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Appointed at the Epiphany Sessions, 1867.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
OF THE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUMS,
FOR 1867.

THERE has been no change in the course of the past year in the Officers of the two County Lunatic Asylums. These important Public Institutions continue to be managed by the Superintendent, J. G. Symes, Esq., and the Officers under his direction, to the entire satisfaction of the Visiting Justices.

The conduct of the Attendants and Servants has been generally good; and, with few exceptions, such as to merit the approbation of the Visitors, in the discharge of their difficult and often very trying duties.

The Chaplain, the Rev. J. B. Hyson, has now held the spiritual charge of the two Asylums for a period of about 18 months; and the further experience thus gained of the manner in which he applies himself to promote the moral improvement and rational amusement of the Patients, has confirmed the Visitors in the favourable opinion which they expressed of him in their last Report.

The Buildings throughout are in a sound and satisfactory state. The coating of cement with which the west and southern walls of the principal Asylum were covered

in the autumn of 1866, has thoroughly answered, the damp, which so seriously affected many of the rooms and galleries, having entirely disappeared.

There has been a small decrease in the number of Patients in all the three classes in the past year.

	Males.	Females.	Total.		
The County Patients in the Asylum, Jan. 1, 1867	148	...	155 ... 303		
Admitted since	37 ... 25 ... 62		
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	185	...	180 ... 365		
	M.	F.	T.		
Discharged since	15 ... 19 ... 34		
Died since	18 ... 13 ... 31		
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County Patients in the Asylum, Dec. 1, 1867	...	152	...	148 ... 300	
Out-County Patients in Asylums, Jan. 1st, 1867	...	80	...	59 ... 139	
Admitted since	...	0	...	3 ... 3	
	<hr/>		80	...	62 ... 142
	M.	F.	T.		
Discharged since	0	...	1	...	1
Died since	...	2	...	2 ... 4	
	<hr/>		2	...	3 ... 5
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Out-County Patients in Asylums, Dec. 31, 1867	78	...	59	...	137
Non-Paupers in the Asylums, Jan. 1st, 1867	9	...	9 ... 18
Admitted since	...	...	5	...	3 ... 8
	<hr/>		14	...	12 ... 26
Discharged since	4	...	4	...	8
Died since	...	0	...	2 ... 2	
	<hr/>		4	...	6 ... 10
Non-Paupers in Asylums, Dec. 31, 1867	...	10	...	6 ... 16	
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Total number in the two Asylums, Dec. 31, 1867	240	...	213	...	453

From the figures above given it will be observed that

there is a decrease of 4 in the class of Pauper Patients from the County; of 2 in that of Out-County Pauper Patients; and of 2 in that of the Non-Pauper Patients. This is the first occasion (with the exception of the year 1864, when there was only one less than in the previous year) that a reduction has been reported in the number of the Inmates.

In the last five years ending with the present year, 1867, the gross increase of County Pauper Patients has been 42, or 8 two-fifths per annum; in the previous five years, ending 1862, it had been 47, or 9 two-fifths per annum.

The number of deaths in the past year has been 37—20 males, 17 females; of these 31 were Pauper Patients from the County, 4 Out-County Pauper Patients, and 2 Non-Pauper Patients. The number of discharges have been 43; of which 34, 15 males and 19 females, were County Pauper Patients. Of these, 27 were cured and 7 were relieved. Although the number of deaths has been greater than usual, being slightly above the rate of 10 per cent. upon the average number of Inmates, as regards the County Pauper Patients, the health of the Patients has been generally good throughout the year.

The supply of provisions and other articles for the use and consumption of the Inmates has been satisfactory; they are with very few exceptions furnished by contract after public tender. The chief exception is in the article of Meat, the tenders for which, some few years ago not appearing reasonable to the Committee, arrangements were made by them for purchasing stock and sheep at the public auctions, and killing on their own premises. By these means the two Asylums have been supplied through the past year with excellent Meat, at an average price of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb., reckoning by the *carcase*, and making a reasonable allowance for the fifth quarter, some part of which is sold,

and some consumed in the establishment, at an average cost price of $6\frac{1}{2}d.$

The maintenance rate has stood at 7*s.* per week for the first three quarters, and at 7*s.* 7*d.* for the last quarter of the year.

The Asylums were visited by two of the Commissioners in Lunacy on the 9th and 10th of May last.

In all essential details relating to the general condition of the Patients, the state of the wards and buildings, and the management of the Institution, the Report of the Commissioners continues to be, as it always has been, very satisfactory.

They draw the attention of the Visitors to the necessity for providing more articles of furniture and little matters of interest and amusement in the wards at the old Asylum, and for giving occupation to larger numbers there, by more employment in the grounds and more frequent walks out in the country. They admit, however, that the state of the Patients, a very great proportion owing to the large admissions from Oxfordshire and Wales being permanently insane and incurable, makes such arrangements to some extent at least difficult; and the walks in the more frequented parts of the neighbourhood, which the Patients enjoy most, have been checked in some measure from the complaints of persons who have expressed apprehension, though we are confident without any real ground for alarm, at meeting them.

Some other requirements, which the Commissioners suggested, have been supplied since their visit.

The Visitors are happy to report that, by the means at their disposal from the Surplus Fund, they have been able to pay off the balance due to the Treasurer for the building and furnishing, and, with the exception of a balance due to Mr. Gregory, which will be shortly paid from the same

source, to close that account. The whole of the moneys received and paid on the building and furnishing account are as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Cash borrowed of the Sun Life Insurance Office, on mortgage of the County Rates	41,000	0	0
To Interest on Exchequer Bills	507	14	0
Sir R. P. Glyn's Donation with interest	1,102	4	6
Sale of Stock from Contingent Fund	1,028	8	1
Contingent Fund Current Account	515	3	9
Subscriptions to Non-Pauper Fund	2,000	0	0
County Treasurer, part of vote of £1,000 at Quarter Sessions	400	0	0
Non-Pauper and Out-County Patients, Surplus Fund...	3,647	8	11
Balance due to Mr. Gregory	177	8	3
	<u>£50,378</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Paid for Land	5,710	7	10
Buildings (including repairs at Forston Asylum, about £350)	32,512	19	1
Engineering, including Well	6,086	18	3
Furniture	2,559	14	1
Roads, fencing trees, &c.	561	7	2
Law Expenses, including Procuration Fees on Loan...	404	16	3
Stationery and Advertisements	18	7	5
Architect	1,892	18	0
Clerk of the Works	508	4	2
Sundries	32	11	0
Interest to Bank	90	4	3
	<u>£50,378</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

It is to be observed that of the above sum about £350 was spent upon repairs at the Forston Asylum, found necessary when it was decided to retain it as one of the County Asylums, making the whole expenditure on the Asylum and grounds at Charminster, as near as may be, £50,000, of which the County has been charged with the sum of £41,400; and also that the above expenditure includes the cost of various improvements, alterations, and

repairs, such as new retorts, &c., in the gas works during the four years that the new Asylum has been occupied. Of the principal sum of £41,000, borrowed to meet the cost of building and furnishing the new Asylum, the sum of £7,466 13s. 4d. has been paid off, leaving the sum of £33,533 6s. 8d. due at Michaelmas last.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Chairman and Visitors of the Dorset County Asylums.

Gentlemen,

At the close of another year it becomes my duty to lay before you a short account of the Asylums and their inmates. I have also added the usual Statistical Tables.

On the 1st of January, 1867, there were in the two Asylums 442 Pauper Patients—228 Males and 214 Females, and 18 Non-Paupers—9 of each sex.

The admissions during the past year have been 37 Males and 28 Females—Total 65 Paupers and 5 Males and 3 Females—Non-Paupers.

The number admitted this year has not exceeded the average of several years past, and I am much inclined to believe without a far greater increase of population than the last two censuses warrant, that we have now reached, or nearly so, our maximum number of Patients. The retaining our old Asylum at Forston keeps us above all fear of want of room, and enables us to receive Patients from other Counties at a profit, which must and does materially work for the good of our own County.

There is very little worth calling special attention to in the general character of those admitted. As usual many were in a very deplorable state of bodily health, and several were brought in such a condition that the only wonder is they lived to reach here.

An important Act, 30 Vict. cap. 12, relating to Criminal

Lunatics was passed in 1867. Sect. 5 gives power to the Secretary of State to discharge any Criminal Lunatic absolutely or conditionally. One such Patient has had his conditional discharge since September, and up to this time has behaved well, and will now be discharged absolutely. Sect. 6 enacts, "When the term of punishment awarded to any Criminal Lunatic confined in any Asylum or other place of confinement for Criminal Lunatics expires before such evidence of his sanity has been given as justifies his being discharged, the following consequences shall ensue:—
 "He shall be thenceforth deemed a Pauper Lunatic, and shall be in the same position in all respects as if he were a Lunatic who immediately previous to the expiration of his term of punishment had been found wandering at large within the parish or place where the offence was committed in respect of which he became a Criminal Lunatic, &c. By the second part of the said 6th Section it is lawful for the Secretary of State to remove from Broadmoor State Asylum any Patient, whose term of punishment has expired, to the Asylum for the County where the offence was committed, whether belonging to that County or not. Three such persons have already been received, two of whom so far as now known have no legal settlement in this County. Whether there are more to come I know not, but I fear they will only add to our number of Chronic Incurables.

The discharges during the year were 35—*viz.*, 15 Males and 20 Females, of whom 11 Males and 17 Females were recovered, 8 Non-Paupers were discharged, of whom 1 Male and 3 Female Patients were recovered, the others relieved.

The mortality has been somewhat higher than usual in the past year, yet not such as to call for any particular comments, and when the ages of those who died are considered, the per-centage is by no means high.

The number of deaths was 35—20 Males and 15 Females—their ages being 3 under 30 years; 8 under 40; 7 under 50; 3 under 60; 8 under 70; 3 nearly 80, and 3 above 80 years of age, giving a per-centage on the average daily resident number of not quite 8.

The causes of death were by no means unusual—almost all attributable to brain disease. One inquest was held on a Woman who was found dead. She had been visited in the ordinary course by the Night Nurse two or three times, and at 4 a.m. was as well as usual. Soon after she must have roused herself, and in attempting to leave her bed just after six, must have been suddenly attacked with apoplexy, from which she died in a very few minutes. No blame was attributable to those in charge.

Several accidents have occurred during the year amongst the Paralytics, and the more enfeebled Epileptics, none at all serious excepting two, which were instances of very severe scalp wounds; both of whom, however, made good recoveries.

No changes of any importance have taken place amongst the Officers and Servants.

Mr. Clarke still remains at the old Asylum. Dr. Pierce affords me much help here, and the Head Attendants, Mr. Guppy and Mrs. Dewey, continue to merit my hearty commendation.

As a rule all the other Attendants and Nurses have worked well—some exceptions there must be in Establishments of this size—one man was fined and discharged for intemperance, and another who had only been here a few days was mulct of his wages and dismissed for absenting himself without leave.

The Chaplain's Report is appended.

The Commissioners visited here in May last, but as

your own Report comments sufficiently on their remarks, it is unnecessary for me to add thereto.

The occupations of the Patients remain much as heretofore, chiefly on the Farm and Garden. The Crops generally were very good, and this is the first year we have grown and preserved for the Winter sufficient Potatoes, the disease being considerably less than for many years past.

Mr. Middleton very kindly gave me a Cart-horse early in the Summer, and we have been enabled to haul away that immense mass of Chalk in front of the Superintendent's House, besides carrying out the ordinary business of our small Farm, for which we were formerly obliged to hire.

The Amusements have been somewhat more varied; Croquet has been added for both Sexes, but as yet is very little cared for. I took the opportunity of engaging "Christy's Minstrels" for an evening, and a very enjoyable time was the result. The Patients were thoroughly amused and entertained, and I was much pleased to see the real appreciation of the more serious pieces of Music; the comic parts induced hearty roars of laughter, and at the end one poor girl said, so quietly, "Is that all, why I could 'a stayed a fortnight to hear that?"

Another evening was occupied in wonder and amazement at the tricks and deceits practised by Matthews from the Polytechnic. This sort of amusement was most congenial to the Patients, and the steady perseverance with which they watched the conjuror, and tried to find him out was remarkable; and when they felt how easily, yet surely, they had been deceived, they literally shouted with delight. The Egg Trick was very successful, and the Farmyard Patient drily said, "What's the use of giving hens barley meal? They won't lay; he do lay, ten times better. He's the one for I!"

Mr. Biggs, of Dorchester, assisted by Mr. Pouncey, very kindly came over, and amused us one evening by showing some very first-class pictures of the Paris International Exhibition, with the aid of the oxy-hydrogen light; also some capital photographs of Statuary, and many very amusing comic illustrations. I beg to tender my best thanks.

Again I gratefully acknowledge the regular receipt of newspapers—*Dorset County Chronicle*, *Sherborne Journal*, *Poole Herald*, and *Record*. Also this year the *Dorset County Express* and the *Telegram*, another bundle of *Illustrated London News* from Mrs. Gundry, the *Hyde, Bridport*; and six volumes of *Punch*, nicely bound, from Mr. Scott, of London.

The Farm and Garden and the Fat Meat Accounts at page 42 will, I think, be found satisfactory. The real cost to the County for thorough good meat, after adding the expense of keeping and deducting the actual cash receipts is rather less than $6\frac{3}{4}d.$, and when the fifth quarter is also deducted (all of which is economically used) the price is reduced quite $\frac{3}{4}d.$ per lb., giving the actual price to us of a little less than $6d.$ per lb. These facts speak for themselves.

Although the extra labour and trouble is considerable, yet I am quite sure no one grudges that when the results are so satisfactory.

In conclusion, allow me once more to tender you my best and heartiest gratitude for all your continued kindness and consideration, and, with the same sincere respect,

I am,

Your faithful and obliged Servant,

J. GUSTAVUS SYMES,

Medical Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHAPLAIN.

To the Chairman and Visitors of the Dorset County Asylums.

Gentlemen,

With regard to the duties of the Chaplain, it is gratifying after more than a year's experience, to be able to record an agreeable surprise both as to the nature as well also as to the results of the required ministrations. The onset was beset with a variety of doubts and fears relative to the work; these, however, I am happy to say, under the Divine blessing, have disappeared before a moderate exercise of common sense, patience, and cheerfulness.

In the discharge of such an office the fact has been peculiarly consoling, that our gracious God is not a hard Master, reaping where He has not sown, nor gathering where He has not strawed; and that of the talents given, whether they be ten or less, an account only of that entrusted will be expected. For, perhaps, the subject of Lunacy is too generally regarded in the aggregate apart from its individuality, forgetting that in Asylums as in the Church the body is composed of many members differently endowed, differently entrusted, and differently circumstanced.

As to the success accompanying my labours, I might briefly call attention to the interest in the stated services, and constant attendance. But perhaps I may be pardoned if I state a few facts with which my own mind has been particularly impressed during the past year, as exemplifying the power and grace of God in connection with the work.

An elderly man, most regular and attentive at Chapel, said to me one day that he should much wish to be confirmed and permitted to come to the table of the Lord, supplying me at the same time with deep and satisfactory reasons. Among others the following :—"Although I am in a crazy house," he said, "I yet am not so foolish but that I know that I am an old man, and while the young may die the old must die. Moreover I know that I am, as it were, with one foot in the grave and the other out. I wish therefore to serve God, and since Christ has said 'do this in remembrance of Me,' I wish to do so." A little book entitled *The Companion to the Altar*, was lent to him, and further conversation on the matter promised. At the time when this took place the old man was as hearty and well as ever he had been, but, before another opportunity came for Holy Communion, the poor old fellow, who was a general favourite, suddenly expired.

A woman, on bidding me good-bye previously to going home to her friends, thanked God for the affliction with which she had been visited, observing that blessed results to her soul had been the consequence.

The gratitude of a young man on his dying bed, to whom I delivered the glad tidings of the Gospel in a personal form, I shall not readily forget. I said that Jesus commissioned me to say that if in earnest and simple faith he would trust in Christ for salvation, Christ would forgive him and take him to be with Himself in Glory, when with

the most evident thankfulness and joy, he looked into my face and said, "Thank you, sir, thank you,"—realizing, as I never before saw, a readiness to embrace and an obligation for the message of pardon.

One afternoon on entering a room I found several women together with open Bibles, referring to texts from which I had preached, and refreshing one another's memories with portions of the sermons.

A poor elderly man came to me on one occasion and insisted on my accepting of 1s. for the Missionary cause. It was the half of a gift he had received from a daughter. He remarked, "I have been snatched as a brand from the burning. The Lord has been good to me. Take this for those across the waters;" and since then he has been to me again, urging me to receive pence for the same purpose.

To a dying woman I said, "Do you love Jesus?" "Yes," was the reply. But why? I further asked. "Because He first loved me?"

Another woman, who had felt pained because I seemed to question her trusting on Christ, said—"My dear Mr. Hyson, on whom should I trust? I have known Him for forty years;" and when she was so far gone as to be unable to speak, on my entering her room, she pointed upwards, and then put her hand upon her breast, seeming to assure me that her heart was fixed on Christ above.

An elderly man—getting on fast, I believe, for ninety years of age, with whom it is a comfort to hold conversation, and who is constantly digesting, as it were, some text or hymn acquired in earlier years—furnished me with an index to his feelings the other day when somewhat unwell. He repeated the lines—

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone;
He whom I rest my hopes upon,
His track I see, and I'll pursue
The narrow way, till Him I view.

Probably it may be urged that religious experience in such a place as an asylum is only one delusion among the many others of such poor demented creatures. Possibly there may be a great deal of delusion about religious experience and every other experience, confined not merely to patients in an asylum; but all conceptions can be tested by their recognised standards; and in the foregoing instances Christianity and sanity for the time were so evidenced that I venture to believe verily in their correctness.

Concerning the services, the only particular that I have to mention is that there has been Holy Communion every other month, at which nine Patients have been present.

The books of the library have been circulated freely, some of the Patients evincing a lively interest and care in getting them read and preserved. Although there have been as many as 20 and more in private circulation, it is satisfactory to know that not one has been lost.

During the winter a School has been carried on by a Patient thoroughly qualified to teach. Reading and writing have been attempted, with very moderate success. The number of Patients who have embraced the means for improvement has been 20. The above has been regularly superintended from week to week. On Sunday afternoons, by the same Patient, a Class for reading the Bible has been conducted, with an average attendance of 14.

On Wednesday evening, after the Service, a Class for the Female Attendants has been carried on. At present writing only has been attempted; but it is intended to have other subjects for instruction, together with a Bible Class, so soon as it can be conveniently arranged, in the benefits of which the Male Attendants will share as well as the Female.

My endeavours thus far have been so kindly appreciated by the Attendants that, to assist them in this or any way, is a positive pleasure.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

JOHN B. HYSON.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

9th and 10th May, 1867.

ON these two days we have visited the Asylums at Forston and Charminster, and seen all their insane inmates. In the latter there are 315 Patients, and in the former 140. All the statutory records are kept at Charminster, with exception of a special book at Forston, in which the cases there are now entered; whatever further relates to the Forston Patients being copied weekly into the Medical Journal at the New Asylum, from memoranda kept by Mr. Clarke, the Resident Surgeon at the old building. There is now a fixed daily communication between the two Asylums for supply of whatever is needful from the Clothing and Stores at Charminster.

Since the visit of the 15th February, 1866, the Admissions have been 114, or 43 Males and 71 Females. The Discharges 44, or 19 Males and 25 Females; and the Deaths 33, or 14 Males and 19 Females. Among those Admissions were 43 Out-County Patients, from Poole, Abergavenny and Oxford. Of those discharged 27 were reported to have recovered. In the causes of death there was nothing unusual, the principal being general Palsy, Epilepsy, Diseases of the Lungs and Heart, and Exhaustion after Mania. The numbers of Males and Females at Charminster are 158 and 157, and at Forston 82 and 58;

of whom there are 10 Males and 8 Females belonging to the private class, and 80 Males and 59 Females, or 139 Patients altogether, received from Counties and Boroughs not in Union.

An unfortunate incident to set against what is more favourable in these Out-County Contracts is, that the Patients admitted under them appear to be generally of the worst and most hopeless class, the consequence being that even at Charminster there is an undue proportion of such cases, and that at Forston there are hardly any others. Making all necessary allowance for this, we nevertheless think that with increased watchfulness on the part of Attendants and Nurses, the clothing of these troublesome Patients might be kept in better order, and that the frock dresses* (of which too many are in use even at Charminster) might be considerably reduced.

The Patients at Forston have increased in number since the visit 15 months ago, by 12 in the Males and 27 in the Female Division; and to the latter, in consequence, two Nurses have been added. Two additional wash basins have also been placed in the Upper Female Ward; but even for this now 82 Male Patients there are still only four basins, or two in each Ward; and we repeat the recommendation made at the last visit for an increased supply of such simple provisions for decency and comfort. In a number of the sleeping rooms with tiled or stone floors, both single and associated, strips of matting have since then been put; but far too many of both are still left unprovided with anything of the sort, and we repeat this suggestion that all should be so supplied as one of urgent necessity.

In the Male Wards at the Old Building there has been some small painting done during the past year, and a Day Room has been obtained for the upper one by judicious

* The "ordinary slop frock" used by agricultural labourers.

appropriation of the Gallery as a Dining Room; but generally there is the same bare unfurnished appearance in the Wards of both Divisions, and we are of opinion that, whatever the class of inmates may be, it is impossible to dispense altogether with such ordinary furniture as moveable chairs and small tables, and with little matters of ornament or interest, to the extent that is observable here, without results and influences in all respects disadvantageous. Mr. Clarke informs us, that he has been able lately to induce a few of the Patients to join in Croquet occasionally; and we have no doubt whatever, that with more resources at his disposal, and greater pains on the part of Attendants, the numbers engaging in some sort of occupation or amusement, even at Forston might be considerably increased. More should also be taken, and more frequently, beyond the Asylum Grounds. There seems to have been only one such walking party since Christmas, Attendants not being available for the purpose; and for this and other reasons, additions should be made to the Staff, which has had no increase since the last visit.*

We found the bedding in a good state throughout, and the perfect cleanliness and order of every part of the Building ought to be remarked. Bathing regulations have not been placed in the bath rooms, nor are thermometers supplied yet. We trust that this will at once be done, and that in no case will the same water be used for more than two Patients. It ought, if possible be changed for each.

At Charminster all the Patients were free from excitement (as indeed we had found those at Forston also), and, subject to the remark already made, their personal appearance and general state were very satisfactory. The condition of the Wards also was favourable; and we were

* *Vide* page 8, line 22, &c.

glad to see some recent additions of sofas and other articles of furniture, which we hope will continue to be steadily supplied; much in that respect being still required. A very judicious structural change is also in progress in all the Wards, by which more commodious water closets, separated further from the Wards, additional pantries and better lavatories, will be obtained. A remedy has likewise been applied since the last visit, to what seems, as then stated, to have resulted from rain penetrating through the walls in various parts of the Building; but which seems also likely, upon later examination, to have been occasioned by the employment of other bad material besides the outer bricks. The South-western walls have all been covered with Portland cement; and the roof of the Chapel is at present under process of fitting for the purpose of remedying defects that had been found there.

The numbers of the Patients employed in both Divisions regularly, are (out of the 315 at Charminster) 149, and (out of the 140 at Forston) a little over 40. In the new Asylum, however, we found the Wards supplied to a fair extent with means both for occupation and amusement, of which the non-working patients are able frequently to avail themselves; and parties are taken regularly for exercise beyond the Grounds, especially from the Female Wards. A considerable addition to the books in circulation through the Wards of the new building has likewise been made lately, and the associated amusements are various, and seem to be sufficiently kept up. It is greatly to be regretted that in all these matters Forston is now so deficient. There, even the attendance at Chapel is now limited to 20 men and 11 women; and we could wish that it were larger at Charminster itself, not averaging at present more than 90 of both sexes on week-days, and 104

on Sundays. A new Chaplain, Mr. Hyson, has lately been appointed, and has entered on his duties, among which are comprised, we have pleasure in observing, Lectures from time to time to associated parties in the Recreation Hall.

Another appointment has been made within the last year by which an Assistant Medical Officer becomes resident at Charminster. In the absence of Mr. Symes to-day, Dr. Pierce accompanied us through the Wards; and we trust from the interest he shews in his duties, and from what we observe of his entries in the case book, that he will prove an efficient help to the Medical Superintendent in his responsible and arduous labours, heretofore performed in less favourable circumstances with so much ability and success.

The seclusion since the last visit has comprised 11 Male Patients on 171 occasions, and three Female Patients on 47 occasions. The wet and dirty returns shew about 13 nightly in the Male, and 9 in the Female division. The numbers under treatment last Saturday were 18 Males and 13 Females. These various returns include the Forston Patients; and we have to add the same recommendation which we have made as to Forston, for private regulations and thermometers in all the bath rooms. The various workshops and farm buildings that we visited were in the best order.

JOHN FORSTER,

ROBERT NAIRNE,

Commissioners in Lunacy.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.—ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1867.

					Male.	Female.	Total.
Remaining in the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1867 ...					228	214	442
					Male	Fem.	Total
Admissions :							
From this County first time...					29	22	51
Re-admitted					8	3	11
From Poole					0	1	1
„ Abergavenny					0	2	2
Total admissions					37	28	65
Total under care in 1867					265	242	507
Discharges :							
Recovered					11	17	28
Relieved					4	3	7
					15	20	35
Died					20	15	35
Total discharged and died					35	35	70
Remaining in Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1867... ..					230	207	437
Average number of Pauper Patients resident during the year					232	209	441

N.B.—One Male Criminal out on trial, by order of the Secretary of State, until March 2nd, 1868, from September 2nd last.

TABLE II.—NON-PAUPER LUNATICS.

					Male.	Female.	Total.
In the Asylums, January 1, 1867	...	...	...	...	9	9	18
Admitted during the Year	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
					14	12	26
					Male.	Fem.	Total.
Discharged:							
Recovered	...	...			1	3	4
Relieved	...	...			2	1	3
Not improved	...	...			1	0	1
Died	...	...			0	2	2
					4	6	10
In the Asylums, Dec. 31, 1867	...	...	...	...	10	6	16
Of this number 5 Males and 1 Female belong to Dorset.							
"	1	"	2	"	"	Somerset.	
"	0	"	1	"	"	Oxford.	
"	1	"	0	"	"	Sussex.	
"	1	"	1	"	"	Hants.	
"	0	"	1	"	"	Essex.	
"	1	"	0	"	"	Norfolk.	
"	1	"	0	"	"	Berks.	

TABLE III.—AGES ON ADMISSION AND AT FIRST ATTACK.

Age.				On Admission.			At First Attack.		
				M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
From Birth to 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
" 5 " 10 "	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
" 10 " 20 "	...	...	...	3	1	4	9	3	12
" 20 " 30 "	...	...	...	8	5	13	2	6	8
" 30 " 40 "	...	...	...	7	9	16	7	8	15
" 40 " 50 "	...	...	...	6	7	13	6	6	12
" 50 " 60 "	...	...	...	7	2	9	7	1	8
" 60 " 70 "	...	...	...	2	2	4	1	2	3
" 70 and upwards	...	...	...	3	2	5	1	1	2
Total	...	...	...	37	28	65	37	28	65

TABLE IV.—SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, FROM THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM IN 1832 TO THE PRESENT DATE, DECEMBER 31, 1867.

					Male.	Female.	Total.
Admitted from 1832 to end of 1845 (including re-admissions)					218	283	501
Admitted from 1845 to December 31, 1867—							
		Male.	Female.	Total.			
First time ... ..	...	532	555	1,087			
Re-admissions ... ..	...	93	117	210	625	672	1,297
Total of cases admitted, including 68 Oxford, 60 Abergavenny, and 18 Poole Patients ...					843	955	1,798
Discharged—							
To 1845 ... ..	...	105	130	235			
Died ... ..	...	63	69	132			
		168	199	367			
Discharged to 1867—							
Recovered ... ..	...	198	275	473			
Relieved ... ..	...	35	47	82			
Not improved ... ..	...	37	50	87			
		270	372	642			
Died to 1867 ... ..	...	175	177	352			
		445	549	994			
Total Discharged and Died					613	748	1,361
Remaining in the Asylum, December 31, 1867					230	207	437

TABLE V.—SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, WITH THE MEAN ANNUAL MORTALITY AND PROPORTION OF RECOVERIES PER CENT. OF THE ADMISSIONS FOR EACH YEAR, COMMENCING 1846.

YEARS.	ADMITTED.			DISCHARGED.						DIED.			Remaining 31st December each Year.			Average Number Resident.			Percentage of Recoveries on Admission.			Percentage of Deaths on average Number Resident.		
	Males	Fem.	Total.	Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
				M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.												
1846	29	27	56	8	6	14	1	...	1	1	...	1	9	17	26	62	86	148	59	83	142	27.5	22.2	24.8
1847	24	20	44	9	14	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	21	66	83	149	64	89	153	37.5	70.	53.7
1848	18	30	48	13	15	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	12	64	83	147	64	87	151	72.2	50.	61.1
1849	21	23	44	6	11	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	7	18	67	88	155	66	87	153	28.5	47.8	38.1
1850	23	28	51	15	13	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	13	68	95	163	70	96	160	65.2	46.4	55.8
1851	19	16	35	4	9	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	9	19	68	88	156	69	90	159	21.	56.2	38.6
1852	21	17	38	8	6	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	7	67	87	154	67	89	156	38.	35.2	36.6
1853	15	12	27	3	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	11	71	82	153	72	82	154	20.	33.3	26.6
1854	23	17	40	6	9	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8	20	70	83	153	70	80	150	26.	52.9	39.4
1855	23	24	47	11	11	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	11	66	82	148	68	86	148	47.8	45.8	46.8
1856	26	38	64	14	17	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	11	15	67	83	150	70	85	155	53.8	44.7	49.2
1857	23	28	51	10	13	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	7	15	71	88	159	70	86	156	43.4	46.4	44.9
1858	20	32	52	12	18	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	13	72	89	161	76	89	165	60.	56.2	53.1
1859	15	24	39	5	17	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	8	77	91	168	83	88	171	33.3	70.8	52
1860	25	29	54	9	13	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	9	88	93	181	83	88	171	36.	44.8	40.4
1861	22	24	46	9	15	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	12	93	94	187	91	93	184	40.9	62.5	51.7
1862	17	17	34	5	12	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	11	100	89	189	94	93	187	29.4	70.5	49.9
1863	44	76	120	10	10	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9	128	147	275	102	98	200	22.7	13.1	17.9
1864	34	26	60	10	16	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	11	27	134	140	274	130	148	278	29.4	61.5	45.4
1865	106	73	179	11	17	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	19	215	182	397	178	164	342	10.3	23.2	16.7
1866	40	63	103	9	12	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	13	24	228	214	442	233	201	434	22.5	19.	20.7
1867	37	28	65	11	17	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	15	35	230	207	437	232	209	441	29.7	60.7	45.2
Totals and mean averages of 22 years.	625	672	1297	198	275	473	35	47	82	37	50	87	175	177	352	230	207	437	36.1	46.9	41.5	8.5	7.1	7.8

N.B.—In 1863 70 Chronic Incurable Patients were admitted from Salisbury.

" 1865 102 Ditto Oxford, Abergavenny, and Poole.

" 1866 44 Ditto Oxford and Abergavenny.

This will readily account for the small Percentage of Recoveries as compared with other years. The Discharges *before* 1846 were not divided, therefore I have not given them in this Table; the Summary shews them.

TABLE V.—SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL ADMISSIONS FROM OPENING OF THE
ASYLUM IN 1832 TO END OF 1845.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Percentage of cases discharged, including the recovered, relieved, and not improved	48.16	45.93	46.96
Percentage of cases, dead... ..	28.89	24.38	26.34
Remaining	22.95	29.69	26.70
Totals	100.00	100.00	100.00

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL ADMISSIONS, 1846 TO 1867 INCLUSIVE.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Percentage of cases recovered	31.68	40.92	36.48
" Relieved	5.60	6.99	6.32
" Not improved	5.92	7.45	6.70
" Dead	28.00	26.34	27.14
" Remaining	28.80	18.30	23.36
Totals	100.00	100.00	100.00

TABLE VI.—THE CIVIL CONDITION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Married	14	9	23
Single	19	15	34
Widowed	4	3	7
Unknown	—	1	1
	37	28	65

* TABLE VII.—SHOWING THE CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Cerebral or Spinal Disease—			
Apoplexy and Paralysis	2	1	3
Epilepsy and Convulsions	1	2	3
General Paralysis	6	...	6
Maniacal and Melancholic Exhaustion } or Decay... ..	3	6	9
Inflammation and other Diseases of } the Brain, softening, tumors, &c. }	...	...	...
Thoracic Disease—			
Inflammation of the Lungs, Pleuræ } and Bronchi ... ..	...	...	...
Pulmonary Consumption	3	3	6
Diseases of the Heart, &c.	1	...	1
Abdominal Disease—			
Inflammation of Stomach, Intestines, } or Peritonæum ... ..	...	1	1
Dysentery and Diarrhœa ... ..	...	...	...
Fever ... ..	...	...	...
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	...
Cancer ... ..	...	...	...
General Debility and Old Age	3	2	5
Suicide and Accidents ... ..	...	...	...
Total	20	15	35

* Copied from Blue Book of Commissioners in Lunacy, page 117.

TABLE VIII.—FORM OF MENTAL DISORDERS.

Disease.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Mania—Recent	18	8	26
Chronic	9	6	15
With Epilepsy	1	...	1
Hysteria ... ..	...	2	2
Puerperal ... ..	...	1	1
Suicidal ... ..	...	1	1
General Paralysis	2	2	4
Melancholia	2	5	7
Suicidal ... ..	...	1	1
Dementia	2	...	2
Paralysis ... ..	...	1	1
Amentia	3	1	4
Total	37	28	65

TABLE IX.—ASSIGNED CAUSES OF MENTAL DISORDERS.

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Bodily Weakness	1	...	1
Congenital	1	...	1
Epilepsy ... ..	...	1	1
Exposure to the Sun when Intoxicated ...	1	...	1
Fright	1	...	1
Fright to Mother before his Birth ...	1	...	1
Hereditary Predisposition	4	2	6
Ill Usage and Intemperance ... ..	...	1	1
Illness and Trouble ... ..	...	1	1
Insufficient Food ... ..	...	1	1
Intemperance	2	...	2
Measles	1	...	1
Melancholy	1	...	1
Religious Despondency ... ..	...	1	1
Uterine Excitement ... ..	...	1	1
Not stated	24	20	44
Total	37	28	65

TABLE X.—GENERAL NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.	No.
In the House	3
„ Kitchen	5
„ Laundry	34
„ Wards	28
Needlework	58
Knitting, &c.	3
Plaiting Straw, Hat and Bonnet Making ...	1
Shoe Binding	3
Total	135

TABLE XI.—THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1867—ALSO STOCK IN HAND, DEC. 31ST.

Articles.	Made.	Repaired	In Store.	
			Made.	Material
				Yds.
Aprons	188	744	46	49
Ditto—coarse	74	66	1	...
Bed Ticks	36	53	21	100
Bonnets, Sun	72	...	...	79
Blankets ... ..	...	274	74	...
Braces ... ..	...	...	48	...
Capes ... ..	...	...	...	...
Caps—day	236	1868	64	37
Dusters	220	...	24	...
Drawers—flannel	25	61	13	61
Vests—ditto	136	777	16	
Gowns	122	1022	...	126
Handkerchiefs	264	641	120	...
Mattress Cases	82	238	29	...
Neckerchiefs	332	2423	96	78
Pillow Cases	190	498	34	...
Ditto Ticks	30	13	2	...
Petticoats—stuff... ..	112	781	26	24
Ditto—flannel	100	154	14	...
Rugs	8	4	35	...
Shifts	260	1402	26	160
Shirts	346	2487	36	416
Sheets... ..	312	779	188	...
Slop Frocks	152	363	32	416
Stays	30	107	34	...
Stockings, pairs	8	4936	144	...
Table Cloths	17	74	5	86
Tea ditto	180	97	66	...
Towels	122	56	38	86
Twine Nets	34	...	24	...
Ditto Fruit ... ..	...	...	...	...

TABLE XII.—GENERAL NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.	No.
On the Farm	48
In the Kitchen	3
„ Tailors' Shop	3
„ Shoemakers' ditto	7
„ Painters' ditto	2
„ Carpenters' ditto	4
„ Engineers' Department	4
„ Wards and Airing Courts, Picking Flock, &c.	34
„ Roads and Gardens	10
Total	115

TABLE XIII.—BOOTS AND SHOES MADE AND REPAIRED BY THE MALE PATIENTS.

1867.				MALES.				FEMALES.			
				New.		Repaired.		New.		Repaired.	
				B Pairs	S Pairs	B Pairs	S Pairs	B Pairs	S Pairs	B Pairs	S Pairs
First Quarter	...	...	...	51	3	168	6	22	7	18	2
Second Quarter	...	...	...	62	1	142	2	27	4	17	3
Third Quarter	...	...	...	60	2	154	5	10	23	18	12
Fourth Quarter	...	...	...	54	6	120	4	27	5	33	12
Total	...	...	...	227	12	584	17	86	39	86	29

IN STOCK.			
32 Pairs	Men's Boots.		
9 "	Women's ditto.		
18 "	" Shoes.		

TAILORS' SHOP.

Jackets made	123	Repaired	421	In Stock	86
Waistcoats "	137	"	426	"	88
Trousers "	225	"	1123	"	131

TABLE XIV.—THE OCCUPATION.

Males.				Females.			
Baker	...	...	...	1	Wives, Daughters, or Wi-		
Blacksmith	...	...	...	1	dows of:—		
Brushmaker	...	...	...	1	Laborers	...	6
Coast Guard	...	...	...	1	Shepherd	...	1
Fisherman	...	...	...	1	Soldier	...	1
Laborers	...	...	20	1	Charwoman	...	1
Marine Store Dealer	...	...	1	1	Dressmaker	...	2
Painter	...	...	1	1	Glover	...	1
Quarryman	...	...	1	1	Schoolmistress	...	1
Sawyer	...	...	1	1	Shopkeeper	...	1
Shoemaker	...	...	1	1	Servants	...	10
Stonecutters	...	...	3	1	Twine Braiders	...	1
Tailor	...	...	1	3	None	...	3
None	...	...	3				
Total	...	...	37	Total	...		28

TABLE XV.—DISCHARGES.

No. in Register.	Age and Civil State on Admission.	Sex.	Length of Time Insane on Admission.			Duration in Asylum.			Assigned Cause of Insanity.	Form of Mental Disorder.
			Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.		
1507	58 years—Married	Female	0	0	14	2	0	5	Not known	Mania.
1745	48 .. Married	Male	0	0	14	0	5	29	A fall from a tree followed by [brain fever]	Mania—incipient general [paralysis]
1760	52 .. Married	Male	0	0	10	0	3	9	Unknown	Dementia.
1673	45 .. Married	Female	0	0	7	1	2	18	Not known	Mania.
1661	52 .. Married	Male	0	0	21	1	3	17	Not known	Melancholia.
1767	22 .. Married	Female	0	0	7	0	3	7	Not known	Mania.
1707	66 .. Married	Female	5	0	0	0	9	10	Bleeding from the nose, 5 years [ago]	Mania.
1688	48 .. Widowed	Female	0	6	0	1	0	24	Religious excitement	Mania.
1677	29 .. Single	Female	0	3	0	1	4	21	An injury	Mania (with depression.)
1751	31 .. Single	Male	0	0	14	0	7	28	Melancholy	Mania (much depressed.)
1561	24 .. Single	Male	0	0	21	2	1	8	Unknown	Mania.
1679	32 .. Married	Female	0	0	7	1	5	7	Not known	Mania (suicidal.)
1746	56 .. Married	Male	0	3	0	0	10	15	Embarrassed circumstances	Mania (many delusions.)
1636	27 .. Single	Female	0	0	2	1	11	4	Unknown	Mania (hysterical.)
1770	34 .. Married	Female	0	0	14	0	6	2	Uterine excitement	Mania.
1791	44 .. Single	Female	0	0	14	0	3	14	Not known	Mania.
1784	72 .. Married	Male	0	0	21	0	4	10	Not known	Melancholia.
1789	44 .. Married	Female	0	6	0	0	3	25	Not known	Melancholia.
1752	50 .. Married	Female	0	0	7	0	9	22	Not known	Mania.
1753	44 .. Married	Male	0	0	10	0	9	21	Intemperance	Melancholia.
1708	31 .. Single	Female	0	2	0	1	2	8	Hereditary predisposition	Mania.
1689	24 .. Married	Female	0	6	0	1	5	16	Religious despondency	Mania.
1783	46 .. Married	Male	0	1	21	0	5	10	Not known	Melancholia.
1633	56 .. Married	Male	1	6	0	2	1	16	An injury	Mania.
1781	47 .. Married	Male	0	2	0	0	6	5	Not known	Mania.
1455	58 .. Married	Male	5	0	0	2	4	21	Jealousy	Mania.
1710	49 .. Single	Female	0	0	7	0	4	11	Not known	Mania.
1700	47 .. Married	Female	2	6	0	0	6	26	Not known	Mania (much depressed.)
1704	54 .. Married	Female	0	0	10	0	3	18	Intemperance	Mania.
1748	59 .. Married	Male	0	0	7	0	0	29	Not known	Mania (suicidal.)
1766	56 .. Single	Female	0	0	7	0	2	27	Not known	Mania (many delusions.)
1650	50 .. Single	Male	6	1	0	1	2	7	Not known	Melancholia.
1659	50 .. Married	Female	0	3	0	1	2	5	Not known	Mania.
1692	25 .. Single	Female	0	0	3	0	10	7	A fall	Melancholia.
1750	59 .. Married	Female	0	0	14	0	4	7	Religious despondency	Melancholia.

TABLE XVI.—OBITUARY.

No. in Admission Book.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Sex.	Length of time Insane when Admitted.		Duration of Residence in Asylum.			Form of Mental Disease and Bodily Condition on Admission.	Apparent Causes of Death.
			Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.	
1439	49 years—Married	Male	1	0	0	2	6	2	Exhaustion from Mania and Paralysis.
1015	60	Female	0	0	21	9	11	18	Marasmus.
1336	59	Male	0	11	0	3	3	27	General Paralysis.
1716	36	Female	10	0	0	0	3	23	Apoplexy (inquest).
1405	43	Female	Unknown.			3	1	21	Mania—Phthisis—Exhaustion.
1756	49	Male	0	4	0	0	0	18	Phthisis.
1757	45	Female	0	0	6	0	0	22	Mania—Exhaustion.
1488	45	Male	0	3	0	1	11	12	General Paralysis.
1599	50	Male	1	0	0	1	7	25	General Paralysis.
1435	63	Male	0	0	10	3	0	17	Serous Effusion on Brain.
623	69	Female	0	3	14	18	11	20	Mania—Gradual decay.
1137	38	Female	1	0	0	7	9	17	Marasmus.
773	74	Female	0	0	7	15	8	24	Mania—Gradual decay.
1724	30	Female	Since birth.			0	7	0	Epilepsy.
1642	42	Male	0	0	14	1	5	18	Epilepsy—Apoplexy.
1056	35	Female	0	6	0	9	2	1	Mania—Phthisis.
1699	28	Male	0	0	7	0	10	29	Phthisis.
241	81	Male	0	6	0	28	9	20	Mania—Exhaustion.
930	88	Male	0	0	14	12	0	9	Exhaustion—Old Age.
1773	33	Female	0	6	0	0	2	0	Exhaustion—Melancholia.
1648	39	Male	0	2	0	1	6	23	General Paralysis.
1774	24	Female	0	0	1	0	2	5	Gastritis.
1182	66	Male	0	0	6	6	10	17	Apoplexy.
647	84	Female	Years.			18	9	26	Exhaustion—Old Age.
1645	30	Male	0	2	0	1	9	19	Marasmus—Exhaustion.
1460	64	Male	64 years.			2	10	21	Senile Exhaustion—Idiotcy.
1458	45	Male	0	2	0	2	11	15	General Paralysis.
1340	10	Female	6 years.			4	0	5	Epilepsy—Gradual Exhaustion.
1681	35	Male	0	0	14	1	4	25	General Paralysis.
757	49	Male	Many years.			16	6	29	Dropsy and Heart Disease.
1806	65	Female	0	0	21	0	1	2	Exhaustion from Mania.
1434	67	Male	Many years.			3	6	17	Peritonitis.
1759	72	Male	0	1	14	0	9	9	Phthisis.
1702	56	Female	4	0	0	0	3	24	Dementia—Exhaustion.
1701	75	Male	0	7	0	0	4	0	Senile Exhaustion.

* TABLE XVII.—SHOWING THE LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THOSE DISCHARGED RECOVERED AND IN THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR 1867.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under 1 Month ... ..	...	1	1	1	1	2
From 1 to 3 Months	1	...	1	...	3	3
" 3 " 6 "	5	4	9	1	1	2
" 6 " 9 "	1	2	3	3	1	4
" 9 " 12 "	2	3	5	2	2	4
" 1 " 2 Years	1	6	7	4	...	4
" 2 " 3 "	1	1	2	3	...	3
" 3 " 5 " ... ..	...	...	...	3	2	5
" 5 " 7 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 7 " 10 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2
" 10 " 12 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 12 " 15 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 " ... ..	...	...	...	2	3	5
" 20 " 30 " ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	1
" 30 " 40 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	..
Total	11	17	28	20	15	35

* Copied from the Commissioner in Lunacy's Blue Book, page 117.

TABLE XVIII.—AGES OF PATIENTS RESIDENT JANUARY 1ST, 1868.

Age.				Male.	Female.	Total.
Under 10 Years ... ..	...	...	...	2	2	4
From 10 to 20 Years ... ..	...	...	...	6	3	9
" 20 " 30 " ... ..	...	...	...	43	22	65
" 30 " 40 " ... ..	...	...	...	53	40	93
" 40 " 50 " ... ..	...	...	...	41	51	92
" 50 " 60 " ... ..	...	...	...	50	52	102
" 60 " 70 " ... ..	...	...	...	28	20	48
" 70 " 80 " ... ..	...	...	...	10	17	27
" 80 " 90 " ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	2
Total ... ..	...	...	...	230	207	437

TABLE XIX.—THE AGES OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	From 10 years to 20 years.	From 20 years to 30 years.	From 30 years to 40 years.	From 40 years to 50 years.	From 50 years to 60 years.	From 60 years to 70 years.	From 70 years to 80 years.	From 80 years to 90 years.	From 90 years and upwards.	Total.
1858	2	1	1	3	3	...	...	10
1859	...	1	2	1	1	2	...	1	...	8
1860	1	4	1	1	2	...	...	9
1861	2	...	6	2	2	...	...	12
1862	...	3	1	1	2	2	2	...	...	11
1863	...	1	1	4	2	1	...	...	...	9
1864	2	1	5	5	3	5	6	...	...	27
1865	...	2	4	5	1	2	4	1	...	19
1866	...	2	5	4	5	3	4	1	...	24
1867	...	3	8	7	3	8	3	3	...	35
	2	13	31	32	25	29	26	6	..	164

The per Centage of Deaths for the *past year*, on the average daily number resident, was not quite 8 ; and for the last ten years just 7 per Cent.

TABLE XX.—NUMBER OF LUNATICS, IDIOTS, AND IMBECILES CHARGEABLE TO THE DIFFERENT UNIONS OF THE COUNTY—NOT IN ANY ASYLUM, ON JANUARY 1ST, 1868.

Unions.						No. of Lunatics.	No. of Idiots.	No. of Imbeciles.
Axminster	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...
Beaminster	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
Blandford	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	6
Bridport	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	2
Cerne	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	1
Dorchester	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
Mere	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...
Poole (including the Borough of Poole)	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...
Shaftesbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...
Sherborne	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...
Sturminster	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Wareham	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...
Weymouth	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	7
Wimborne	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Wincanton	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Total at large						12	129	22
Lunatics						...	...	12
Idiots						...	...	129
Imbeciles						...	...	22
Total						...	...	163

TABLE XXI.—Contract Prices of the Principal Articles of Consumption for 1867.

	First Quarter.			Second Quarter.			Third Quarter.			Fourth Quarter.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Beef { Fat Stock bought and slaughtered } Cost ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mutton { at home ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bread, best ...	0	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cheese, best Dorset ...	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	16	0	1	14	0
Ale ...	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8
Oatmeal ...	1	4	0	1	4	0	1	4	0	1	4	0
Peameal ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
White Sugar ...	0	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brown ditto ...	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rice, Patna ...	0	19	0	0	19	0	0	18	0	0	18	0
Soda ...	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	7	0	0	7	0
Soap, best London ...	1	13	0	1	13	0	1	12	0	1	12	0
Starch ...	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Tobacco ...	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	0
Snuff ...	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	6	0
Candles, Dips ...	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	6
Coals, best Wallsend ...	1	8	0	1	8	0	1	8	0	1	8	0
Radstock, Screened ...	0	17	1	0	17	1	0	16	7	0	16	7
Small ...	0	11	1	0	11	1	0	11	1	0	11	1

FAT STOCK ACCOUNT.

STOCK PURCHASED.				ACTUAL COST.		Weight in Carcase.
				£	s. d.	lbs.
1867—First Quarter	...	...	...	377	17 6	...
Second Quarter	...	...	...	292	16 6	12,732
Third Quarter	...	...	...	372	3 6	10,165
Fourth Quarter	...	...	...	288	3 0	12,339
Total	...	...	...	1,331	0 6	11,233
						46,469
						Nearly 6½d. per lb.
Cash paid for Cake and Corn	...	...	...	46	0 0	
Ditto ditto Sundries	...	...	...
Estimated value of Hay consumed	...	...	...
Cash received for Skins and Bones	...	...	...	1,377	0 6	
				73	19 1	
Fat, Heads, &c., called Fifth Quarter--(estimated as worth)	...	...	...	1,303	1 5	Not quite 6½d. per lb.
				146	14 0	
				£1,156	7 5	Not quite 6d. per lb.

N.B.—The prime cost as above, including Cake and Hay, would be nearly 6½d. per lb., but deducting Cash received and the estimated worth of the Fifth Quarter, the cost is reduced 0½d. per lb., or as nearly as possible 6d. per lb. on the whole amount for the year.

DIETARY.

BREAKFAST	{	<i>Males</i> —6 ozs. bread, 1 quart gruel. <i>Females</i> —5 ozs. bread, $1\frac{1}{2}$ pint gruel.	}	Daily.
SUPPER	{	<i>Males</i> —8 ozs. bread, 2 ozs. cheese, or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter; beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint. <i>Females</i> —6 ozs. bread, 2 ozs. cheese, or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter; 1 pint tea or coffee.	}	Daily.
DINNER	{	SUNDAY—16 to 18 ozs. suet pudding, with treacle sauce, and the addition of fruit in summer, and dried fruit in winter— <i>Males and Females</i> . MONDAY—5 ozs. meat, vegetables not less than 1 lb.— <i>Males and Females</i> . TUESDAY—2 pints soup, 2 ozs. meat, 5 ozs. bread— <i>Males</i> ; $1\frac{1}{2}$ pint soup, 4 ozs. bread— <i>Females</i> . WEDNESDAY—Meat pie, 12 ozs. — <i>Males</i> ; 10 ozs. — <i>Females</i> . Vegetables as on Monday. THURSDAY—As on Monday. FRIDAY—3 ozs. meat, vegetables as on Monday. SATURDAY—As on Wednesday.	}	

Half-pint of ale daily for dinner, except on *Tuesday*, both *Males* and *Females*.

Women working in laundry have tea and bread and butter twice a day extra on three washing days, and once a day on three ironing days; also bread and cheese and $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint of ale for lunch.

Women scrubbing in wards have bread and cheese daily for lunch, with $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint of ale. Men the same.

Men working in the shops or on the farm, have $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint ale extra at eleven and four o'clock.

Sick Diet as considered necessary by the Medical Superintendent.

Tobacco and Snuff distributed as directed.

Attendants and Nurses are all allowed 7lbs. bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. butter, 2 ozs. tea, and 8 ozs. sugar—in addition they dine in the Servants' Hall, without restriction as to quantity of meat, vegetables, &c.; and for supper, bread and cheese *ad libitum*. *Males*: 2 pints ale. *Females*: 1 pint daily.

N.B.—"All meat is weighed after being cooked, and free from bone."

The Milk Gruel is made with best oatmeal and milk. Meat Pie contains 3 ozs. of meat without bone. Soup is made from liquor of boiled meat, thickened with Pearl Barley, Rice, Pea Meal, to which are added Vegetables, Herbs, &c.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

OF THE

Receipts and Payments

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1867.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st Dec., 1866 ...				15	11	10
FROM INTEREST ON MONIES INVESTED:						
To One Year's Interest on £4,500, £3 per						
Cent. Consols				135	0	0
„ PARISHES:						
To amount received from Parishes for Pauper						
Patients	5,626	17	1			
To amount received from County Treasurer						
for ditto	170	14	8			
				<hr/>		
				5,797	11	9
To amount received from the Non-Pauper						
and Out-County Patients' Account for						
their maintenance according to the Weekly						
rate				2,889	6	9
				<hr/>		
				8,837	10	4
Balance due to Treasurer				20	2	5

£8,857 12 9

ACCOUNT.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES AND WAGES:—						
Officers' Salaries	800	0	0			
Servants' Wages	886	9	9			
				1,686	9	9
PROVISIONS:—						
46,602 lbs. Meat	1,228	5	6			
168,816 lbs. Bread	1,198	12	0			
28,000 lbs. Flour	262	11	0			
1,876 lbs. Peas	16	15	0			
4,480 lbs. Rice	37	10	0			
14,952 lbs. Oatmeal	160	4	0			
25,908 lbs. Cheese	431	14	5			
210 lbs. Tobacco and Snuff	45	18	0			
563½ lbs. Lump Sugar	12	18	3			
2,338 lbs. Moist ditto	43	16	9			
1,316 lbs. Tea and Coffee	114	0	0			
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, Spices, Currants, Raisins, Arrowroot, and Miscellaneous Grocery	74	5	4			
24,067 galls. Ale, Beer, and Porter	817	17	8			
				4,444	7	11
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY:—						
Wines and Spirits	53	13	0			
Drugs, Surgery, &c.	66	18	11			
				120	11	11
NECESSARIES:—						
16,395 lbs. Soap and Soda	148	6	1			
442 lbs. Starch and Blue	10	9	2			
938 lbs. Candles	26	10	0			
832 tons 15 cwt. Coals	597	15	5			
Blacking and Miscellaneous	26	10	6			
				809	11	2
Brooms, Brushes, Cooperage, &c....				38	14	9
Linen and Clothing				484	10	4
Bed-furniture and Bedding				66	15	0
Straw				71	8	0
Tin, Earthenware, and Ironmongery				230	15	11
Printing, Stationery, Advertisements, Postage, &c. Furniture, &c.				110	9	4
				135	0	11
Messrs. Finch & Lush, for a Criminal Patient				40	6	0
Removing Patients when discharged				25	18	4
Other Journeys				2	11	6
Coffins and Funerals				62	16	6
Postmaster, for Private Letter Bag				1	1	0
Carriage of ditto and Driver (one year)				2	10	0
Expenses recapturing Patients who escaped				2	8	3
Poultry, &c....				9	9	0
Surgeon's Fees examining a Criminal Patient before his discharge				2	2	0
Sundry payments for Lime, Carriage, Poles, Horse Hire, Cart, Harness, &c., &c.				57	18	5
Stamped Cheques				3	0	0
Cash Paid to Farm Account				448	16	9
				£8,857	12	9

BILLS PAID FROM THE COUNTY RATES.

<i>Dr.</i>	RECEIPTS.		<i>Cr.</i>	PAYMENTS.	
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
To Cash received of the County Treasurer	...	176 12 3	By Rent of Land at Forston	...	19 13 4
			" Rates, Taxes, and Tithes	...	42 16 3
			" Repairs, Timber, and other Materials	...	46 1 7
			" Fire Insurance (New Asylum)	...	12 7 3
			" Printing Report	...	21 19 0
			" Clerk of the Peace, Law Charges	...	4 4 0
			" One Year's Rent of Chaplain's House	...	29 10 10
		<u>£176 12 3</u>			<u>£176 12 3</u>

THE CHARITY ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>	RECEIPTS.		<i>Cr.</i>	PAYMENTS.	
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
To Balance in Dorchester Savings' Bank, 31st December, 1866	...	301 14 10	By Cash expended for the Patients	...	20 0 0
" One Year's Interest	...	8 12 3	" Balance in Savings' Bank	...	290 7 1
		<u>£310 7 1</u>			<u>£310 7 1</u>

THE MEAT ACCOUNT.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.		Cr.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Cash received from Maintenance Account to buy Meat	...	1,221	0 5	By Cash Paid for Fat Stock	...	1,316	10 6
" Cash received for Skins	...	89	10 1				
" " Bones	...	6	0 0				
		<u>£1,316 10 6</u>				<u>£1,316 10 6</u>	

THE FARM CASH ACCOUNT.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.		Cr.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Cash received from Maintenance Account		448	16 9	By Cash paid for Seeds and Manure	...	76	7 3
				" " Barley Meal, Corn, and Straw	...	241	11 0
				" " Live Stock	...	39	0 0
				" " Butter	...	55	9 0
				" " Sundries	...	36	9 6
		<u>£448 16 9</u>				<u>£448 16 9</u>	

THE NON-PAUPER AND OUT COUNTY PATIENTS' ACCOUNT.

Dr.		RECEIPTS.		Cr.		PAYMENTS.	
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st Dec., 1866	27	15	0	By Cash paid to Maintenance Account	...	2,889	6 9
„ Cash received for Non-Pauper Patients	...	568	19 10	„ „ Building Account	...	1,629	7 0
„ „ Pauper Patients from other Counties and Boroughs	...	4,155	9 4	„ Advertisements	...	1	6 0
				„ Engrossing Non-Pauper Minute on Vellum	...	2	5 6
				„ Coffins and Funerals	...	8	9 6
				„ Cash Refunded on the Discharges and Deaths of Patients	...	26	8 6
				„ Expenses removing Patients when discharged	...	3	19 7
				Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	4,561	2 10
						191	1 4
						£4,752	4 2

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DEPOSIT MONEY ACCOUNT.

Dr.		RECEIPTS.		Cr.		PAYMENTS.	
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st Dec., 1866	51	0	0	By Deposit Money Refunded on Removals and Deaths	...	27	0 0
„ Deposit Money received on Admission of Patients	...	...	...	„ Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	48	0 0
						£75	0 0

THE BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Dr.		RECEIPTS.		Cr.		PAYMENTS.		£ s. d.	
To Cash received from the Non-Pauper and Out County Pauper Accounts ...		£	s. d.			By Cash paid Treasurer, balance due 31st Dec., 1866 ..		640	1 2
						Cash paid for Furnishing, &c. ...		310	4 7
						Builders ...		431	11 9
						Engineering ...		180	2 0
						Coal Tar ...		19	10 0
						Fruit Trees, Shrubs, &c. ...		17	14 8
						Bankers' Interest on		30	2 10
						Overdrawn Account ...		989	5 10

SUMMARY OF THE RECEIPTS AND

R E C E I P T S.						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in hand, 31st Dec., 1866 :—											
„	On Maintenance Account	...	...	...	...	15	11	10			
„	Non-Pauper Account	...	...	...	...	78	15	0			
„	Charity Account	...	...	...	...	301	14	10			
						<hr/>			396	1	8
To Cash received, Dividends on £4,500 Consols ...						135	0	0			
„	„	Charity Account				8	12	3			
„	from Parishes for Patients	...	...	...	...	5,626	17	1			
„	„	County Treasurer ditto	...	...	...	170	14	8			
„	„	„	for County Bills			176	12	3			
„	on Account of Non-Pauper and										
	Out-County Pauper Patients	...	...	...	...	4,724	9	2			
„	Deposit Monies for Non-Pauper ditto					24	0	0			
						<hr/>			10,866	5	5
TOTAL RECEIPTS ...									11,262	7	1
„	Balance due to Treasurer on Maintenance										
	Account				20	2	5

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PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1867.

PAYMENTS.						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer on Building Account, 31st December, 1866									640	1	2
„	Cash paid for Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	1,686	9	9			
„	„ Provisions	...	...	...	...	4,444	7	11			
„	„ Wine and Spirits	..	...	...	...	53	13	0			
„	„ Drugs and Dispensary	...	...	...	...	66	18	11			
„	„ Necessaries, Fuel, Lighting, and Washing	...	...	...	...	809	11	2			
„	Brooms and Cooperage	...	...	...	...	38	14	9			
„	Linen and Clothing	...	...	...	...	484	10	4			
„	Bed Furniture and Bedding	...	...	...	...	66	15	0			
„	Straw ..	...	...	...	...	71	8	0			
„	Ironmongery, Tin, and Earthenware	...	...	...	...	230	15	11			
„	Printing, Carriage, and Postage	...	...	...	...	110	9	4			
„	Furniture and Sundry Bills	...	...	...	...	135	0	11			
„	Messrs. Finch & Lush for a Criminal Patient	...	...	...	...	40	6	0			
„	Sundry Journies	...	...	...	...	2	11	6			
„	Letter Bag and Carrier	...	...	...	...	3	11	0			
„	Recapturing Patients who escaped	...	...	...	...	2	8	3			
„	Sundry Payments for Carriage and Materials	...	...	...	...	57	18	5			
„	Patients' Treats	...	...	...	..	9	9	0			
„	Expenses Removing Patients when Discharged	...	...	...	...	25	18	4			
„	Coffins and Funerals	...	...	...	...	62	16	6			
„	Surgeon's Fees, examining Criminal Patient	...	...	...	...	2	2	0			
„	Stamped Cheques	...	...	...	...	3	0	0			
„	Superintendent on Account of the Farm	...	...	...	...	448	16	9			
						<hr/>			8,857	12	9
„	County Bills	...	...	...	...				176	12	3
„	Charity Fund	...	...	...	...				20	0	0
„	Building and Furnishing Account	...	...	...	...				989	5	10
„	Non-Pauper Account	...	...	...	...				69	9	1
TOTAL PAYMENTS									<hr/>		
									10,753	1	1
„	Balance on Non-Pauper Account	...	...	...	...	239	1	4			
„	„ Charity Account	...	...	...	...	290	7	1			
						<hr/>			529	8	5
						<hr/>			£11,282	9	6

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST OF MAINTENANCE, MEDICINE, CLOTHING,
AND CARE OF PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1867.

										<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
Clothing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Necessaries (<i>e.g.</i>) Fuel, Light, Washing, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	8
Surgery and Dispensary	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wine and Spirits	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Furniture	0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Bedding	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miscellaneous	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Total Average Weekly Cost per head	7	3
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Average Weekly Charge on the Parishes	7	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ditto to other Counties and Boroughs from	11s. 6d. to 12	6
Ditto for Private Patients from	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10s. to 14	0

Daily Average Number of Patients 461.

JOHN BROWN,

Clerk to the Asylum and to the Visitors.

