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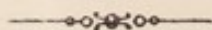
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REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
OF THE
County Lunatic Asylum,

PRESENTED TO THE

COURT OF QUARTER SESSION,

*Held at Taunton, in the said County, on TUESDAY,
the 1st day of January, 1878.*

THE Committee of Visitors of the Asylum at Wells for the County of Somerset and the City of Bath have to report that the state and condition of the Asylum is satisfactory, that there is at present room for patients on each side, that the number has increased by about 50 during the last year, and that the Committee have used their best efforts to provide the additional accommodation which will soon be required, that the upper floor of the new building on the male side will be finished and may be used for patients in January, and the whole of it by Lady Day. This building will accommodate 32 in separate rooms, and that the new detached building for 45 females, the plans of which have been approved by the Commissioners in Lunacy will be proceeded with as soon as possible.

The management of the Asylum, conduct of Dr. Medlicott, the officers, and servants thereof, and the care of the patients therein, have been satisfactory.

Mr. Dutt, the Assistant Medical Officer, resigned in March, and Mr. Adam was appointed on the 11th of April. He left Sept. 7th; and Mr. David Johnston Jones was appointed on the 27th of September.

Miss Grey, who has been head attendant on the female side for nearly a year, left July 29th, and Miss Henderson was appointed August 22nd.

During the last year Mr. Tyndale has been added to the Committee by the Court in the place of Mr. Meade King. The Committee cannot take leave of one, who had been for more than 23 years a member of it, and had frequently attended, although living at a considerable distance from the Asylum, without expressing their regret for his resignation, and the cause of it.

The most important matter on which the time of the Committee has been spent during the last year has been a revision of the rules, and the plans for the new Laundry.

In some respects, the rules, which are printed in the first report, have never been observed, and questions arose, and it was thought best to settle them, by making the law conform to the practice. New Rules were prepared, and laid before the Home Secretary in May, and by him referred to the Commissioners in Lunacy, who made many amendments; and after a good deal of correspondence, the greater part of the Amendments were assented to by the Committee, and the new rules have been approved by the Secretary of State, under

16 & 17 Vict. cap. 97, sec 53. And under the same clause, the Regulations and Orders have been revised, and with the Rules will be appended to the report.

In the course of 1876, in consequence of some enquiries the Chairman had to make, into the arrangements about linen, it became clear to him that the provision was not what it ought to be, but that the supply of linen could not be increased, and the changes of clothes which he thought right, could not be provided for, without great additional power in the wash-house, and further, that the work there, which he had previously thought should be done as much as possible by hand—following the ordinary and salutary rule of Asylums, that work was good for the patients—ought rather to be done by machinery, because it is irksome to the patients, and the soda used irritates the skin. He felt it his duty to bring the matter before the Committee, and the County Surveyor was directed to make plans for new washing arrangements. This he did by proposing to pull down the wash-houses, and build new and enlarged wash-houses in the Court yard, leaving the Laundry untouched. The plans were approved by the Commissioners in Lunacy, but were not satisfactory, in that the new building filled up the yard, and there was no proper convenient drying ground, and the place for the steam machinery, where the boilers are at present is inaccessible for any large machinery. It was thought better therefore to remove the washing, and laundry altogether, and to erect a new building to the north of the Asylum, and to utilize the laundry and washing space for other purposes. Plans were again prepared by the County Surveyor, and approved by the Commissioners, against

the opinion of some members of the Committee, who most kindly gave up their own views in deference to the rest.

Further consideration however persuaded the Committee that a detached laundry and wash house is inexpedient.

They have a laundry built long after the rest and very complete and convenient, and it seemed to them that all that was wanted, was to utilize the present wash-house space, with such additions as might be required, and by the use of machinery, the motive power of which, as well as the whole steam service, is placed in a new and better situation to provide what is necessary with the smallest possible amount of new buildings.

After careful consideration they unanimously agreed that this was the best course, and a third set of plans was prepared by the County Surveyor, and laid before the Commissioners, who have made a minute, and elaborate examination of them, and decline to apply for the assent of the Secretary of State, with the view apparently of compelling the Committee to adopt the detached laundry and wash-house which they very much prefer.

The Committee at the last meeting unanimously resolved to adhere to their plans, but to modify them so as to satisfy the Commissioners if possible.

In January last the Committee resolved not to admit any Criminal Lunatics, and the matter was again considered when the Chairman laid before them the case of Maria Hancock in the summer, with the same result.

The matter of Criminal Lunatics and the necessity of

better accommodation for the middle class patients were noticed by the Committee in the report last year. They are persuaded that legislative provisions should be made in both cases.

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Somerset County
PAUPER LUNATIC ASYLUM,
FOR THE YEAR 1877,

BY
C. W. CARTER MADDEN-MEDLICOTT, M.D.,
RESIDENT PHYSICIAN AND SUPERINTENDENT.

THE Medical Superintendent has the honour to submit to the Committee of Visitors the Thirtieth Annual Report.

On the 31st December, 1876, the numbers in the Asylum were 294 males; 346 females; total 640.

The Admissions during the year have been 85 males; 107 females; total 192.

The Discharges during the year have been 78 males; 69 females; total 147; of these have been discharged "recovered" 23 males; 35 females.

The Deaths during the year have been 37 males; 30 females; total 67.

The average population during the year has been 281 males; 367 females; total 648.

The numbers in the Asylum this day (31st December, 1877) are 301 males; 384 females; total 685.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, DEATHS.

The following analysis gives the chief points of interest in these returns :—

ADMISSIONS.

The number of admissions during the year has amounted to 192 (85 males and 107 females). There have been as usual a large number of very aged persons admitted, simply cases of natural decay. Every year continues also to furnish a due supply of *children* of deficient intellect. The Lunatic Asylum is certainly not the proper place to send them to, as the peculiarity of their mental and physical development requires special treatment. Such cases indeed, where the moral and physical powers are abnormally backward, require a particular and individual form of instruction and education. The chief object of the Asylum should be the recovery of acute cases, curable as a rule, if only admitted at an early stage of the malady, and if uncomplicated by epilepsy or idiocy.

There have also been admitted cases, simply suffering from modified forms of delirium tremens. These persons doubtless were dangerous to themselves and others, and to legalise their compulsory detention possibly may be difficult, but surely they should not have been returned as *bona fide* lunatics. As soon, however, as these inebriates became free from the excitement of their drunkenness, they were at once discharged by the Committee.

Application has frequently been made during the past year for the admission of patients above the pauper

class, but unable to pay the charges in private asylums. This points to the imperative necessity of a Middle Class Asylum for the county. Equally from a humanitarian, as from a financially economic point of view, the subject is worthy of consideration.

In the 1st Quarter, admitted	35 cases ;	19 males ;	16 females.
„ 2nd „ „	50 „ 21 „	29 „	„
„ 3rd „ „	48 „ 21 „	27 „	„
„ 4th „ „	59 „ 24 „	35 „	„
Total	192	85	107

DISCHARGES.

The proportion of recoveries has been for the males 27. and for the females 32.7 per cent. on the admissions. Owing to the very unsatisfactory nature of the majority of the admissions for the year, the recoveries have not been so numerous as formerly. Some patients have been discharged where palliative measures only were of value, but the majority have decidedly recovered under careful and systematic medical treatment.

The question of the proper custody of lunatics, whether convicted of crime, or in custody under charge of crime, has been considered during the past year, and the Committee have agreed that Criminal Lunatics, whether from the county or Bath, should not be admitted to the Asylum.

This is a matter for congratulation, for in most cases they are old offenders, and have led very vagrant lives, residing alternately in either the work-house, prison, and even the Asylum itself, and their mixing with the

Patients had a very prejudicial and contaminating effect.

Three criminal lunatics were accordingly discharged in the year to Fisherton House.

	RECOVERED.			RELIEVED.			NOT IMPROVED.		
	Males.	Fem.	Tot.	Males.	Fem.	Tot.	Males.	Fem.	Tot.
1st Quarter	3	6	9	3	0	3	4	0	4
2nd „	8	7	15	4	1	5	1	0	1
3rd „	2	4	6	0	0	0	1	0	1
4th „	10	18	28	4	3	7	1	0	1
Total...	23	35	58	11	4	15	7	0	7

DEATHS.

The mortality has been 67 or 10.6 per cent. both sexes on the average numbers resident.

There is nothing calling for special notice in the obituary of the past year. As noticed before, some very aged patients (86 to 88 years) have been brought in, simply to die.

There has been but one inquest during the year, and this was held on a woman who hanged herself in a single room to the pivot of the window. The authorities were not blamed, inasmuch as the patient had never exhibited any suicidal tendencies, and only slept in a single room because noisy at night. Verdict "that deceased committed suicide by hanging while in a state of Insanity."

One patient committed suicide after being discharged.

from the Asylum. She was apparently quite recovered when brought before the Committee for discharge, which was on probation.

In the 1st Quarter	there were	15	deaths ;	10	male ;	5	females.
„ 2nd	„ „	16	„	7	„	9	„
„ 3rd	„ „	17	„	11	„	6	„
„ 4th	„ „	19	„	9	„	10	„
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Total	67		37		30	

OCCUPATIONS AND AMUSEMENTS.

The chief aim during the past year has been, as of old, to induce patients labouring under great excitement to expend their energies and abilities upon some form of employment, this being frequently found productive of even temporary tranquillity.

The number of patients accordingly in active industrial occupation has been larger than usual, and this is the more satisfactory, because the admissions for the year have been as a rule of a peculiarly unfavourable nature. The different workshops have thus become of great value; for without doubt they break the monotony of residence, and indirectly contribute to the general control of the institution.

Nothing has been omitted in order to provide for the usual associated amusements of the patients. The usual out door games as cricket and foot-ball have taken place, and in addition to the weekly Dances, several Dramatic performances have been given in the winter and spring, together with other comic entertainments.

MEDICAL TREATMENT.

The details of the Medical Treatment of the patients during the year just past need not be particularised in the Annual Report. At the same time it is most important that the general public should be made more conversant with the almost universally acknowledged axiom, that Asylums are no longer regarded as mere houses of detention for the safe custody of the insane. Indeed the utmost amount of unselfish and humane considerations, can never supplant the scientific treatment of this afflicted class of persons.

With a broader humanity then, it is better to systematically examine all patients on admission, just as in our regular hospitals ; ascertain the presence of any complicating bodily disease, and set aside for the time being any co-existing delusion. In the event of a fatal termination, diagnosis should require *confirmation*, not only information, from a post mortem examination.

But even while thus vindicating the claims of science in the treatment of the insane, it is necessary to dispel many popular beliefs in connection with the malady, and to combat the ideas (not yet obsolete even in the county) of a thorough belief in the "supernatural."

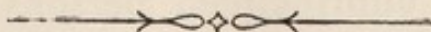
The progress of scientific knowledge, in fact common sense itself, imperatively demands such a course. There is no doubt that unprincipled persons from time immemorial have successfully practised on public credulity as regards the treatment of the insane. The most common hallucinations indeed have frequently been referred to demoniac possession, and as the Case Book

of many an Asylum show (in reference to the previous history and antecedents of patients said to be bewitched, or "overlooked") some very rough and ready measures have been taken before admission, to try and dispossess the supposed demon in residence.

No system, however, of treating the insane can be rendered thoroughly, that is, practically complete, where systematic medical treatment is not an essential and integral part. The range for observation in this branch of medical science is immense, whether as regards *diagnosis*, that is the practical discrimination of symptoms, or *therapeutics*, the application of remedies to particular complaints.

To say the least, clinical studies in lunatic asylums will do an immense amount of good, if only *preparing* the minds of the public for an emancipation of lunacy from the thralldom of ignorance and bigotry.

In conclusion, the Medical Superintendent begs to return his most grateful acknowledgments to the Committee of Visitors, for the renewed confidence and uniform support tendered him in the discharge of his arduous and most responsible duties.



R E P O R T

OF THE

REVEREND R. N. WOOD, CHAPLAIN.

*To the Visiting Justices of the Somerset County Lunatic
Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have little to add, this year, to my former reports, but, as in one of them I noticed the difficulty of dealing with religious melancholy, I will mention that we have lately had a case which shows that hope ought not to be given up. A patient continued for months apparently in the same state, and I feared she would never be better, but there was a change which seemed to me almost sudden, and she is now cheerful, attends Chapel and Holy Communion, and is likely, I understand, to be shortly discharged; meantime she makes herself very useful in her ward by attending, with much kindness, on other patients.

The Advent and Lent Evening Services for Attendants were held as usual, and about as many came as in former years.

The average attendance at Chapel was :—

	SUNDAYS.	WEEK DAYS.
Men	145	105
Women	175	55

The average attendance at Holy Communion has been—Patients and Attendants 2, others between 4 and 5.

The alms amounted to £4..10..10, besides £1..14..10½ received on Christmas Day and sent to the Missionary Candidates' Association.

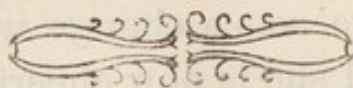
£1..15 has been given to patients leaving the Asylum.

The average attendance at School has been—Men 18, Women 32.

The Funerals have been—Men 22, Women 21.

R. N. WOOD.

Advent, 1877.



STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

Showing the Admissions, Re-Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths,
during the Year 1877

	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.
In the Asylum, 1st January, 1877.	294	346	640
Admitted for the first time during the year... ..	73	85	158
Re-admitted during the year	12	22	34
Total Admitted	85	107	192
Total under care during the year	379	453	832
Discharged or Removed :—			
Recovered	23	35	58
Relieved	11	4	15
Not Improved	7	0	7
Died	37	30	67
Total Discharged and Died during the year	78	69	147
Remaining in the Asylum, 31st December, 1877	301	384	685
Average numbers resident during the year	281	367	648

TABLE II.

Showing the Admissions, Re-Admissions, and Discharges, from the opening of
the Asylum, 1st March, 1848, to the present date, 31st December, 1877.

	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.
Persons admitted during the period of 30 years	2250	2083	4333
Re-admitted	440	522	962
Total of Cases Admitted	2690	2605	5295
Discharged or Removed :			
Recovered	1050	1233	2283
Relieved	268	246	514
Not Improved	133	77	210
Died	938	665	1603
Total Discharged and Died during the 30 years	2389	2221	4610
Remaining 31st December, 1877	301	384	685
Average numbers resident during the 30 years	210	239	449

TABLE V.

Showing the causes of Death during the year.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.
CEREBRAL OR SPINAL DISEASES.			
Apoplexy, or Paralysis	1	0	1
Epilepsy and Convulsions... .. .	6	6	12
General Paralysis	0	1	1
Chronic Disorganisation of the Brain	4	5	9
THORACIC DISEASES.			
Inflammation of the Lungs, Pleuræ, and Bronchi ..	1	3	4
Pulmonary Consumption	8	1	9
Disease of the Heart	4	0	4
ABDOMINAL DISEASES.			
Disease of the Kidneys	2	1	3
GENERAL DISEASES.			
Purpura	1	0	1
Exhaustion after Mania	5	5	10
Senile Decay	5	6	11
Suicide... .. .	0	2	2
Total	37	30	67

TABLE VI.

Showing the Length of Residence of those discharged Recovered, and of those who have died during the Year.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE.	RECOVERED.			DIED.		
	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.
Under 1 Month	2	0	2	7	6	13
From 1 to 3 Months	4	8	12	6	5	11
" 3 " 6 "	2	10	12	6	3	9
" 6 " 9 "	5	6	11	4	2	6
" 9 " 12 "	5	4	9	0	1	1
" 1 " 2 Years	3	5	8	2	4	6
" 2 " 3 "	1	1	2	3	0	3
" 3 " 5 "	0	1	1	3	3	6
" 5 " 7 "	0	0	0	4	2	6
" 7 " 9 "	0	0	0	0	1	1
" 9 " 12 "	1	0	1	0	1	1
" 12 " 15 "	0	0	0	1	1	2
" 15 " 20 "	0	0	0	1	1	2
Total	23	35	58	37	30	67

TABLE 7

Showing the Admissions, Examinations, and Degrees

Year	Admissions					Examinations	Degrees
	Male	Female	Total	From Foreign	From Domestic		
1877	85	107	192	13	179	192	192
1878	88	130	218	15	203	218	218
1879	93	150	243	18	225	243	243
1880	97	175	272	22	250	272	272
1881	101	195	296	28	268	296	296
1882	105	215	320	35	285	320	320
1883	110	235	345	42	303	345	345
1884	115	255	370	50	320	370	370
1885	120	275	395	58	337	395	395
1886	125	295	420	65	355	420	420
1887	130	315	445	75	370	445	445
1888	135	335	470	85	385	470	470
1889	140	355	495	95	400	495	495
1890	145	375	520	105	415	520	520
1891	150	395	545	115	430	545	545
1892	155	415	570	125	445	570	570
1893	160	435	595	135	460	595	595
1894	165	455	620	145	475	620	620
1895	170	475	645	155	490	645	645
1896	175	495	670	165	505	670	670
1897	180	515	695	175	520	695	695
1898	185	535	720	185	535	720	720
1899	190	555	745	195	550	745	745
1900	195	575	770	205	565	770	770

TABLE VII.

Showing the Duration of the Disorder on Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1877.

CLASS.	DURATION OF DISEASE ON ADMISSION IN FOUR CLASSES.											
	THE ADMISSIONS.			THE DISCHARGES.				THE DEATHS.				
	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	RECOVERED.		RELIEVED.		MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.		
			MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	
FIRST CLASS— First attack, and within three Months } on Admission }	38	44	82	11	18	29	1	2	3	8	7	15
SECOND CLASS— First attack, above three and within } twelve Months on Admission }	11	15	26	3	6	9	3	1	4	10	8	18
THIRD CLASS— Not First attack, but within twelve } Months on Admission }	24	34	58	8	10	18	4	1	5	7	3	10
FOURTH CLASS— First attack or not, but of more than } twelve Months on Admission }	9	14	23	1	1	2	3	0	3	10	11	21
Not known }	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
TOTAL }	85	107	192	23	35	58	11	4	15	37	30	67

TABLE VIII.
Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year.

AGES.	THE ADMISSIONS.			THE DISCHARGES.			THE DEATHS.				
	RECOVERED.			RELIEVED.							
	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.		
Under 20 years	4	5	9	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	1
From 20 to 30 years	13	22	35	5	9	14	2	0	2	2	4
" 30 to 40 "	21	26	47	9	10	19	3	1	4	5	15
" 40 to 50 "	13	19	32	3	3	6	0	0	0	6	12
" 50 to 60 "	12	10	22	4	3	7	0	1	1	7	10
" 60 to 70 "	7	14	21	1	5	6	2	1	3	4	10
" 70 to 80 "	10	7	17	1	1	2	3	1	4	8	11
" 80 Years and upward	5	4	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Total	85	107	192	23	35	58	11	4	15	37	67

TABLE IX.
Condition as to Marriage in the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year.

CONDITION IN REFERENCE TO MARRIAGE.	THE ADMISSIONS.			THE DISCHARGES.						THE DEATHS.		
				RECOVERED.			RELIEVED.					
	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEM.	TOTAL.
Single	31	37	68	5	17	22	3	1	4	17	9	26
Married	41	47	88	17	14	31	3	2	5	18	13	31
Widowed	13	23	36	1	4	5	5	1	6	2	8	10
Total	85	107	192	23	35	58	11	4	15	37	30	67

TABLE X.
Showing the probable Causes, apparent or assigned, of the Disorder, in the Admissions, Discharges,
and Deaths, during the Year.

CAUSES.	THE ADMISSIONS.			THE DISCHARGES.			THE DEATHS.		
	RECOVERED.			RELIEVED.			TOTAL.		
	MALE.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALE.	FEM.	TOTAL.	MALE.	FEM.	TOTAL.
MORAL—									
Anxiety	3	8	11	2	3	5	0	1	2
Domestic Troubles...	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fright	2	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Grief	3	3	6	3	2	5	0	2	2
Jealousy	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Religious Excitement	3	6	9	0	1	1	0	0	0
PHYSICAL—									
Congenital	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	4
Disease of Brain	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	3	4
Epilepsy	7	4	11	0	0	0	0	5	7
Hereditary Predisposition	10	15	25	0	5	5	2	2	5
Injury to Head or Spine	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	2
Intemperance	16	11	27	2	3	5	2	4	4
Losses in Business	2	2	4	3	0	3	0	1	1
Loss of Property	4	0	4	1	2	3	0	0	0
Old Age	6	8	14	0	0	0	2	3	7
Over Work	3	2	5	2	0	2	0	0	0
Previous Bodily Illness	10	22	32	2	19	12	2	5	9
Sunstroke	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Unknown	3	16	19	6	8	14	4	9	20
Total	85	107	192	23	35	58	11	37	67

TABLE XI.

Showing the Form of Mental Disease on the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year.

FORMS OF THE DISORDER.	THE ADMISSIONS.			THE DISCHARGES.			THE DEATHS.					
	Males.	Fem.	Total.	RECOVERED.			RELIEVED.					
				Males.	Fem.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.			
Mania	31	38	69	13	19	32	2	2	4	8	9	17
„ Recurrent	15	26	41	6	6	12	3	1	4	4	3	7
„ Puerperal	0	6	6	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Melancholia	5	15	20	3	6	9	0	0	0	2	5	7
Dementia	13	12	25	0	0	0	5	1	6	11	6	17
General Paralysis	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Epilepsy	13	6	19	0	0	0	1	0	1	12	4	16
Idiocy	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Delirium Tremens	4	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	85	107	192	23	35	58	11	4	15	37	30	67

TABLE XII.

Showing the Education of those admitted in 1877.

	Males.	Fem.	Total.
Good Education	5	5	10
Can Read and Write	46	61	107
Can Read only	18	19	37
Can neither Read or Write	16	22	38
Total	85	107	192

TABLE XIII.

Showing the Religious Persuasion of Patients admitted in 1877.

	Males.	Fem.	Total.
Church of England.. ..	70	78	148
Baptists	5	6	11
Congregationalist	0	1	1
Independents	3	3	6
Nonconformist	1	0	1
Plymouth Brethren	2	0	2
Primitive Methodists	0	4	4
Roman Catholic	0	1	1
Wesleyans.. ..	3	13	16
Unknown	1	1	2
Total	85	107	192

TABLE XIV.

Showing the Occupations on Admissions, Discharges and Deaths during the year 1877.

MALES.

OCCUPATIONS.	The Admissions.	The Discharges.			The Deaths.
		Reco- vered.	Re- lieved.	Total.	
Agricultural Labourers	38	10	2	12	18
Artists	0	1	1	2	0
Basket Makers	1	1	0	1	0
Blacksmiths	3	2	0	2	0
Boiler Maker	1	0	0	0	1
Butchers	1	0	0	0	2
Cabinet Maker	1	0	0	0	0
Carpenters	3	1	0	1	1
Chemist	0	0	1	1	0
Clerks... ..	1	0	0	0	1
Coast Guardsman	1	0	0	0	1
Colliers	2	0	1	1	0
Cooper	1	0	0	0	0
Farmers	2	0	2	2	0
Flax Dresser	0	0	1	1	0
Gardener	1	0	0	0	0
Grocers	1	1	0	1	1
Green Grocer	1	0	0	0	0
Lace Hand	0	1	0	1	0
Masons	1	1	1	2	0
Officer in Army	1	0	0	0	0
Officer in Navy	1	0	0	0	0
Painters	2	2	0	2	1
Plasterer	1	0	0	0	0
Provision Dealer... ..	1	0	0	0	0
Rope and Twine Maker	1	0	0	0	0
School Master... ..	1	0	0	0	0
Servants	5	2	0	2	3
Ship Builder	1	0	0	0	1
Shoemakers	3	0	0	0	2
Tailors	4	1	0	1	1
Watch Maker	0	0	1	1	0
Wheel Wright	0	0	1	1	0
No Occupation	4	0	0	0	3
Not Known	1	0	0	0	0
Total	85	23	11	34	37

FEMALES.

OCCUPATIONS.	The Admissions.	The Discharges			The Deaths.
		Reco- vered.	Re- lieved.	Total.	
Charwomen	6	3	0	3	2
Collar Worker	1	0	0	0	0
Dress Makers	3	2	0	2	0
Factory Hands... ..	1	3	0	3	0
Glovers	2	0	1	1	1
Hawker	0	0	0	0	1
Household Work	43	12	3	15	11
Laundresses	4	0	0	0	0
Lodging House Keeper	0	0	0	0	1
Milliners	2	2	0	2	0
Seamstress	1	0	0	0	0
Servants	30	11	0	11	6
No Occupation	13	2	0	2	8
Not Known	1	0	0	0	0
Total	107	35	4	39	30

TABLE XV.

Numbers admitted from each Union in 1877.

UNIONS.	MALE.	FEM.	TOTAL.
Axbridge	5	10	15
Bath	12	20	32
Bedminster	9	13	22
Bridgwater	3	3	6
Chard	4	6	10
Clutton	8	7	15
Dulverton ...	1	2	3
Frome....	4	6	10
Keynsham....	0	1	1
Langport	4	2	6
Shepton Mallet.	4	3	7
Taunton	10	7	17
Wellington	2	3	5
Wells	6	9	15
Wincanton	8	6	14
Williton	3	5	8
Yeovil....	2	4	6
Total	85	107	192

DIET SCALE.

Days of the Week.	BREAKFAST.						DINNER.										SUPPER.																				
	Males.			Females.			Males.					Females.					Males.		Females.																		
	Bread.	Butter.	Coffee or Broth.	Bread.	Butter.	Coffee or Broth.	Uncooked Meat, including bone.	Meat Pie.	Fruit Pie.	Irish Stew.	Soup.	Bread.	Vegetables.	Beer or Cider.	Uncooked Meat, including bone.	Meat Pie.	Fruit Pie.	Irish Stew.	Soup.	Bread.	Vegetables.	Beer or Cider.	Bread.	Butter.	Tea.	Bread.	Butter.	Tea.									
Sunday.....	8	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1	
Monday.....	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1
Tuesday.....	8	1	1	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1
Wednesday..	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1
Thursday....	8	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1
Friday.....	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1
Saturday....	8	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	7	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1
Weekly Totl.	56	3 1/2	7	49	3 1/2	7	24	1	1	1 1/2	4	4 1/2	3 1/2	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	3 1/2	56	3 1/2	7	49	3 1/2	7	49	3 1/2	7	49	3 1/2	7	49	3 1/2

The Sick throughout the Establishment are dieted at the discretion of the resident Physicians. Extra diet for the Sick:—Arrowroot, Bacon, Beef Steak, Beef Tea, Calf's Foot Jelly, Eggs, Essence of Beef, Milk, Mutton Chop, Rice Pudding, Sago, Soup, Ale, Porter, Stout, Brandy, Gin, Port, Sherry. At 11 a.m. the Working Patients have each 2 ozs. of Bread, 3/4 oz. Cheese, and Half-pint Cider; at 4 p.m. Half-pint Cider. The Laundry Patients have Half-pint of Tea. Tobacco and Snuff given to the Working Patients. The Coffee is made by boiling 4 lbs. of Coffee with 8 lbs. of Sugar in 40 Gallons of Water, to which is added 3 or 4 Gallons of Milk. The Tea:—3 lbs. Tea, 11 lbs. Sugar, to 60 Gallons of Water and 4 Gallons of Milk. The Broth is made from the Liquor of the Meat the day previous, with 30 lbs. of Flour, 1 peck of Onions, Milk, Pepper, and Salt, to 37 Gallons of Water. The Meat Pie is made with 135 lbs. or Meat, 2 Sacks of Potatoes, 2 Pecks of Onions, Pepper 1 lb., Salt 3 lbs., Flour 130 lbs., Suet or Dripping 60 lbs., Water from 6 to 7 Gallons: Herbs when in season. For the Soup on Thursdays:—Peas 5 Pecks, Onions 2 Pecks, Carrots 1 Bushel, Turnips, 1 1/4 Bushel, Parsnips 1 1/4 Bushel, Celery about 2 dozen Heads, Parsley, Thyme, and Marjoram, in proportion, Flour 60 to 70 lbs., Shins of Beef, or other pieces of Meat are stewed down and added to the Soup with Salt, Pepper, &c. The Irish Stew is prepared with Meat 135 lbs., 2 1/4 Sacks Potatoes, 2 Pecks Onions, Suet 30 to 40 lbs., Flour about 60 lbs., Salt and Pepper.

Head Attendant's Return of MALE Working Patients for the Year 1877.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND HOW EMPLOYED	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
With the Baker	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	14
" Blacksmith	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	27
" Engineer	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	31
" Mason	12	12	13	14	14	13	14	14	14	14	14	15	163
" Painter	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	28
" Shoemaker	5	5	6	6	6	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	61
" Tailor	5	5	7	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	68
" Upholsterer	41	40	40	40	38	34	35	35	34	31	31	30	429
TOTAL	71	70	76	74	72	65	67	65	68	65	64	64	821
As LABORERS													
With the Farm Attendant	26	26	24	25	24	26	30	27	26	29	29	29	321
Garden do.	24	24	24	24	23	28	28	26	26	27	28	27	309
On Roadways, and the quarry... ..	8	8	9	9	8	7	5	8	9	9	9	10	99
TOTAL	58	58	57	58	55	61	63	61	61	65	66	66	729
DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENT.													
Assisting Attendants	34	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	419
In the Steward's Stores	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	37
As Coir Pickers	53	53	55	54	50	44	46	47	45	47	46	47	587
In the Kitchen	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	31
In the Laundry	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	33
TOTAL	97	98	100	99	94	88	90	88	87	89	88	89	1107
GRAND TOTAL	226	226	233	231	221	214	220	214	216	219	218	219	2657

Head Attendant's Return of FEMALE Working Patients for the Year 1877.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND HOW EMPLOYED	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
In the Dining Hall ...	6	5	8	7	5	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	74
" Kitchen	11	13	16	15	14	13	12	10	11	10	10	10	145
" Laundry	34	36	46	44	44	44	44	42	40	40	40	40	494
Dress Making	4	2	4	6	3	11	10	15	15	15	15	18	118
Fancy Work	0	0	0	5	3	5	3	2	2	4	4	4	32
Knitting	6	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	68
Mending	25	29	37	39	39	38	44	40	40	40	40	40	451
Plain Work	35	40	27	23	30	19	19	20	20	21	22	20	296
Shoe Binding	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	12
Upholstery	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Assisting Attendants	43	40	44	42	43	43	42	50	50	50	50	50	547
Total.....	171	174	188	187	188	185	188	191	191	193	194	195	2245

RATIONS FOR THE ATTENDANTS AND
SERVANTS.

WEEKLY ALLOWANCE FOR EACH.

Bread	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	lbs.
Butter	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	”
Cheese	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	”
Flour	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	”
Meat	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	”
Vegetables	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	”
Mustard	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	oz.
Pepper	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{4}$	”
Sugar	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	”
Tea	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	”
Milk	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	pints.
Beer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$10\frac{1}{2}$	”
Vinegar	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{4}$	”

Bread	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	lbs.
Butter	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	”
Cheese	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	”
Flour	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	”
Meat	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$5\frac{1}{4}$	”
Vegetables	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$10\frac{1}{2}$	”
Mustard	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{4}$	”
Pepper	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{4}$	”
Sugar	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	”
Tea	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	”
Milk	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	pints.
Beer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	”
Vinegar	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{4}$	”

LIST OF CLOTHING AND BEDDING MADE AND
REPAIRED BY FEMALE PATIENTS IN 1877.

Aprons	819
Bags	175
Bed Ticks	145
Blankets (repaired)	77
Blinds	73
Bolsters	60
Bonnets (made)	84
Bonnets and Hats (trimmed)	354
Boots Bound	pr. 74
Caps	204
Chemises	309
Counterpanes	210
Curtains (crotchet pair)	15
Drawers (pairs)	254
Drawers (for men)	162
Dresses (Summer)	174
Dresses (Winter)	182
Dusters	264
Flat Holders	85
Frills for Ottomans	23
Glass Cloths	109
Handkerchiefs	583
Neck Ties	454
Petticoats	415
Pillow Slips	788
Pillow Ticks	357
Pinafores... ..	1116
Rugs	91
Sheets (repaired)	765
Sheets (made)	467
Shirts (made)	469
Shirts (repaired)	2758
Shrouds	77
Stays.	pr. 48
Stockings (repaired)	7648
Table Cloths	88
Tea Cloths... ..	177
Towels (hand)	281
Towels (round)	179
Vests (male)	156
Vests (female)	458
Valances (window)	72

STOREKEEPER'S SUMMARY OF TAILORS' WORK
FOR 1877.

MONTHS.	MADE.			REPAIRED.		
	Jackets.	Vests.	Trousers.	Jackets.	Vests.	Trousers.
January	26	17	9	199	100	102
February	28	15	14	236	108	116
March	21	15	13	288	135	129
April	18	10	4	221	117	106
May	32	14	23	239	141	231
June	6	2	17	134	136	241
July	10	8	16	162	140	214
August	13	5	25	188	174	269
September	15	8	22	142	90	214
October	7	2	20	164	128	217
November	13	10	12	138	120	221
December	8	9	16	221	162	335
Total.....	197	115	191	2332	1551	2395

WORK DONE BY SHOEMAKERS IN 1877.

Men's Boots	36 pairs.
„ Shoes	41 „
„ Slippers	45 „
„ „ Carpet	6 „
„ Boots and Shoes repaired	309 „

Women's Boots	116 pairs.
„ Cloth Boots	104 „
„ Slippers	17 „
„ „ Carpets	6 „
„ Boots and Shoes repaired	99 „

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED BY THE CLERK,

Pursuant to the 18th and 17th Vic., chap. 97, sec. 58.

CONTRACT PRICES

For the Year ending December 31st, 1877.

ARTICLES.	1ST QUARTER.			2ND QUARTER.			3RD QUARTER.			4TH QUARTER.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Beef, at per score (20lbs.)	0	10	10	0	12	6	0	12	6	0	12	6
Mutton, „ „	0	12	6	0	12	6	0	13	9	0	12	6
Veal, „ „				0	12	6	0	12	6			
Flour at per sack (280lbs)	1	16	0	1	17	6	2	4	0	2	4	0
„ Oneway „	1	14	0	1	15	6	2	2	0	2	2	0
Butter at per cwt.	5	19	0	5	15	6	5	15	6	5	19	0
Vinegar, „ gal.	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	0	10½
Sugar, „ cwt.	1	12	6	1	10	0	1	12	6	1	8	6
„ Lump at per lb.....	0	0	4¾	0	0	4¼	0	0	4½	0	0	4
Treacle at per cwt.				0	16	4	0	16	0	0	16	0
Rice „ cwt.	0	14	0	0	15	3	0	15	0	0	15	9
Congo „ lb.	0	1	9	0	1	8	0	1	8	0	1	7
Coffee „ „	0	1	2½	0	1	3	0	1	2¼	0	1	2
Pepper, „ „	0	0	6½	0	0	6½	0	0	6	0	0	6
Snuff, „ „	0	3	6	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3
Tobacco, „ „	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	3
Soap, „ cwt.	1	3	6	1	3	6	1	3	6	1	3	6
Soda, „ „	0	5	10½	0	5	9	0	5	6	0	5	6
Starch, „ cwt.	1	18	0	1	18	0	1	18	0	1	9	0
Composites per doz. lbs....	0	6	8	0	6	8	0	6	8	0	6	8
Dips, „ „ „	0	5	4	0	5	6				0	5	3
Salt, at per cwt.	0	2	3	0	2	3	0	2	3	0	2	3
Coals, hard, at per ton ...	0	16	6	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	6
„ Small „ „	0	9	6	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	10	0
Porter, at per gal.	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Ale „ „	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10
Cider „ hhd.	1	5	6	1	5	0	1	5	0	1	3	6

CONSUMPTION OF PROVISIONS AND NECESSARIES,

Between the 1st of January and 31st of December, 1877.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.
Bread	251,885 lbs.
Flour, for Puddings, Pies, &c. .. .	15,373 "
Beef	46,452 "
Ditto Corned	11,406 "
Mutton and Veal	22,332 "
Pork and Bacon	12,373½ "
Preserved Meat	12,170 "
Extract of Beef	818½ "
Cheese	8,837 "
Butter	13,481 "
Cream	717½ pints.
Milk	10,345 & 15-16ths gls
Tea	2,343 lbs.
Coffee	1,903 "
Treacle	665 "
Sugar (Moist)	14,433 "
Ditto (Lump)	241 "
Rice	14,663 "
Pepper	391 "
Mustard	360 "
Salt	75 Cwt.
Vinegar	235 gals.
Raisins	2,770½ lbs.
Currants	118 "
Peel (Candied)	50 "
Peas	213 & 9-13ths pks
Tobacco	576 lbs.
Snuff	126 "
Porter and Ale	7,881 gals.
Cider	22,789 "
Barm	96 "
Eggs	23,304 nos.
Carraway Seeds	35 lbs.
Spice.. .. .	49 "
VEGETABLES.	
Potatoes	5,123 & 9-10ths pk*
Broad Beans	489 "
Kidney do	115½ "
Peas	183½ "
Cauliflowers.	745 nos.
Brocoli	3,478 "
Cabbages	7,933 "
Ditto (weight)	114½ cwt
Onions	659 pecks
Savoys	592 nos
Artichokes	51½ pecks
Turnips	651 "
Carrots	612 "
Parsnips	404½ "
Leeks.. .. .	309 "
NECESSARIES.	
Candles (Dips)	469 lbs
Ditto (Composites)	525 "
Soap	21,112 "
Ditto (Carbolic)	2,227 "
Soda	15,997 "
Starch	448 "
Blue	60 "
Coal Hard	1,345 & 3-20ths tons
Ditto Small	43 & 1-20 "

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DEBIT		CREDIT		BALANCE	
DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT
				1880	100.00
1881	100.00				
				1882	200.00
1883	300.00				
				1884	400.00
1885	500.00				
				1886	600.00
1887	700.00				
				1888	800.00
1889	900.00				
				1890	900.00
1891	1000.00				
				1892	1000.00
1893	1100.00				
				1894	1100.00
1895	1200.00				
				1896	1200.00
1897	1300.00				
				1898	1300.00
1899	1400.00				
				1900	1400.00

TOTAL DEBIT 14000.00 TOTAL CREDIT 14000.00 BALANCE 14000.00

SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE OFFICERS
AND SERVANTS.

	OFFICERS.	£	s.	d.
*Medical Superintendent		600	0	0
†Chaplain		150	0	0
Assistant Medical Officer		100	0	0
‡Clerk to the Visitors, and Clerk and Steward of the Asylum.....		200	0	0
Clerk's assistant		40	0	0
§Farm Bailiff		65	0	0

SERVANTS—MALE DEPARTMENT.

Head Attendant		60	0	0
1 Attendant		36	0	0
1 Ditto		35	0	0
1 Ditto		34	0	0
1 Ditto		30	0	0
1 Ditto		29	0	0
1 Ditto		28	0	0
1 Ditto		27	0	0
3 Ditto		26	0	0
1 Ditto		24	0	0
2 Ditto		23	0	0
9 Ditto		22	0	0
1 Ditto (Night)		35	0	0
1 Ditto (ditto)		31	0	0
1 Ditto (ditto)		28	0	0
|| 1 Foreman Carpenter		78	0	0
*+ 1 Mason		62	8	0
|| 1 Painter, Plumber, and Glazier, at per week		1	0	0
1 Blacksmith, Locksmith, Gas Fitter, &c.		40	8	0
1 Stoker and Gas Maker		29	0	0
1 Master Tailor		33	0	0
1 Shoemaker		25	0	0
1 Gardener		32	0	0
|| 1 Assistant Gardener, at per week.....		0	18	0
|| 1 ditto ditto ditto		0	18	0
1 Porter		24	0	0
1 Cook		35	0	0
1 Baker		30	0	0
1 Assistant Baker		22	0	0
1 Nurse		21	0	0
1 Postman and Messenger		13	0	0
2 Farm Attendants		27	0	0

SERVANTS—FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Head Attendant		35	0	0
Work and School Mistress		20	0	0
Head Laundress		26	0	0
Assistant do		21	0	0
1 Laundry Maid		18	0	0
1 do do		17	0	0
1 do do		14	0	0
2 do do		13	0	0
2 Kitchen do		12	0	0
1 Attendant		21	0	0
1 ditto		20	0	0
1 ditto		18	0	0
4 ditto		16	0	0
1 ditto		15	0	0
1 ditto		14	0	0
6 ditto		13	0	0
13 ditto		12	0	0
1 ditto		11	0	0
1 ditto (night)		18	0	0
2 ditto (do)		16	0	0
1 Servant		14	0	0
1 ditto		11	0	0

* Has furnished house, light, fire, vegetables, milk and washing. †Has an unfurnished house. ‡ Has an unfurnished house, light, fire, vegetables, milk and washing. § Has an unfurnished house, light, fire, vegetables, milk and butter. || Non-resident without any allowances. *+ Has a cottage on the estate: no other allowances. Those without a mark have board, residence, and washing.

(No. 2.) ACTUAL CASH RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1877.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Treasurer's hands				2729	9	11			
January 1st, 1877							2028	9	10
Cash from Unions &c. for Maintenance of Patients.							9556	5	8
Due December 31st, 1876.	4104	13	0				265	14	9
" March 31st, 1877	3815	5	4				1148	5	11
" June 30th, "	3859	9	4				1033	16	3
" Sept. 30th, "	4043	2	8				372	2	2
Less Arrears	15822	10	4	15,806	10	6			
	15	19	10						
Received for Funerals and conveyance of Patients..									
Due December 31st, 1876.	24	6	0				1092	10	6
" March 31st, 1877	19	17	10				314	7	9
" June, 30th, "	22	14	3				116	2	0
" Sept. 30th, "	27	5	10						
Building and Repairs, Excess Charge—				94	3	11			
Due December 31st, 1876.	35	19	1						
" March 31st, 1877	38	14	8				949	14	2
" June 30th, "	37	6	10				613	6	7
" Sept. 30th, "	36	12	7						
County Treasurer for Ordinary Repairs				148	13	2			
Special Building Fund for Additions				830	14	11			
Farm Sales	2012	4	1				41	16	6
Sundry Sales, viz. Dripping, Meat, Casks, Tea, Lead, Old Rags	26	5	1				59	8	10
Interest	58	17	6						
	33	1	0						
	21,740	0	1						
By Balance from 1876									
Salaries and Wages									
Provisions and Necessaries									
Surgery and Dispensary ..									
Clothing									
Furnishing and Bedding ..									
Miscellaneous, books, Stationary, Printing, Advertising, Ke-takings, Tolls, Taxes, Stamps, &c									
Farm and Garden Account.									
Bills paid									
Wages									
Repairs to Farm Buildings									
Funerals and Fetchings ..									
Building & Repairs Account									
Additions and Improvements—									
Bills paid									
Wages									
Burial Ground—									
Bills paid									
Wages									
Ordinary Repairs—									
Bills paid									
Wages paid									
Balance in Treasurer's hands	2199	19	4						
" " Clerks	9	5	10						
	964	0	10						
	2209	5	2						
	21,740	0	1						

(No. 3.) STATEMENT SHOWING LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM ON THE 31st OF DECEMBER, 1877.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Salaries and Wages due to Officers and Servants—				
Farm and Garden Account.....	37	15 0		
Building ditto	45	4 0		
General ditto	666	4 6		
General Account for Goods supplied	1934	9 2		
Farm and Garden Account	242	6 11		
Additions and Improvements..	26	7 6		
Ordinary Repairs	72	6 9		
Balance			2275	10 4
			5484	3 4
			749	3 6
By Balance in Treasurer's hands	2199	19 4		
Clerk's ditto	9	5 10		
Unions Accounts, &c., due 31st December, 1877—				
General Charges	4126	17 4		
Excess	33	18 6		
Funerals	18	3 0		
Fetchings	20	2 7		
Arrears due Sep. 30th ..	15	19 10		
Farm Valuation (vide sheet No. 4) —				
Live Stock	672	15 0		
Roots, Seeds, &c.	226	5 0		
Wagons, Carts, Tools, &c.	221	12 0		
Goods in Store as per sheet No. 7.....			1120	12 0
			963	18 9
			4215	1 3
			2209	5 2
			£8508	17 2

No. 4.) FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT OF THE SOMERSET

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To estimated value of Stock on Farm, January 1st, 1877..						
Live Stock.....	584	10	0			
Wagons, Carts, Tools, &c	278	13	0			
Seeds, Hay, Roots, &c.	283	12	0			
				1146	15	0
Purchase of Live stock—						
10 Cows and Calves	230	15	0			
30 Lambs	67	0	0			
1 Boar	5	5	0			
				303	0	0
Corn, Meal, Grains and Oilcake	286	16	4			
Rent of Land, Tythe Rent & Rent Charge	140	2	8			
Seed Potatoes.....	43	6	0			
Garden Seeds, and Plants.....	33	3	4			
Hay and Straw	87	4	5			
Artificial Manure	32	12	0			
Lime	25	6	6			
Gravel.....	15	0	3			
Tools, Carts, Wagonette, Harness, Hurdles, Implements, &c....	144	4	1			
Sundry Small Accounts	21	7	11			
New Pig Styes, and repairs to Farm Buildings.....	25	16	4			
Sewage Drains	254	7	11			
Salaries and Wages, viz.—						
Bailiff, Gardeners, Carter, Yard- man and Supernumerary Labourers	347	16	9			
				1457	4	6

COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, FROM JANUARY 1st, to DECEMBER 31st, 1877-

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Live Stock Sold—						
5 Cows	78	11	0			
7 Calves	7	17	6			
6 Pigs	14	14	6			
	<hr/>			101	3	0
Other Sales,						
Sale of Milk	4	14	5			
Sundry other Sales	11	8	0			
	<hr/>			16	2	5
Produce of Farm and Garden supplied to the Establishment,—						
Pork, Milk, Cream, Butter and Eggs	550	4	6			
Potatoes, other Vegetables and Fruit	399	7	4			
	<hr/>			949	11	10
Estimated value of Horse and Man unconnected with Farm				55	0	0
18 Cows @ £14 ..	292	0	0			
5 Horses „ £40 ..	200	0	0			
1 Donkey „ ..	2	10	0			
30 Sheep „ 50/- ..	75	0	0			
1 Boar „ ..	5	10	0			
3 Breeding Sows @ 70/- ..	10	10	0			
2 „ „ „ 50/- ..	5	0	0			
2 Fat „ „ 120/- ..	12	0	0			
3 Fat Pigs „ 80/- ..	12	0	0			
4 Fat „ „ 60/- ..	12	0	0			
5 Fat „ „ 110/- ..	27	10	0			
8 Store „ „ 5/- ..	2	0	0			
11 Store „ „ 25/- ..	13	15	0			
30 Fowls „ 2/- ..	3	0	0			
	<hr/>			672	15	0
	£	s.	d.			
35 Tons Hay	140	10	0			
40 Tons Mangold @ 1 0 0	40	0	0			
25 Tons Swedes „ 0 18 0	22	10	0			
2 Acres Turnips „ 4 0 0	8	0	0			
2 Tons Carrots „ 1 10 0	3	0	0			
10 Cwt Parsnips „	0	15	0			
2 Tons Cabbage „ 4 10 0	9	0	0			
50 Pecks Leeks „ 0 1 0	2	10	0			
	<hr/>			226	5	0
Wagons, Carts, Tools &c.....				221	12	0
Loss on the Year	814	10	3			
Less Rent in lieu of Interest	150	0	0			
	<hr/>			664	10	3
	<hr/>			2906	19	6

No. 5. AVERAGE WEEKLY COST OF MAINTENANCE, &c. OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR 1877.
 Aggregate No. of Days 237,671
 Daily Average of Patients 651'15

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	@	£	s.	d.
PROVISIONS AND NECESSARIES.—										
Stock remaining in Store January 1st 1877				392	7	5				
Tradesmen's Bills and Clerk's Petty Cash	9697	17	5							
Farm and Garden Account	949	11	10	10,647	9	3				
				11,039	16	8				
Sale of Dripping, Meat Casks, Meat Tins, and Tea Lead	166	1	11							
Stock remaining in Store January 1st, 1878	389	2	5	455	4	4	10,584	12	4	2.81
CLOTHING ACCOUNT.—										
Stock remaining in Store January 1st, 1877				260	2	9				
Tradesmen's Bills and Clerk's Petty Cash	1076	2	7							
				1336	5	4				
Sale of Old Rags	9	2	10							
Stock remaining in Store January 1st, 1878	338	1	0	347	3	10	989	1	6	0 0 7
FURNISHING AND BEDDING ACCOUNT.—										
Stock remaining in Store January 1st, 1877				267	3	8				
Tradesmen's Bills and Clerk's Petty Cash	975	11	8							
				1242	15	4				
Stock remaining in Store January 1st, 1878	236	15	4							
Sale of a Palliasse	0	4	6	236	19	10	1005	15	6	0 0 7.10
Salaries and Wages Account				3434	17	5				
Less Farm and Garden Account	287	16	6							
Building and Repairs Account	209	9	10	497	6	4	2937	11	1	0 1 8.76
SURGERY ACCOUNT.—										
Tradesmen's Bills and Clerk's Petty Cash							321	14	5	0 0 2.27
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.—										
Tradesmen's Bills and Clerk's Petty Cash	357	10	5							
Stamps and Commission charged by Treasurer	2	0	0							
	359	10	5							
Less Interest	33	1	0	5326	9	5				0 0 2.30

(No. 6) BUILDING AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 1st. TO DECEMBER 31st. 1877.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance from 1876	225 13 2		
„ Cash from non-contributing places and Pa- tients, over and above the charge belong- ing to the County as per sheet No. 1.....	146 12 7	866 16 9	
„ Cash from County Treasurer (under section 36. 16 & 17. Vict. cap. 97) For Ordinary Repairs	1032 14 6	104 15 10	
„ Cash from Special Building Fund	1243 15 10	507 13 3	1479 5 10
„ Sale of Stone.....	0 10 0	41 16 6	
		59 8 10	101 5 4
			47
		673 0 10	
		104 14 0	
		254 19 8	
		1032 14 6	
		36 0 5	
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No. 7) BALANCE SHEET, OR GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR THE YEAR 1877.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance as per Ledger, <i>vide</i> sheet No. 7 of last year's Report—						
1a Treasurer's hands.....	5034	3	7			
" Bailiff's "	16	18	8			
				5051	2	3
Goods in Store, Jan. 1st 1877, as per sheet No. 5—						
Provisions and Necessaries, Clothing	392	7	5			
Furnishing	260	2	9			
	267	3	8			
Farm Valuation, Jan. 1st 1877, as per sheet No. 4.....				919	13	10
From Unions &c. as per sheet No. 1				1146	15	0
From County Treasurer, Ordinary repairs, <i>vide</i> sheet No. 6				15671	8	11
From Special Building Fund for Additions & Improvements, <i>vide</i> sheet No. 6.				1032	14	6
Sale of Stone				1243	15	10
				0	10	0
By Balance due to Clerk, Jan. 1st, 1877.....						
Maintenance as per sheet No. 5						
Building and Repairs as per sheet No. 6—						
Additions and Improvements	1479	5	10			
Burial Ground	101	5	4			
Ordinary Repairs	1032	14	6			
				2613	5	8
Funerals as per Ledger.....				31	14	8
Conveyance of Patients				35	0	7
Farm Valuation as per sheet No. 4—						
Live Stock	672	15	0			
Roots, Seeds, &c	226	5	0			
Wagons, Implements, &c	221	12	0			
				1120	12	0
Horse hire &c., as per sheet No. 4				55	0	0
Goods in Store, Jan. 1st 1878.						
Provisions and Necessaries Clothing.....	389	2	5			
Furnishing and Bedding ..	338	1	0			
	236	15	4			
				963	18	9
Loss on Farm, <i>vide</i> sheet No. 4				664	10	3
Balance in Treasurer's hands.	3404	4	4			
" Clerk's "	9	5	10			
				3413	10	2
				£25,066	0	4

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STATEMENT OF THE SUM PAID BY THE COUNTY TREASURER, BEING PART OF THE £20,000
PAID BY BATH.

	£	s.	d.
July 12th, 1876. To amount from County Treasurer	6000	0	0
Dec. 30th, 1877. Interest	34	10	0
June 30th, Ditto	21	0	0
Dec. 31st, Ditto	6	7	6
	61	17	6

	£	s.	d.
By Amount paid to Mr. Ashman, being the Balance due on his Contract for the extension on the Female side	994	8	8
„ Amount paid to Haden & Son, being the balance due on their Contract for heating the Female extension	75	10	0
(<i>vide</i> page 46 of last years report)			
„ Amounts paid to Mr. Hawkins, the Contractor for the Male extension—			
1st Instalment	565	16	8
2nd Ditto	565	16	8
3rd Ditto	565	16	8
4th Ditto	500	0	0
	1069	18	8

	£	s.	d.
By Amount paid to General Asylum Account for other Additions and Improvements	2012	4	1
„ Clerk of the Works	195	6	0
„ Balance in hand, Jan. 1st 1878.	586	18	9
	2197	10	0

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STATEMENT OF THE SENATOR BY THE SENATOR BEING SWORN IN TO THE SENATE

1895	200	0	0	0
1896	100	0	0	0
1897	200	0	0	0
1898	100	0	0	0
1899	200	0	0	0
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1908	100	0	0	0
1909	200	0	0	0
1910	100	0	0	0
1911	200	0	0	0
1912	100	0	0	0
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1914	100	0	0	0
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1997	200	0	0	0
1998	100	0	0	0
1999	200	0	0	0
2000	100	0	0	0

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as it appears in the files of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

GENERAL RULES

FOR THE

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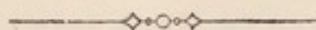
LUNATIC ASYLUM,

PROVIDED FOR THE

COUNTY OF SOMMERSET,

AND THE

CITY OF BATH.



*As approved of by the Right Hon. Richard Assheton Cross,
one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.*

GENERAL RULES

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LUNATIC ASYLUM

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COUNTY OF SOMERSET

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As approved of by the Right Hon. Robert Peel, Secy. of State, in the year 1818.

GENERAL RULES.

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

1.—That the Committee of Visitors for the time being shall meet on Thursday in the first week after the Epiphany Sessions, in each year, and shall then appoint a Chairman and Clerk to the Visitors.

2.—That they shall appoint two or more of the Committee of Visitors to be Auditors for the year, who shall (but without prejudice to the provisions of the Lunatic Asylum Act, 1853, section 60) examine the accounts quarterly.

3.—That Quarterly Meetings for Contracts shall be appointed by the Committee, and proper advertisements issued.

4.—That two or more of the Committee of Visitors shall once, at least, in every month inspect the Asylum, and see every lunatic therein, and perform the duties imposed on the Committee of Visitors by the Act, 16 & 17 Vic., cap. 97, and shall at each visit insert in a book, to be kept for the purpose, their opinion as to the condition of the Asylum, and of the Patients therein, and also such other statements and suggestions as they may deem expedient.

5.—That minutes of the proceedings of all Boards shall be kept and entered by the Clerk of the Visitors and that at every Board the proceedings of the last Board shall be read.

6.—That no general Rule shall be made or altered unless notice in writing be given by the Clerk to all the members of the Committee three weeks before the matter shall be taken into consideration by the Committee, and no change in the existing General Rules shall take effect until it has received the approval of one of the Secretaries of State.

7.—That whenever a vacancy shall thereafter occur in any of the offices of Treasurer, Chaplain, Medical Superintendent, or Assistant Medical Superintendent, or Clerk and Steward, the Clerk of the Visitors shall forthwith convene a meeting (conformably to s. 25 of the 16 & 17 Vic., cap. 97) for the purpose of making an appointment and filling up the vacancy.

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

1.—That he shall daily visit all the wards, giving special attention to the more important cases, and shall give up the whole of his time to the duties of his office, and shall not attend to, or engage in any professional or other business, or employment, except that of the Asylum.

2.—That he shall be Superintendent of the Asylum, and shall have authority to recommend the hiring and discharge of all Attendants and Servants, and shall also generally have the control over the Attendants and Servants, and authority to suspend them whenever he shall deem expedient, reporting the same to the first meeting of the Committee.

3.—That he shall make a yearly report of the number of admissions, removals, and discharges during the year, and shall also make a like report as to the general condition of the patients, and such other matters as may appear expedient for the purpose of showing the state and management of the Asylum.

4.—That he shall be responsible for the management and condition of the establishment, and of the patients therein, and shall have the direction of the medical, surgical, and moral treatment of the patients, and of all general arrangements within the Asylum.

5.—That he shall examine, or cause one of the Assistant Medical Officers to examine, every patient on admission, and shall be careful that all bodily injuries be noted, and that proper entries relative to such admission and examination be made in the books kept for the purpose, and that such medicines as may be deemed proper be duly administered.

6.—That he shall classify the patients of both sexes, and shall regulate and determine at all times on the diet for sick and infirm patients, and also that he shall have the power from time to time of examining and reporting the quality of all provisions furnished for the use of the patients.

7.—That he shall never absent himself for more than one night without the previous written consent of one of the Committee of Visitors, and in the absence also of the Assistant Medical Superintendent, only on condition of his providing a person properly qualified to reside in the Asylum, and perform his duty during his absence.

8.—That he shall superintend and direct the performance of the duties of Assistant Medical Superintendent, Assistant Medical officer, and servants as prescribed by the "Regulations and Orders" of the Committee of Visitors.

9.—That he shall at all times, and more especially when the Asylum is entirely, or nearly full, promote the exchange of harmless chronic patients, for patients whose cases may be recent, and supposed to be curable, or who shall be reported as dangerous,

10.—That he shall have the custody of the Case Books, and shall see that they are properly posted up, and made to show all the changes in the condition of the patients and their treatment, shall also keep a Journal in which he shall make the following entries, viz. :—1st the name of every Attendant, and Servant, whom he shall suspend, together with the date and cause of suspension ; and 2nd, the name of every Patient fit for discharge, or who shall have died or escaped, or on whom any inquest shall have been held since the last visit of the Committee, and all such other facts, observations, and suggestions, as he shall deem important, relative to the condition or management of the Asylum, or the patients therein. And that such entries shall be read as part of the proceedings at the next meeting of the Committee of Visitors.

THE ASSISTANT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, AND THE ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER.

1.—They shall be under the control of the Committee of Visitors, and of the Superintendent, and obey their direction and generally assist the Superintendent in the execution of his Medical and other duties.

2.—They shall be legally qualified and registered Medical Practitioners, and shall reside in the Asylum, and give up the whole of their time to the duties of their office.

3.—Neither of them shall leave the Asylum without the express permission of the Medical Superintendent, and shall conform to his directions as to the period of return. If either should desire leave of absence for more than two nights, the permission of the Committee, or of the Chairman, and the previous approbation of the Superintendent must be obtained.

4.—They shall not both leave the Asylum when the Medical Superintendent is absent.

CHAPLAIN.

1.—He shall perform Divine Service on Sundays, and shall preach at least one sermon. He shall also perform service every day, and shall visit the patients at such times as he may consider conducive to their benefit, and also perform the Burial Service, and such other duties as may be required, but when visiting he shall do so with the concurrence of the Medical Superintendent.

2.—He shall not absent himself from his duties without the leave of two Visitors, to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, and on all such occasions he shall provide a suitable clergyman (who shall be approved by the said Visitors) to perform all his duties during his absence.

TREASURER.

1.—That all moneys shall be paid to the Treasurer, and that he shall keep the accounts, and make them up to the 31st day of December annually, and state the balance.

2.—That he shall give security for a sum to be named by the Committee of Visitors, unless the Committee of Visitors shall in writing dispense with it.

CLERK TO THE VISITORS.

1.—That the Clerk to the Visitors shall convene and attend the meetings of the committee, and, if required, of any Sub-committee, and shall keep and enter minutes of their proceedings in proper books, and shall take such steps as may be necessary for carrying all orders and resolutions of the Committee into effect.

2.—He shall furnish to the Medical Superintendent a copy of all orders made by the Committee concerning the management of the Asylum.

3.—He shall assist the Committee in preparing and publishing their reports, in examining in the Asylum books of accounts, the abstracts thereof, and the Treasurer's accounts, and shall, under the direction of the Committee, conduct its correspondence.

4.—He shall perform all the ordinary duties of his office as prescribed by law, and as may be directed by the Committee.

5.—He shall keep the capital account.

CLERK TO ASYLUM AND STEWARD.

1.—That the Clerk shall also act as Steward, and shall perform all the duties of both these offices.

2.—That he shall take care of all the books and papers, (except the Medical Books) and of all the stores; and shall be responsible for the quantity, quality, and safe keeping of all articles received.

3.—That he shall superintend the weighing and measuring of the provisions so as to suit the diet tables.

4.—That he shall see that the meals of the patients are duly provided, dressed, and given according to the dietary in force, or the direction of the Medical Officer.

5.—That he shall take stock once a quarter, and keep quarterly accounts of all moneys received and paid to the Treasurer; and of all moneys received and paid by himself; also of all goods ordered by him, and payments made by him for the same, in such form as the Committee of Visitors shall direct.

6.—That he shall distinguish the Building Account from the Maintenance Account, and the accounts of the County, and the City of Bath, from those of the Unions, and shall lay an abstract of the accounts before the Auditors at their quarterly meetings, showing the moneys received and paid and the Unions in arrears.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

1.—That the Male and Female Patients shall be kept in separate wards, and that no Male Attendants, Servants, or Patients shall be allowed to enter the Female wards; further, that no Female Attendants, Servants, or Patients shall be allowed to enter the Male wards, except in cases where the Resident Medical Officers shall deem it advisable to appoint them to act as Nurse there, or to attend for any other purpose; further, when repairs are made on the Female side, proper precautions shall be taken for the protection and supervision of the female patients.

2.—That there shall be at least two Attendants for every ward, and that there shall be not less than one Attendant on duty for every twenty-five patients who are tranquil or convalescent, and not less one attendant on duty for every fifteen patients who are dirty, violent, or refractory, or dangerous to themselves or others.

3.—That at least one ward on the male side, and one

4.—That during the day the patients of both sexes shall be employed as much as practicable, and especially out of doors, the men in gardening and husbandry and in various trades, and other suitable employment; the women in occupation suited to their ability; and that, as a principle in treatment, endeavours shall be continually used to occupy the minds of the patients, to induce them to take exercise in the open air, and to promote cheerfulness and happiness amongst them.

5.—That workshops and tools be provided, and artizan patients and others be encouraged to follow their particular callings, and to learn carpentering, shoemaking, tailoring, and other common and useful trades; and besides work in the Laundry, needlework, straw work, and other suitable employments shall be provided for the women.

6.—That an ample supply of books and publications of a moral and cheerful nature (in addition to bibles and prayer books) shall be provided and kept up in case of destruction, and that various means of amusement shall be placed at the disposal of the patients of both sexes and that they shall be encouraged to have frequent recourse thereto.

7.—That the Airing Grounds into which the several wards open shall be readily accessible to the Patients at proper times when the weather is favourable.

8.—That one Attendant shall sleep in or adjoining to, so as to overlook every dormitory, and that a light shall be kept burning through the night.

9.—That no dormitory for male patients (excepting rooms for single patients) shall contain less than three beds, that a space of at least two feet six inches shall be between the beds, and that all the patients shall sleep singly.

10.—That no patient shall be struck or kept in perpetual restraint or seclusion, and that no patient shall be restrained or secluded at any time (except by Medical Authority), or kept in restraint or seclusion longer than is absolutely necessary.

11.—That all the Attendants shall be instructed to treat their patients kindly and indulgently, and never to strike or speak harshly to them, and that they shall be responsible for the safety, cleanliness, and general condition of their patients, and for the ventilation, proper warmth, and good order of their respective wards.

12.—That near relations and friends of the patients shall be allowed to visit them at least once in every fortnight, but that no visitor shall be admitted to any patient, if the Resident Medical Officer shall state in writing that he considers the visit likely to be injurious to such patient and otherwise inexpedient.

13.—That in case of the illness of a patient, or if the friends came from a distant place, or be otherwise unable to come on a week day, such patient's friends shall be admitted to visit on Sundays during the space of two hours after morning or evening service.

14.—That upon every visit made by a male relation or friend, or by a parish officer, to a female patient, a female Attendant shall accompany the visitor, and remain in the room throughout the interview.

15.—That no stranger shall be admitted into any part of the Asylum occupied by patients, except by the written authority of one of the Committee of Visitors, or one of the Commissioners in Lunacy, unless accompanied by some Medical Officer belonging to the Institution.

ward on the female side, be appointed as Infirmaries for the different sexes.

16.—That on the death of a patient notice shall be immediately given by the Clerk to the parish officers, and also to one of the nearest relations of the deceased (if his address be known), and the body shall be delivered to them if requested, but if the body be not removed on the fourth day after death, it shall be buried under the directions of the Superintendent. Should the Medical Officer consider earlier interment to be necessary, this rule is to be dispensed.

17.—That no patient shall pass beyond the grounds of the Asylum until discharged by due authority (unless by permission of the Superintendent and to return the same day) except the temporary absence of the patient shall have been previously authorised by the Superintendent (under Regulation of the Committee of Visitors as referred to in section 124 of the Act, 16 and 17 Vict., c. 97), or by two Visitors pursuant to the 79th section of the said Act.



RULES.

Regulations, and Orders,

AS APPROVED BY THE

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OF THE

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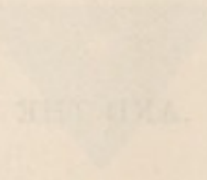
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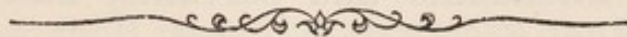
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THE ASSISTANT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

1.—He shall visit each ward and see the patients twice in each day, making his morning visit at ten o'clock, and the evening visit before six o'clock, but shall visit the sick as often as may be necessary. At his evening visit he shall give special directions for the guidance of the night nurses respecting any particular cases.

2.—He shall do the dispensing in the Surgery, making daily entries in the Prescription Book of all medicines ordered for patients or nurses.

3.—He shall keep the Case Books, not only making such entries regarding every patient as are required by the Lunacy Statutes, but place on record in all cases of illness the physical signs determined by auscultation and percussion, the results of the examination of the urine both chemically and microscopically, together with the daily readings of the clinical thermometer, and shall particularize the medicines and diet ordered, assimilating his observations to those of a Hospital Register.

4.—He shall perform all *post mortem* examinations, and shall report minutely the results of his pathological observations.

5.—He shall never leave the Asylum during the absence of the Medical Superintendent, and shall never absent himself from the Asylum without his permission. In the temporary absence of the Medical Superintendent he shall perform all his duties, have authority over all the attendants and servants, and check all irregularities.

6.—He shall receive all patients on admission in the Surgery, and be summoned into the Wards on all occasions of emergency and accident. In the event of any case of sudden illness being reported to him, he shall write to the friends or relations immediately.

7.—He shall give a month's notice in writing if wishing to resign his appointment.

HEAD MALE AND FEMALE ATTENDANTS.

Their duties are to be confined to the Male and Female Corridors and Rooms Respectively.

They are

1.—To have control over the other Attendants.

2.—To have charge of Linen and Clothing, to see that it is properly dry and clean, and changed for each Patient once a week in winter, twice in Summer, or oftener if required. To see that all stores in use in the wards be marked with sufficient marks, so as to identify them as the Asylum property, and as appropriated to each Ward, before they are issued for use. That such marks be made by stamps, one stamp for the Asylum generally, with which all stores are to be marked, the other specifically for each Ward. When the clothing is transferred from one Ward to another, the stamp

must be cancelled, and a new stamp used. The Head Attendants to tell off persons from each Ward for the purpose of removing Clothes to and from the Laundry, and to fix times most desirable, so as to prevent the mixing of males and females, and this will enable them also to know where Patients are.

Lists of the wants of the Head Attendants are to be entered in books kept by them for the purpose, and countersigned by the Superintendent, on which the Storekeeper shall issue the necessary stores.

3.—To see that the Corridors, Rooms, Water-closets, Sculleries, and Sinks, are properly cleansed and ventilated, and that order and cleanliness are preserved both among Patients, and Sub-Attendants.

4.—To see that the meals are properly served, and that Grace is said before and after meals, and direct the attendants waiting upon the Patients at meals to see that the knives, forks, and spoons are collected from each table, before the patients are allowed to move.

5.—To report without delay to the Superintendent, or in his absence his deputy, any act of misconduct, or matter of importance that occurs, and particular instances of seclusion, or increased illness, or death of a patient.

6.—To register the temperature of the Wards in a book at such times as may be required, and to regulate the temperature of the baths, according to the directions of the Medical Officers. To receive each morning a report of the occurrences of the night from the Night Attendants, to examine the persons or circumstances referred to, and to lay them (if necessary) before the Superintendent.

7.—To endeavour to make themselves acquainted with the habits, trades, or pursuits of the several Pa-

tients, and to assist in keeping them all fully employed. To keep, and cause to be kept by the other Attendants, such Inventories, Lists, Tablets, or Accounts as the Committee of Visitors from time to time may direct.

8.—To take charge of every Patient on admission, and to see them properly attended to. To see that the other Attendants change the Patients' clothes as often as requisite. To have a book kept in each Ward with an account of all stores delivered, and cause their proper use and consumption to be accounted for by each Attendant when called upon by the Steward. To return the remnants of worn-out articles into store.

9.—To lock the outer doors at 10 o'clock at night, and to report to the Superintendent the absence of any Attendant, without leave after that hour.

10.—All changes of Patients from one Ward to another that may be made after the issue of the Weekly Diet Book to be notified to the Steward before 8 o'clock each morning.

ATTENDANTS.

(Male and Female).

They are

1.—To bathe, clean, and examine the persons of the Patients on admission, to clothe them in the Asylum Dress, to report without delay on the state of their persons, and especially all indications of injuries, to the Head Attendants, for the information of the Medical Officer.

2.—To rise in the morning at 6 o'clock, and unlock the room doors, attend to the ventilation, and to remove the foul linen as soon after that hour as possible.

3.—To inspect the rooms and dormitories, and distribute the clothing to the Patients at such hour as may be directed by the Superintendent. To wash, bathe, clothe, and dress the dirty and helpless Patients, using no roughness. To examine their bodies as to any unusual appearance of marks, bruises, &c., and without delay to report these, or any symptom of illness to the Head Attendant, for the information of the Medical Officer. To prepare the Patients' Breakfast at 8 o'clock and to have ready at 9 those who are capable of being employed to go with the attendants or others to their different occupations.

4.—To have the Wards cleaned by 10 o'clock, and the Diet Bills taken to the Surgery; in fine weather to encourage the Patients not at work, to take exercise in the open air, and in wet and cold weather to engage themselves in indoor amusements. To have the Patients' Dinner at One, and Supper at 7 o'clock; the extra allowances for those employed to be given at 11 and 4 o'clock, and the extra allowances for the sick at the same hours.

5.—To count the Patients at each meal and at bed time, and if any one be absent to give immediate notice thereof to the Head Attendant, as they would on the occurrence of any sudden illness or serious accident.

6.—To summon assistance immediately (which must be at once given by the other Attendants) upon a Patient exhibiting violence or becoming unmanageable, and give notice to the Head Attendant when, in such cases, seclusion has been resorted to. To keep a diary, which shall contain the time and the continuance of the seclusion with the names of the Patients secluded the number employed and nature of employment; the number not employed; the number subject to fits

and frequency of the same, also the accidents, refusals to take food, instances of indecent conduct, and the admissions, removals, discharges, and deaths which have occurred in their corridor.

7.—The Charge Attendant of each ward is to keep an inventory of all stores supplied for that Ward, and be responsible for the same; it being his or her duty to report to the Head Attendant of all things destroyed or lost, and of things sent to the needlework department for repairs.

Whenever a parcel of things is sent to the wash from any Ward, the Charge Attendant is to make out a bill in the washing-book, and send it with the things, and when they are returned is to compare them with the counterfoil, and to report to the Head Attendant any deficiencies. After the Patients are in bed, to arrange the day room for next morning. To put all utensils when not in use, in their appropriate places; to have everything ready for Patients previous to their admission to the day-room at dinner time; to see that every Patient has had his due allowance of food, cider, beer, &c., and to return any that is left within half-an-hour in the kitchen, reporting the same to the Steward.

8.—They are not to sit in their rooms during the day, except at meal times, but to be with the Patients and to assist in keeping them occupied. They are not to leave their charge, excepting on the duties and at the time specified, without sudden and urgent cause, and then not without informing and being relieved by another Attendant. They must never trust their keys, razors, or such like, to a Patient.

RULES FOR NIGHT ATTENDANTS.

Male.

1.—The Night Attendants shall enter upon their duties at 8 o'clock and terminate them at 6 o'clock the following morning. They shall be provided with a lantern, which they shall use during their period of duty and have trimmed before entering on duty the following night.

2.—Before going on duty for the night they shall receive their instructions from the Head Attendant, or Deputy, as to the state of individual patients, (especially those disposed to suicide) with directions for the administration of medicine, wine, and nutriment for the sick.

3.—They shall make a regular visit through the Wards every hour, marking each visit on the night clock, and in the event of any accident or alarm of illness occurring they must immediately summon the House Surgeon and Head Attendant.

4.—They shall proceed to their duties with as little noise as possible, wearing light shoes, softly unlocking and shutting the doors, paying proper attention to such patients as are restless, or who wish for water to drink, &c., &c.

5.—They shall remove patients sleeping in a Dormitory, who shall become noisy, to single rooms, reporting the same the following morning.

6.—They shall change all wet and dirty Patients, and those who habitually wet or soil their beds must be awoke, and called on to attend the calls of nature, this regular habit greatly tending to enforce habits of cleanliness.

7.—They shall report in a book provided for the purpose, each morning before leaving duty the names of those Patients who have been restless, sleepless, or excited during the night ; those who have had epileptic fits, specifying the number of fits in each case ; those who have been wet or dirty, together with any accident unusual circumstance, or event that may have occurred, returning the book when signed by the Head Attendant.

8.—As the duties of Night Attendants are extremely important, the slightest negligence in their performance will be severely punished.

By Act of Parliament (16 and 17 Vic., c. 97) neglect or ill-treatment of a patient may be punished with imprisonment for a lengthened period.

MALE NIGHT ATTENDANTS ON EPILEPTICS.

1.—He shall enter on his duties at eight o'clock, having received from the Head Attendant instructions as to the state of individual Epileptic patients.

2.—He shall regularly administer the medicines, wine or food especially ordered, and shall attend to such as ask for water to drink, or require change of dress, or toss off the bed clothes, or refuse to lie in bed, or who are of uncleanly habits.

2.—In the event of a fit he must immediately place the patient on his side, and loosen his clothes, it being especially remembered that Epileptic patients whilst in bed are exposed to risks of accident from suffocation, and those who have the habit of lying on the floor will also require extra care.

4.—He shall keep a nightly record of those who have had Epileptic fits, specifying the number of fits in each

case, and make entries therein of any accidents, or whatever may have occurred in the wards, which book he shall sign, and return every morning to the Head Attendant.

5.—He shall change all wet or dirty patients and endeavour to promote habits of cleanliness.

6.—In the event of sudden illness, the nearest Attendant must be called, and the House Surgeon immediately summoned.

NIGHT ATTENDANTS.

Female.

1.—The Night Attendants shall enter upon their duties at eight o'clock and terminate them at six o'clock the following morning. They shall be provided with a lantern, which they shall use during their period of duty, and have trimmed before entering on duty the following night.

2.—Before going on duty for the night they shall receive their instructions from the Head Attendant, or Deputy, as to the state of individual patients (especially those disposed to suicide), with directions for the administration of medicine, wine, and nutriment for the sick.

3.—They shall make a regular visit through the wards every hour, marking each visit on the night clock, and in the event of any accident or alarm of illness occurring, they must immediately summon the House Surgeon and Head Attendant.

4.—They shall proceed to their duties with as little noise as possible, wearing light shoes, softly unlocking and shutting the doors, paying proper attention to such patients as are restless, or who wish for water to drink, &c., &c.

5.—They shall remove all patients sleeping in a dormitory, who shall become noisy, to single rooms, reporting the same the following morning.

6.—They shall change all wet or dirty patients, and those who habitually wet or soil their beds must be awoke, and called on to attend the calls of nature, this regular habit greatly tending to enforce habits of cleanliness.

7.—They shall report in a book provided for the purpose, each morning before leaving duty, the names of those patients who have been restless, sleepless, or excited during the night; those who have had Epileptic fits, specifying the number of fits, in each case; those who have been wet or dirty, together with any accident, unusual circumstance, or event that may have occurred, returning the book when signed by the Head Attendant.

8.—As the duties of Night Attendants are extremely important, the slightest negligence in their performance will be severely punished.

By Act of Parliament (16 and 17 Vic., c. 97) neglect or ill-treatment of a Patient may be punished with imprisonment for a lengthened period.

NIGHT ATTENDANTS ON EPILEPTICS.

1.—She shall enter on her duties at eight o'clock, having received from the Head Attendant instructions as to the state of individual Epileptic patients.

2.—She shall regularly administer the medicines, wine, or food especially ordered, and shall attend to such as ask for water to drink, or require change of dress, or toss off the bed-clothes, or refuse to lie in bed, or who are of uncleanly habits.

3.—In the event of a fit she must immediately place the patient on her side, and loosen her clothes, it being

especially remembered that Epileptic patients whilst in bed are exposed to risks of accident from suffocation, and those who have the habit of lying on the floor will also require extra care.

4.—She shall keep a nightly record of those who have had Epileptic fits, specifying the number of fits in each case, and make entries therein of any accidents, or whatever may have occurred in the wards, which book she shall sign, and return every morning to the Head Attendant.

5.—She shall change all wet or dirty patients and endeavour to promote habits of cleanliness.

6.—In the event of sudden illness, the nearest attendant must be called, and the House Surgeon immediately summoned.

IN REFERENCE TO FIRE OR ANY ACCIDENT.

The Night Attendant shall bring the night book every evening to the Head Attendant, or Deputy, who shall place his initials under the following report to be entered in the Night Book :—

“We have completed our first visit of Night duty round the house and find all right.”

SCHOOLMISTRESS AND NEEDLEWOMAN.

She is

1.—To cut out the Linen, materials for female clothing and bedding, and to be accountable for the same to the Head Female Attendant, and to allow no waste. She is also to assist in the marking and management of linen, &c.

2.—To have charge of the Patients in the needle-room or school-room from 9 in the winter, till 1 o'clock; and

again from 2 to half-past 5 in the afternoon, at which hour those Patients are to give up work for the remainder of the day.

3.—To promote industry, discountenance any impropriety of conduct, and use the utmost kindness and forbearance towards the Patients, and to be accountable for their safe return to their respective day rooms.

THE COOK.

He is

1.—To obey the directions of the Steward (or, in his absence, of his Assistant) in preparing and cooking all food for the Patients, Officers, and Servants of the Asylum with strict punctuality.

2.—To take charge of all cooking utensils, and to have them clean and fit for immediate use. To allow no misapplication of provisions, or stores of any kind.

3.—To employ such of the Patients as may from time to time be selected by the Superintendent to assist in the business of the kitchen, to treat all such persons with the utmost kindness and forbearance, and endeavour, without having recourse to any violence of manner or language, to render them quiet, industrious, and useful, and to be responsible for their safe return to their respective day-rooms.

4.—To attend the Larder every morning, to cut and weigh up the meat for the day's consumption, to be answerable for the proper curing and salting of meat, and the keeping of the Larder perfectly clean and sweet.

5.—To be always present and superintend the giving out of the breakfast, dinner, and tea. The hours for meals are as follows :—

Breakfast for Attendants,	7 and 7.30	a.m.
„ „ Patients,	8.0	a.m.
Dinner „ Attendants,	1.30	p.m.
„ „ „	2.0	p.m.
„ „ Patients,	1.0	p.m.
Tea. Male Attendants,	5.30 and 6.0	p.m.
„ Female „	5.0 and 5.30	p.m.
„ Patients,	7.0	p.m.

6.—All meals are to be given out from the lifts. No Attendants or Servants allowed to be in the kitchen under any pretext whatever. To have the Kitchen maids under his control and to be answerable for their proper behaviour, and the efficient discharge of their duties.

7.—To be civil and courteous to every one with whom he may be brought in contact, and to exact the same treatment from others in return.

8.—The hours for his meals shall be so regulated that the kitchen shall not be left without some one in charge.

9.—No extra diet not entered in the diet book shall be given without a written order from one of the Medical Officers.

10.—The hours for the Cook and Kitchen Maids are as follow :—

In Summer from 6.0 a.m to 8.0 p.m.

„ Winter „ 6.30 a.m. to 8.0 p.m.

11.—To have charge of all those who assist in the kitchen, whether Attendants or Patients, during the hours that they are employed there.

THE LAUNDRY MAIDS.

1.—The Head Laundress shall have control over all persons employed in the Laundry during the hours of work. She shall receive from each of the Attendants,

before 12 o'clock every Monday morning, a basket containing the foul linen belonging to the Baths and Patients of his or her ward, accompanied with the list of the several articles ; to cause and see that the same be properly washed, dried, and got up, and the Head Laundress shall see that the articles for each ward be placed in a special truck for that ward, and returned on or before 12 o'clock the Saturday morning following.

2.—To report any repairs required or want of proper utensils to the Steward. To allow no waste or misapplication of soap or other stores.

3.—To employ such of the Patients as may from time to time be selected by the Superintendent to assist in the Laundry ; to treat all such Patients with the utmost kindness, gentleness, and forbearance, and endeavour, without having recourse to any violence of manner or language, to render them industrious and useful, and be responsible for their safe return to their respective day rooms.

THE DAIRY MAID.

She is

1.—To have the management of the dairy, converting the produce of the same to the most profitable use for the benefit of the Institution, keeping an account of the produce to be delivered to the Steward from day to day.

2.—To keep everything sweet and clean, and see that nothing is wasted or misapplied,

3.—To employ such of the Patients as may from time to time be selected by the superintendent to assist in the dairy ; to treat all such Patients with the utmost kindness, gentleness, and forbearance, and endeavour, without having recourse to any violence of manner or language to render them industrious and useful, and be responsible for their safe return to their respective day-rooms.

FARM BAILIFF.

He is

1.—To inspect frequently the land and report to the Visiting Committee, through the Superintendent, what is required for its proper cultivation. To obey the directions of the Committee in respect to such cultivation, and take proper care of any cattle or stock thereon.

2.—To keep a book showing (from week to week) the amount of produce, from garden and farm, consumed in the establishment ; the cost of cultivation, cattle and stock, will be checked by the Steward.

3.—To report to the Superintendent any circumstances that may require his knowledge or direction.

THE HOUSE PORTER.

—He is

1.—To ring the bell at the following hours :—

A.M. : 6.0, 8.0, 8.30, and 9.0.

P.M. : 12.45, 1.0, 2.0, 6.0, and 7.0.

On Sunday

A.M. : 6.0, 8.0, 10.45 (to ring for Church 11.0), and 7.0.

P.M. : 1.0, 2.45 (to ring for Church till 3), and 7.0.

2.—To answer the front and side doors.

3.—To assist the Medical Officers in the Surgery.

4.—To keep the Committee Room, Chaplain's Room, adjacent W.C., and Mr. Duke's Office clean and in proper order.

5.—To wait at the Medical Superintendent's table when required to do so, to clean plate, and generally make himself useful.

6.—Not to absent himself from the hall without permission. and on no consideration to enter the wards.

7.—To keep the Hall side passages and staircases clean and scrubbed twice a week.

8.—All strangers seen loitering about the grounds must be asked in a civil manner to leave, unless they have come to visit a Patient.

9.—By order of Visiting Magistrates He will be required to conduct himself civilly to everyone. No Nurses or Attendants to be allowed in his room.

THE ENGINEER.

1.—To have all the Engines and Machinery of the Premises under his charge and control, and to report to the Visiting Committee, through the Superintendent, any repairs or additions that may be required, and receive and obey his instructions in reference thereto.

2.—To work the same as may be required with care, and efficiency, and safety, and not permit any Patient or unauthorised person to intermeddle therewith.

3.—To produce from time to time such quantities of gas as may be required to light the several parts of the building and premises to the extent and for the number of hours directed by the Committee ; to superintend the supply of the same, and carefully to examine that the works, gasometers, main, junction pipes, and burners are in safe and proper order, and duly worked.

4.—To attend to the heating and hot water apparatus and pipes throughout the building, and to maintain a proper supply of warmth to the corridors, and hot water for use of the establishment.

THE BAKER.

He is

1.—To take charge of all the flour, and produce and make such quantities of good household bread, from time to time, in such sized loaves as may be required ; **taking** care to keep up a supply so that no bread may

be consumed which has not stood for, at least, twelve hours after being drawn from the oven.

2.—To examine the quality of all flour, and other ingredients for bread, and report, without fail, to the Committee, through the Superintendent, if the same is not equal to what was contracted for or agreed to be purchased.

3.—To keep all baking utensils sweet and clean, and not to allow any misapplication of the stores under his charge.

4.—To keep a book showing the quantity of flour, and other ingredients received into stock, the quantity used at each baking, the produce in bread therefrom when weighed twelve hours after being drawn from the oven ; which book will be checked by the Steward.

5.—To have charge of the yard gate, and be responsible for its being kept properly closed.

Any Attendant or servant who shall strike any Patient, or use unnecessary force or violence, or be found intoxicated, may be at once discharged.

They are strictly enjoined to abstain from profane or vulgar language.

All the servants of the Institution are cautioned against the appropriation of anything entrusted to their care to private use.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1.—That no Patient pass beyond the grounds of the Asylum until discharged by due authority, unless the temporary absence of such patient be permitted under the power contained in the 79th section of the Act, 16 and 17 Vic., cap. 97, or unless the Resident Medical Officer shall give directions for that purpose, whether

it be for temporary absence from the Asylum of individual Patients on leave, or for some of them to be taken out together for exercise or recreation, in conformity with section 124 of the said Act.

2.—The meetings of the Committee shall be on the third Thursday in each month, unless a different day be appointed.

3.—Patients on their admission shall generally be placed in the Infirmary, and they shall be removed to and from the Infirmary, as may be directed by the Medical Superintendent.

4.—The Medical Superintendent (and in case of his absence, his Deputy) is empowered at his discretion to grant temporary leave of absence to any Patient for whom he may think it desirable, for any term not exceeding 14 days. If the absence is for a whole day or more, the leave must be given in writing, and a note of it entered in the Journal.

