Private 8/9, 10/6, 12/3, 14/. 21/.	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	8/2 $\frac{1}{4}$
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Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending Dec. 31	436
Charge per Week for the same period: Paupers 8/6, 11/. and 14/. Private 8/9, 10/6, 12/3, 14/. and 21/.	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	7/5
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Daily Average Number of Patients resident: Pauper 378, Private 22	400
Average Weekly Income per Patient for the Year	8/10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Average Weekly Expenditure per Patient for the Year	8/2 $\frac{1}{4}$

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

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Provisions (including that of Officers, Attendants and Servants)	4	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Medicines, Wine, Spirits, and Porter	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Necessaries (as Soap, Coal, Gas, Brushes, &c.)	0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Clothing and Repairs of same (including Shoemakers' & Tailors' Wages)	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Salaries of Officers, Attendants, and Servants	1	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cabinet, Earthenware, Ironmongery, and Drapery Furniture	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Building Repairs, with Wages of Engineer, Carpenter, Painter, Mason, &c.; also Taxes, and Insurance, Bank Charges, &c.	0	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Total per Week	8	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Less for Goods sold from the House, and Profit on Farm and Garden	0	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Actual cost per Patient per Week for the Year	7	9

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PROVISIONS AND NECESSARIES DELIVERED OUT OF STORE, &c., IN THE YEAR 1862.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	TOTAL.
Meat	4498	4401	4775	4749	4114	4777	4827	4763	4957	5079	5533	6442	58,915 lbs.
Flour	767	691	766	770	761	715	789	817	817	842	853	912	9500 stones
Bread (home-made)	12,672	11,692	13,062	12,306	12,806	12,475	13,187	13,701	13,509	13,856	14,369	14,820	158,455 lbs.
Potatoes	93	91	88	107	97	59	43	73	91	95	134	155	1126 bushels
Other Vegetables	£4/17/6	£3/17/10	£5/11/2	£5/0/6	£9/17/2	£11/0/1	£19/17/4	£21/16/6	£11/8/3	£11/11/1	£6/4/6	£4/8/2	£115/10/1
Cheese	438	346	423	412	366	437	415	382	465	312	375	507	4878 lbs.
Butter	668	656	763	666	631	769	689	720	812	760	785	921	8840 lbs.
Eggs	50	63	182	73	161	245	133	68	62	44	75	66	1222
Fish	./10	£5/13/10	—	—	£6/5/9	—	14/.	15/8	—	—	—	—	£13/10/1
Poultry	4/.	3/9	3/.	1/1	1/9	—	3/6	13/9	£1/2/0	£1/13/9	3/6	17/.	£5/7/1
Malt	94	58	58	85	61	59	87	75	73	106	74	59	889 bushels
Hops	98	58	58	90	62	61	91	84	88	128	90	73	981 lbs.
Ale (home-brewed)	60	120	180	60	120	60	60	120	60	120	120	120	1200 gallons
Beer (ditto)	1060	1000	1100	1150	1230	1360	1100	1260	1400	1230	1080	1330	14,300 galls.
Porter	72	—	—	72	—	72	—	—	72	—	—	72	360 pints
Wine	1	—	—	1	2	4	3	2	2	2	—	10	27 bottles
Spirits	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	—	—	12	29 bottles
Milk	290	276	336	331	294	288	279	272	269	276	245	268	3424 gallons
Tea	75½	68	76½	69½	73½	78	74½	77½	87½	77½	91	97½	945¾ lbs.
Coffee	79½	70	77½	75	77½	76	80	88	87	91	115	130	1046½ lbs.
Sugar	538	497	582	472	598	597	544	633	673	555	640	826	7155 lbs.
Rice	203	243	362	311	236	317	77	28	14	14	28	14	1847 lbs.
Corn Flour	9	22	9	4	7	8	4	1	4	8	2	8	86 lbs.
Split Peas	88	88	110	99	88	88	154	88	88	88	132	176	1287 lbs.
Currants	3	6	3	19	—	—	3	—	28	2	20	1011	188 lbs.
Raisins	80	84	135	74	84	90	140	92	128	147	102	135	1291 lbs.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM
Income.

HEADS OF INCOME.	March 31.	June 30.	September 30.	December 31.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
To Parishes and Unions, for Maintenance, Clothing, Medicines, and care of Lu- natics, (Funeral Expenses included)	2025 9 5	2033 14 5	2138 12 0	2367 10 6	8565 6
To Private Patients, for Maintenance, Medicines, and Attendance	110 17 5	158 1 5	206 4 3	215 15 9	690 18 11
To Sundries Sold from the House, and supplied to the Farm	25 6 11	16 6 3	22 4 0	20 10 4	84 7 6
	2161 13 9	2208 2 1	2367 0 3	2603 16 7	9340 12 8

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

JANUARY 1st TO DECEMBER 31st, 1862.

Expenditure.

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE	March 31.			June 30.			September 30.			December 31.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Provisions.</i>															
By Meat	398	16	6	397	16	8	424	5	9	461	17	5	1682	16	4
„ Flour	247	4	6	239	16	7	237	18	5	244	8	0	969	7	6
„ Tea, Coffee, and Chicory	41	10	4	44	9	7	46	19	4	53	15	4	186	14	7
„ Sugar	31	3	5	27	5	10	29	15	7	33	5	11	121	10	9
„ Ale and Beer	96	15	1	90	4	4	106	15	6	112	4	10	405	19	9
„ Wine, Spirits, and Porter	2	2	6	4	4	4	2	18	6	4	9	5	13	14	9
„ Fish, Poultry, and Game	6	5	5	6	8	7	3	14	5	2	14	3	19	2	8
„ Potatoes & other Vegetables	75	2	9	89	8	8	91	3	1	79	15	9	335	10	3
„ Peas, Arrowroot, Rice, } Sago, and Spices	8	8	3	7	17	0	3	0	0	3	10	4	22	15	7
„ Currants, Raisins, & Fruit	5	0	5	4	16	7	9	0	10	14	11	7	33	9	7
„ Milk and Eggs	31	5	11	32	8	7	28	11	7	27	1	5	119	7	6
„ Butter and Cheese	120	18	9	117	13	1	123	4	0	132	3	8	493	19	6
„ Vinegar, Pepper, Salt and } Mustard	3	11	7	3	7	1	3	13	4	4	12	3	15	4	3
„ Tobacco and Pipes	7	18	4	7	12	7	8	10	0	7	18	4	31	19	3
„ Sundries	1	0	0	0	9	6	2	8	6	0	9	0	4	7	0
„ Drugs	13	7	5	12	17	2	15	0	1	12	11	0	53	15	8
„ Baker and Brewers' Wages	16	5	0	16	5	0	16	5	0	16	1	6	64	16	6
<i>Necessaries.</i>															
„ Coal	90	0	0	116	11	0	150	6	0	78	8	3	435	5	3
„ Gas	51	13	8	18	15	8	15	17	5	58	15	10	145	2	7
„ Firewood, Candles, and } Matches	9	12	11	7	3	9	7	5	5	8	5	7	32	7	8
„ Soap, Soda, Starch, & Blue	17	19	1	18	9	9	16	18	4	17	1	5	70	8	7
„ House Brushes, & Scour- } ing Flannels	17	16	4	13	2	4	14	1	0	17	10	2	62	9	10
„ Hair Brushes and Combs	0	7	6	0	7	0	0	3	6	0	1	3	0	19	3
„ Books, Printing, Postage, } and Stationery	39	17	7	10	14	1	30	15	2	19	10	6	100	17	4
„ Bath Bricks, Blacking, } Black Lead, & Chimney } Sweeping	1	11	1	1	16	2	0	13	10	2	3	4	6	4	5
„ Sundries	5	4	9	15	13	2	11	3	8	8	14	0	40	15	7
„ Beeswax	1	17	4	2	1	4	0	16	8	1	17	4	6	12	8
„ Clothing	140	11	10	119	9	4	109	4	6	178	3	0	547	8	8
„ Salaries & Wages charge- } able to Patients	335	3	3	341	11	11	334	0	1	358	14	10	1369	10	1
„ Cabinet, Drapery, Hard- } ware, and Ironmongery } Furniture	84	8	7	137	13	0	61	16	4	131	2	0	414	19	11
„ Repairs of Building, Wa- } ges, and Materials	191	15	3	94	5	11	255	12	6	121	7	5	663	1	1
„ Taxes, Insurance, and } Bank Charges	0	0	0	23	8	5	22	17	6	24	7	9	70	13	8
„ Funeral Expenses	7	8	0	5	7	6	3	6	0	2	17	6	18	19	0
„ Balance in favor of Asylum	59	10	5	178	10	7	178	18	5	363	6	5	780	5	10
	2161	13	9	2208	2	1	2367	0	3	2603	16	7	9340	12	8

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

FARM, GARDEN, AND STOCK ACCOUNT.

Income.		Expenditure.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To 30,347 lbs. of Beef, at 6½ <i>d.</i> and 7 <i>d.</i>	866 18 2	By Live and Dead Stock, January 1, 1862	570 19 0
" 10,271 lbs. of Mutton, at 6½ <i>d.</i> and 7 <i>d.</i>	292 17 10	" 41 Cows, Calves, and Fat Beast purchased	796 19 0
" 15,409 lbs. of Pork, at 6½ <i>d.</i> and 7 <i>d.</i>	439 16 6	" 115 Sheep	289 0 0
" 432 lbs. of Veal, at 6½ <i>d.</i> and 7 <i>d.</i>	12 6 7	" 91 Pigs	207 12 6
" 2502 galls. of Milk, sold to Borough Prison at 1 <i>s.</i>	125 1 10	" Provender and Straw	386 2 8
" 3422 galls. of Milk supplied to the Asylum at 8 <i>d.</i>	114 1 4	" Potatoes, Seed Potatoes, other Seeds & Plants	41 18 8
" 598 lbs. of Fresh Butter ditto ditto at 1/3	37 7 8	" Manure, including Lime	22 17 9
" 1132 Eggs at 1 <i>d.</i>	4 14 4	" Tithe, Rates and Taxes	31 18 11
" 911 Bushels of Potatoes	138 8 6	" Coal at Farm and for burning soil	13 13 3
" 119 Bushels of Small ditto	5 19 0	" Wages	293 2 9
" Crop of Mangold Wurzel	4 0 0	" Farm Implements and Tools	10 2 2
" Ditto Swede Turnips	10 0 0	" Sundries	6 17 10
" Ditto Hay	50 0 0	Balance	376 12 11
" Green Vegetables supplied to the Asylum	111 13 3		
" Poultry ditto ditto	5 7 3		
" Hides, Skins, and Fat Sold	130 11 0		
" Sundry Sales	17 16 0		
" Live and Dead Stock as per Valuation,	680 18 0		
" 31st Dec., 1862			
	£3047 17 5		£3047 17 5

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.**MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.**

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

GENTLEMEN,

In conformity with your regulations I beg to submit the following statement of the operations of the Asylum during the year 1862, being my twelfth annual report.

The admissions during the year were 199, being 57 in excess of the previous year; twenty-four were re-admissions, eighteen of them after discharge on recovery; and thirty-six were Private patients. The average daily number of patients in the House was 400, against 360 in 1861. The lowest number of Patients was 373, the highest 454.

The recoveries were 46, which is only 23 per cent. upon the admissions,—being the lowest rate yet reported. This low percentage arises from the great influx of patients, chiefly out-Borough cases, at the latter end of the year, together with the unusually large number of chronic and absolutely incurable cases admitted,—40 per cent. of the admissions having been of that character.

As was anticipated in my report for the year 1861, in which the death rate was very low, the mortality of 1862 has been large. The number of deaths was 50, which is 25 per cent. upon the admissions, or 8·7 per cent. upon the total number under treatment. As usual, general paralysis takes the most prominent place in the obituary table. To that, and other cerebral affections, one-half the deaths are attributable. Nine of the patients who died belonged to the parish of Aston; the whole admissions from that source during the year having been only fifteen.

It is remarkable, and well worthy of notice, how few deaths have arisen from Phthisis. Since the opening of the Asylum in June 1850, the fatal cases in which there was any pulmonary tubercular disease, either as a principal or as an auxiliary cause of death, have averaged a little over four per annum. In far the greater number of these the disease was known to have originated—in many to have been far advanced—prior to the patient's admission. No fact could speak more strongly than this in favour of the sanitary condition in which the Establishment has been maintained.

In three cases Inquests were held. The first was upon a man who had a large self-inflicted wound in his throat, which led to his death thirty hours after he came. The second inquest was held upon an epileptic, whose death was occasioned by turning upon his face in bed during a fit. The third was upon a man who died twenty-seven hours after admission, while in the act of eating some bread and butter, a small portion of which got into his windpipe. This man had the most complete disorganisation of the lung tissue which I ever witnessed, and which alone must speedily have led to his death. He had besides considerable disease in the brain.

Among the events of the past year the most important was the completion and occupation of the new buildings. If the architect who planned the Asylum could see it in its present state, he would be vastly astonished at the changes which have taken place, at the improvements which have been effected throughout the building, and in the arrangement of the grounds. The new day-rooms especially, which are twelve in number, contrast most favourably with the old ones, all of which were not only much too small, but, for the most part, were placed in the worst position that could be found. The new ones, on the contrary, are spacious, well-lighted, and all are so situated as to command the best and most cheerful prospect which the neighbourhood affords. Very little more now requires to be done to make the Establishment complete and efficient in every department. The walls both of the old and new parts are being coated with paper or paint, in lieu of whitewash,—a work which is drawing towards its conclusion, and additional articles of good fur-

niture, both useful and ornamental, are being introduced into the various corridors and day-rooms.

These changes have had a well-marked beneficial influence upon the behaviour of the patients. There is now ample space for them to assemble in groups according to their respective tastes and inclinations. There is also room for an excited and restless patient to execute his rapid and eccentric movements without coming in contact with others. Hence unpleasant collisions are avoided and general tranquillity preserved. In my last report it was said that the better an Asylum is furnished the better will the patients behave. That opinion has been well borne out by the experience of the past year; for as the house has advanced in cheerfulness of appearance and in comfort, the conduct of the patients has improved. It is true that a patient may now and then, under the influence of some delusion, tear his clothes, or an excited patient in a tempest of passion may thrust his fist through a window; but such occurrences are by no means frequent. In so large an Establishment there must necessarily be a certain amount of accidental breakage, but it is not relatively larger than in a private house, probably not so large; and wilful damage, other than that stated, there is none.

The Library of the Asylum has been enriched by the addition of ten pounds' worth of books kindly presented by the late Mrs. Ryland of Barford. The great increase in the population of the House, together with the plan now adopted of dividing the Library into sections so as to give each division a collection of its own, has rendered further additions to the stock of books very much to be desired.

In the early part of the year two cases of fracture of the neck of the thigh-bone occurred, in each case from an accidental fall: no bad result ensued; and there was no other untoward occurrence.

The sanitary condition of the House and the general health of its inmates was good throughout the year.

THOMAS GREEN,
Medical Superintendent.

January 30, 1863.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND
DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1862.

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Patients in the House, January 1, 1862	7	6	167	196	174	202	376
Admitted during that year	19	17	81	82	100	99	199
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	26	23	248	278	274	301	575
Discharged Recovered .	3	4	14	25	} 66	59	125
,, Improved .	3	—	2	9			
,, Unimproved .	1	1	8	5			
,, by Death .	3	1	32	14			
Remain January 1, 1863	16	17	192	225	208	242	450

Average Daily Number, Males 182, Females 218.

Highest number 454, Lowest 373.

TABLE II.
TOTAL ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, AND DISCHARGES.

	Admissions.			Deaths.			DISCHARGES.						Total Deaths and Discharges.			Remain from each Year's Admissions.					
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	Recovered.			Improved.			Unimproved.			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
							M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.						
1850	112	95	207	7	3	10	6	3	9	1	—	1	5	—	5	19	6	25	27	25	52
1851	89	87	176	20	11	31	21	27	48	2	4	6	5	5	10	48	47	95	8	9	17
1852	58	62	120	24	13	37	15	31	46	8	7	15	15	14	29	62	65	127	5	8	13
1853	87	87	174	32	15	47	31	42	73	4	3	7	12	6	18	79	66	145	7	5	12
1854	71	70	141	28	18	46	30	37	67	7	9	16	11	11	22	76	75	151	2	11	13
1855	56	66	122	18	10	28	31	28	59	5	6	11	7	7	14	61	51	112	7	14	21
1856	78	48	126	19	12	31	33	24	57	7	4	11	14	4	18	73	44	117	4	10	14
1857	98	56	154	28	12	40	29	28	57	11	—	11	7	3	10	75	43	118	11	13	24
1858	92	74	166	19	17	36	44	35	79	7	5	12	9	5	14	79	62	141	15	20	35
1859	58	60	118	25	13	38	28	41	69	4	6	10	17	16	33	74	76	150	14	15	29
1860	67	61	128	23	18	41	20	20	40	2	2	4	14	8	22	59	48	107	15	16	31
1861	68	74	142	21	9	30	21	24	45	7	5	12	6	17	23	55	55	110	27	24	51
1862	100	99	199	35	15	50	17	29	46	5	9	14	9	6	15	66	59	125	66	72	138
	1034	939	1973	299	166	465	326	369	695	70	60	130	131	102	233	826	697	1523	208	242	450

TABLE III.

Showing how the Patients remaining on the 1st of January, 1862, from each Year's Admissions, have been disposed of during that year.

Number of Patients remaining from the Admissions of	Cured.	Improved.	Unimproved.	Died.	Remain.
1850 . . . 57	..	..	..	5	52
1851 . . . 19	..	..	2	..	17
1852 . . . 14	..	..	..	1	13
1853 . . . 12	..	..	..	..	12
1854 . . . 14	..	1	..	..	13
1855 . . . 22	..	..	..	1	21
1856 . . . 14	..	..	..	..	14
1857 . . . 29	..	..	..	5	24
1858 . . . 35	..	..	..	..	35
1859 . . . 32	..	..	..	3	29
1860 . . . 41	1	2	4	3	31
1861 . . . 87	17	4	4	11	51
376	18	7	10	29	312

TABLE IV.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE
1st OF JANUARY, 1863.

	M.	F.	Total.	
As to probability of Recovery	Curable	29	58	87
	Incurable	179	184	363
			—	450
Social State	Married	77	94	171
	Single	117	117	234
	Widowed	14	31	45
			—	450
Epileptics	38	38	76	
Paralytics	25	8	33	
Congenital Imbeciles	10	5	15	
Criminal Lunatics	5	9	14	

TABLE V.
FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 199 CASES ADMITTED
IN 1862.

	M.	F.	Total.
Acute Mania	11	10	21
Mania	43	49	92
Ditto and Paralysis	11	2	13
Ditto and Epilepsy	10	3	13
Melancholia	8	18	26
Dementia	4	6	10
Ditto and Paralysis	7	4	11
Ditto and Epilepsy	2	3	5
Congenital Imbecility	2	3	5
Ditto ditto and Epilepsy	2	1	3
	100	99	199

TABLE VI.
DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF
ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
Not exceeding One Month	42	45	87
„ „ Three Months	9	12	21
„ „ Six Months	4	4	8
„ „ Twelve Months	14	12	26
„ „ Two Years	12	5	17
Above Two Years	19	21	40
	100	99	199
Cases of more than One attack	18	23	31

TABLE VII.
AGES OF THE 199 PATIENTS.

	M.	F.	Total.
From 15 to 20	3	3	6
„ 20 „ 25	10	12	22
„ 25 „ 30	10	10	20
„ 30 „ 35	19	12	31
„ 35 „ 40	9	11	20
„ 40 „ 45	15	17	32
„ 45 „ 50	7	5	12
„ 50 „ 55	14	11	25
„ 55 „ 60	4	5	9
„ 60 „ 65	3	6	9
„ 65 „ 70	5	1	6
Above 70	1	6	7
	100	99	199

TABLE VIII.
CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

	M.	F.	Total.	
Social State	Married	57	48	105
	Single	35	37	72
	Widowed	8	14	22
	100	99	199	
Established Church	68	66	134	
Protestant Dissenters	21	19	40	
Roman Catholic	7	10	17	
No Religion	4	4	8	
	100	99	199	
Able to Read and Write	78	57	135	
Able to Read only	5	13	18	
Uneducated	17	29	46	
	100	99	199	

TABLE IX.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS
ADMITTED IN 1862.

	M.	F.	Total.		M.	F.	Total.
Mechanics and Artizans	46	4	50	Attendant in Wine Vaults	1	—	1
Wives of ditto	—	39	39	No Employment	9	25	34
Publicans	6	—	6	Servants	—	9	9
Tradesmen	7	—	7	Governess	—	1	1
Labourers	15	—	15	Lodging-house Keeper	—	1	1
Tailors	4	—	4	Seamstresses	—	8	8
Shoemaker	1	—	1	Dressmakers	—	4	4
Clerks	6	—	6	Laundresses	—	2	2
Hawkers	2	—	2	Charwomen	—	5	5
Sailor	1	—	1	Mendicant	—	1	1
Butcher	2	—	2				
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CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE 50 FATAL CASES.

	M.	F.	Total.
Phthisis	1	2	3
Phthisis and pleurisy	1	—	1
General paralysis	13	2	15
" " and sphacelus	1	—	1
Ordinary paralysis	3	1	4
Epileptic coma	2	3	5
" exhaustion	1	—	1
Acute mania	2	3	5
" " and pneumonia	1	—	1
Softening of brain	1	—	1
Disease of heart	1	—	1
Diarrhoea	1	—	1
Albuminuria	1	—	1
Tubercular peritonitis	1	—	1
Inflammation and rupture of stomach	1	—	1
Jaundice	1	—	1
Asphyxia	3	—	3
Ovarian Tumours	—	1	1
Bronchitis and Dropsy	—	1	1
Old age	—	1	1
Apoplexy	—	1	1
	<u>35</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>50</u>

Average age at death : Males 44, Females 50.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the fifth annual report of my labours as Chaplain to your excellent Institution, I have the satisfaction to state that my efforts for the moral and spiritual welfare of those committed to my ministerial care have been kindly and affectionately received both by the officers and inmates of the Asylum.

I have no alteration to report relative to the order of Divine Worship in the Chapel, having found that the plan pursued in former years had worked harmoniously with the general regulations of the Institution. I may however state that the order of religious services in the Chapel is as follows, viz., on Sunday at Eleven a.m., the Prayers to the end of the Litany are read, at the conclusion of which a Hymn is sung, and a Sermon adapted to the requirements of the Congregation is delivered.

On Wednesday morning Divine worship consists of the reading of the Litany, the singing of a Hymn, and the delivery of a Sermon.

On Thursday morning at half-past Eight, I read Prayers in the Chapel; after service I visit the courts and galleries for the purpose of affording instruction of a kind suited as far as possible to the mental capacities of the various classes of inmates.

During the past year there has been a large increase in the number of the inmates of the Asylum, drawn from various parts of the kingdom, and presenting a great variety of character, disposition, and mental activity, arising in a great measure from the influence of early education, association, and condition in life, all of which conspire to render the discharge of ministerial duty at once to be both interesting and difficult, requiring in a large degree the exercise both of tact and discretion. I am however constrained to declare, as the result of my observation and experience during the past five years of my chaplaincy, that all are accessible, in a greater or less degree, to habitual kindness and gentleness of manner, joined to firmness of purpose in dealing with persons suffering from mental infirmity.

My duty as Chaplain has called me frequently to the bedsides of the sick and the dying; thus presenting to me opportunities of affording spiritual instruction and consolation to the poor afflicted sufferers; and I have reason to hope that the instruction so imparted has, under God's blessing, been of lasting benefit to many.

During the past year the sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been regularly administered at the commencement of each quarter to such of the officers and inmates as were desirous of availing themselves of the opportunity of Christian communion.

I have the pleasure to report that the Library continues to be of great service both to the officers and inmates. During the past year an important alteration has taken place by which each gallery has been provided with a bookcase, furnished with a suitable supply of interesting and instructive volumes, which at stated periods are exchanged for a new set from other parts of the Institution.

It is with sincere pleasure and thankfulness I report that during the past year I have continued to receive the willing and hearty co-operation of the superior officers, and the respectful attention of the attendants, in my efforts for the moral and spiritual welfare of those committed to my ministerial care.

In conclusion, I beg to remark that it is a source of great satisfaction to my mind that I am enabled to assure you that no means at my command, likely to be useful, have been left untried for the mental and moral elevation of the inmates of your truly valuable Institution.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient and faithful Servant,

CHARLES BRITAIN,

Chaplain.

Winson Green,

February 13, 1863.