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OF THE
BELFAST DISTRICT ASYLUM
FOR
THE INSANE POOR

OF THE COUNTIES OF ANTRIM AND DOWN, AND COUNTY OF THE TOWN OF
CARRICKFERGUS,

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GOVERNORS OF THE BELFAST DISTRICT ASYLUM,

APPOINTED BY
THE LORD LIEUTENANT AND COUNCIL OF IRELAND,

Under the Provisions of 1 & 2 GEORGE IV., Cap. 33.

No.	Name.	Residence.	Date of Appointment.
1	Marquis of Donegall,	Ormeau, Belfast; & London.	March, 1829.
2	Mayor of Belfast, for the time being,	Belfast.	" "
3	Rev. Thomas Hincks, A.M., ...	Derrikeighan Rectory, Dervock.	" "
4	Sir Robt. Bateson, Bart., D.L.,	Belvoir Park, Belfast.	29th June, "
5	William M'Cance, J.P., ...	Suffolk, Belfast.	4th Jan., 1836.
6	Robt. Jas. Tennent, M.P., D.L.,	Belfast.	" "
7	John Sinclair, Esq., ...	Malone, Belfast.	28th Oct., "
8	Edward Bruce, J.P., ...	Scoutbush, C.fergus.	" "
9	Right Rev. Bishop Denvir, ...	Belfast.	" "
10	Rev. John Edgar, D.D., ...	Do.	" "
11	Rev. H. Montgomery, LL.D.,	Glebe House, Dunmurry.	" "
12	Very Rev. Dean Stannus, ...	Lisburn.	4th April, 1842.
13	Rev. H. Cooke, D.D., LL.D.,	Belfast.	" "
14	James Watson, Esq., ...	Brookhill, Lisburn.	" "
15	John M'Neile, J.P., D.L., ...	Parkmount, Belfast.	" "
16	R. B. B. Houston, J.P., ...	Orangefield, Belfast.	" "
17	Rev. J. S. B. Monsell, A.M.,	Ramoan Rectory, Ballycastle.	13th July, "
18	Conway B. Grimshaw, Esq.,...	Linfield, Belfast.	8th Oct., 1846.
19	John Dunville, Esq., ...	Belfast.	16th March, 1847.
20	John Clarke, J.P., ...	Do.	13th Sept., "
21	Marquis of Downshire, ...	Castle, Hillsborough.	16th Nov., "
22	Robert Gordon, J.P., ...	Florida Manor, Killinchy.	" "
23	Robert Batt, J.P., D.L., ...	Purdysburn, Belfast.	" "
24	John Sharman Crawford, J.P.,	Crawfordsburn, Holywood.	" "

Stated Meetings of Governors are held in the Asylum, on the first Monday of each Month, at One o'clock, p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS :—

- 1.—Proceedings of the last Meeting read, and signed by the Chairman.
- 2.—Suggestions of the Physicians received.
- 3.—Forms of admission, "urgent cases" admitted since last month "examined" and "approved," and signed by the Chairman.
- 4.—Forms of admission, "new cases" "examined" and "admitted," and signed by the Chairman.
- 5.—Accounts, for which payment was ordered last meeting, examined and checked off.
- 6.—Accounts for last month examined, and payment ordered.
- 7.—Business arising out of minutes of last meeting.
- 8.—Any other business that may be brought forward.

OFFICERS :

Resident Physician and Manager,.....ROBERT STEWART, M.D.
Visiting Physician,.....HENRY M'CORMAC, M.D.
Surgeon-Apothecary,.....J. S. MULHOLLAND, M.D.

THE BELFAST DISTRICT ASYLUM

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND COUNCIL OF THE ASYLUM

Year of Appointment	Residence	Name
1870	Glasgow, Scotland	James Wilson
1871	Belfast	John Wilson
1872	Belfast	James Wilson
1873	Belfast	John Wilson
1874	Belfast	James Wilson
1875	Belfast	John Wilson
1876	Belfast	James Wilson

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND COUNCIL OF THE ASYLUM

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE BELFAST DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1850.

TABLE I.

General statement of the year's admissions, &c.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
In Asylum, 1st April, 1849, ...	...	...	...	150	114	264
Admitted since, { New cases, }	55	57	112			
{ Relapsed do. }	2	6	8	57	63	120
Total under treatment, during the year, ...	...	...	...	207	177	384
Discharged, { Recovered, }	24	28	52			
{ Relieved, }	11	10	21			
{ Died, }	25	18	43	60	56	116
Leaving in the House, 31st March, 1850, ...	...	...	...	147	121	268

The total admissions were exactly the same as last year.

Daily average number of patients during the year, ...	...	...	267.50
Do. for the year ending 31st March, 1849, ...	...	...	271.32
Average annual expense of each patient, this year, including every charge, ...	...	...	£12 17 3
Do. for the year ending 31st March, 1849, ...	...	...	12 18 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Being a decrease, on each patient, this year, of ...	...	...	0 1 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Total expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1850, £3,440	16	4	

TABLE II.

Ages of the patients admitted during the year.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Under 20 years, ...	4	4	8
From 20 to 30 do., ...	17	16	33
Do. 30 to 40 do., ...	17	16	33
Do. 40 to 50 do., ...	11	16	27
Do. 50 to 60 do., ...	5	6	11
Do. 60 to 70 do., ...	3	5	8
	57	63	120

TABLE III.

Alleged causes of insanity in the cases admitted during the year.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Grief—disappointment—anxiety,	8	10	18
Bodily ailments,	6	8	14
Intemperance,	10	6	16
Poverty and distress of times,	3	4	7
Fright,	1	8	9
Epilepsy,	1	0	1
Fear of want,... ..	1	2	3
Injury from a fall,	3	0	3
Jealousy,	1	1	2
Unknown or hereditary,	2	5	7
Totally Unknown,	22	18	40
	<hr/> 58	<hr/> 62	<hr/> 120

TABLE IV.—FORMS OF DISEASE.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Mania,	41	26	67
Mono-mania,	5	3	8
Melancholia,	11	26	37
Dementia,	4	4	8
	<hr/> 61	<hr/> 59	<hr/> 120

TABLE V.—RELIGION.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Episcopalians,	14	12	26
Roman Catholics,	14	16	30
Presbyterians and Protestant Dissenters,	29	35	64
	<hr/> 57	<hr/> 63	<hr/> 120

TABLE VI.—SOCIAL CONDITION.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Married,	21	33	54
Single,	35	23	58
Widower and Widows,	1	7	8
	<hr/> 57	<hr/> 63	<hr/> 120

TABLE VII.—OCCUPATION.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Clergymen, R. C.,	2	0	2
Student,	1	0	1
Carpenter,	1	0	1
Sawyer,	1	0	1
Domestic Servants,... ..	0	10	10
Dress-Makers,	0	3	3
Cloth-lapper,	1	0	1
Farmers and Farmers' Wives,	5	4	9
Cooper,	1	0	1
	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 29
Carry forward,	12	17	29

					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
	<i>Brought forward,</i>				12	17	29
Labourers and Labourers' Wives, ...	...	...	...	...	23	3	26
Sailors, ...	...	...	...	...	4	0	4
Chandler, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Mill-worker, ...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress, ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Shopkeepers, ...	...	...	...	...	0	2	2
Coastguard, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Shoemaker, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Spinners, Sewers, and Embroiderers, ...	...	...	...	...	0	13	13
Writing Clerks, ...	...	...	...	...	2	0	2
Weavers, ...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
Pedlars, ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Brass-Founder, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Watchmen, ...	...	...	...	...	2	0	2
Baker, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Lighthouse-Keeper, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Post-car Driver, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Attorney, ...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Without any occupation, ...	...	...	...	...	3	21	24
					59	61	120

“DANGEROUS LUNATICS.”

THE number admitted, during the year, of Dangerous Lunatics, from the respective jails, was thirteen—six males and seven females, viz.:—County Antrim Jail, six (four males and two females; County Down Jail, six (two males and four females); Belfast Bridewell, one (male.)

All of the above were cases who had either committed some outrage, or threatened doing so, on person or property, whilst labouring under mental excitement; and, being sworn to be “Dangerous Lunatics,” were committed to jail by magisterial authority, under the provisions of the Amended Act of 1st Vic., c. 27, and ultimately transferred to the Asylum, by warrants of the Lord Lieutenant, for treatment until recovery or freedom from danger should occur.

“CRIMINAL LUNATICS.”

The inmates received, during the year, of the criminal class, amounted altogether to four—two males and two females; one

(a female) being from County Antrim Jail, and three (two males and one female) from County Down Jail. Both the females (one a deaf mute) were tried for child murder respectively, and acquitted on the ground of insanity; the two males for larceny, with a like result.

The total number of criminal patients, now in the house, amounts to eleven—four males and seven females.

It had been hoped and fully expected, that the Asylum at Dundrum, erecting by Government, under the provisions of an Act of Parliament, passed in 1845, for the special custody of all the criminal insane in Ireland, would have been in operation before this; but though not yet quite finished, there is every reason to expect that almost immediately now it will be declared in readiness to receive "criminal" inmates, and thus relieve the District Asylums, for all time to come, of their charge, which, on every account, will be a most desirable and satisfactory change for the better.

SUICIDAL AND HOMICIDAL CASES.

The number of suicidal patients received during the year now just terminated was eighteen, of whom four were males and fourteen females. Those of them who made *actual* attempts on their own lives amounted to fourteen, viz.,—Eight by *drowning* (two males and six females), three by *cutting the throat* (all females), two by *hanging and strangulation* (both males.) The remaining four (two males and two females) were only suicidally disposed, not having made any actual attempt at self-destruction, but having a very strong and decided propensity that way.

The admissions of a homicidal character were twelve (nine males and three females), the particulars of which are as follow, viz.,—attempted to stab father one (male), to injure mother two (females), to stab brother one (male), to strangle brother one (male), to wound sister one (male), to kill father one

(male), ditto wife one, ditto brother two (males), ditto children two (a male and a female.)

Happily the year has been completed without any casualty or unpleasantness in particular occurring in the management of the above most seriously onerous description of patients, the care of whom so greatly adds to the anxiety and responsibility necessarily devolving upon the Superintendents of Asylums.

HEALTH.

The health of the Establishment, during the year, has been, on the whole, generally good. Two cases of Epidemic Cholera occurred amongst the females, which unhappily proved fatal. There were two cases of Fever, fatal also,—one of a Typhoid character, its subject being a male, the other a female, who was sent to the Asylum from a considerable distance, whilst labouring under Puerperal Fever, with the worst symptoms present, the patient dying in four days after admission.

DEATHS.

The mortality during the year has been larger than the preceding one, which might only have been expected, the general mortality being far above the usual average, from epidemic cholera and the choleroïd tendency which so extensively prevailed. Forty-three deaths in all occurred, twenty-five being males and eighteen females, which, compared with last year's deaths, shews an excess of thirteen on the present occasion.

The cases, admitted during the year, of completely exhausted constitutions, which no human means, however sedulously applied, could in any degree meliorate, were much greater than usual, notwithstanding all the precautions taken to avoid the receiving of such, and who are sent in, merely as it were, to add to the mortality casualties. Four died from one to four weeks after admission, seven from one month to three months, four from three months to six months, seven from six months to one year, thirteen from one year to five years, three from five to

ten years, two from ten to fifteen years, and three from fifteen to twenty years,—total, forty-three. The causes of death were as follow, viz.,—general debility eight, three males and five females; paralysis six, all males; diarrhœa five, three males and two females; epilepsy four, three males and one female; maniacal exhaustion three, one male and two females; pulmonary consumption three, two males and one female; scrofulous affections two, females; bronchitis two, males; epidemic cholera two, females; apoplexy one, female; disease of knee-joint one, male; rupture of a blood vessel one, male; uterine disease one, female; puerperal fever one, female; typhus fever one, male; chronic cerebral disease one, male; gastric disease one, male;—total, forty-three. The ages of the deceased were—from 20 to 30, twelve—six males and six females; 30 to 40, ten—seven males and three females; 40 to 50, eleven—five males and six females; 50 to 60, seven—five males and two females; 60 to 70, three—two males and one female. The youngest of the males was 20, the oldest 63; the youngest of the females was 22, and the oldest ditto 62. Average age of all $40\frac{2}{3}$ years.

ACCOMMODATION.

Although no very pressing want of accommodation was experienced during the year, for “ordinary” patients who were endeavoured to be received, with the least possible delay, yet, in the respective jails of the district, there are several “Dangerous Lunatics” who could not be transferred here from want of room on the male side, which, even at present, is much more crowded than desirable, by the efforts made to admit the “ordinary” cases, as above mentioned; on the female side there was accommodation, generally sufficient for all the usual purposes.

BUILDINGS—IMPROVEMENTS.

Besides some additional accommodation for patients, several most needful changes and improvements have become absolutely requisite in the existing Buildings of the Institution, more par-

ticularly as regards the Laundry and Kitchen Departments, which are entirely unsuited for the purposes of a large Establishment. The Laundry could not be worse off than it is, for the means of getting through the heavy and laborious daily duties required to be carried on in it; in size, it is at least one-half too small for the numbers it employs, which is a most serious evil; the original fittings-up, also, being nearly worn out and incapable of further repairs. This, then, is a matter of domestic detail, which would be most essential to have finally arranged at once, and its due efficiency provided for, without any further loss of time; and for the same reasons, nearly, the Kitchen would require to be reconstructed, and a new Dairy built, which is most inconveniently circumstanced, both as respects size and situation, not to dwell upon the equal necessity there exists for the erection of Bath-rooms, Lavatories, Water-closets, Workshops, Servants' Dining-hall, &c., and the present imperfect system of Ventilation and Heating being remodelled, all of which, for years past, have been earnestly suggested to be carried into effect, in order to render so important an Institution adequate to carry on its daily routine satisfactorily, as well as to keep pace, in some measure, with the improvements of the day.

GENERAL TREATMENT—RESTRAINT—RECOVERIES.

The same principles as hitherto continue to be sedulously acted upon, in the general treatment of the patients, and with equally satisfactory results. Every reasonable indulgence is freely afforded to them compatible with their safety and proper discipline; and no restraint, by mechanical means, permitted that can possibly be avoided. One grand principle is ever kept in view, and that is, to act towards them and treat them as if they were perfectly sane,—a principle which is of the utmost importance, not only as regards themselves, but also and especially as regards the attendants who are earnestly importuned

to hold the same steadily in view, in all their intercourse with, and conduct towards, them. The number of recoveries, during the year, it will be seen, amounted to 52, which, on the total number treated, embracing chronic and recent cases, was in the proportion of 14 per cent. nearly, or if calculated on the "new cases" (amongst which the greatest amount of recoveries necessarily occurs) was about 45 per cent.

ADDITIONAL LAND.

In last year's Report, it was mentioned, that it had been agreed upon to purchase some additional land, between the Asylum and the Town, for the reasons therein specified; since then, the purchase of twelve statute acres has been regularly effected and completed, and the ground placed in possession of the Board, which, at the present time, is in course of being properly fenced, the Governors deeming it unnecessary to have it walled in just now, intending to let it for grazing the ensuing season, there being a sufficiency of occupation for the existing amount of patients, on the grounds already enclosed by a wall.

GOVERNORS.

The only change which has taken place on the Board since last year, is that caused by the decease of the late Lieutenant General the Hon. H. R. Pakenham, who died a few weeks since, having been one of the original Governors appointed at the opening of the Asylum, in 1829.

DEATH OF DR. THOMSON.

A removal by death also amongst the Officers of the Institution, has occurred since last year, the Asylum having been thus, unhappily, deprived of the services of the late Dr. Samuel Smith Thomson, its amiable and excellent Visiting Physician since the year 1837, when he was appointed by the Executive to that office, *vice* the late Dr. M'Donnell, resigned (owing to increasing years)—who was so highly and justly celebrated for his devoted attachment to science and scientific pursuits, and

equally so for his philanthropy and rare and superior attainments as a medical practitioner.

The death of Dr. Thomson, so universally lamented, occurred on the 30th of April, 1849, the deceased having been, but a few days before, visiting, stately, at the Asylum; and in the enjoyment, apparently, of his usual excellent health and spirits.

The Governors,* Officers, Domestics, and all others immediately connected with the Asylum, sincerely deplored this sudden and very unexpected removal of so excellent and worthy an official as Dr. Thomson, who, by the extreme amenity of his manners, strict uprightness of conduct and bearing, and exalted professional attainments, had won for himself the good opinion and wishes of every one with whom he came into official contact, or who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The Inmates, generally, sorrowed for his loss, long and unfeignedly, one and all of whom had become greatly attached to him, from that kind and sympathizing demeanour which he so eminently possessed, and which so peculiarly fitted him for a post of duty, at once varied and delicate, and requiring so much tact and skill to perform efficiently and satisfactorily. The Resident Physician himself very unaffectedly and deeply laments the loss of so distinguished and estimable a colleague and sincere friend, one with whom he had been nearly twelve years closely associated,—an association, during which nothing ever occurred, even in the remotest degree, to prevent that cordial harmony and entire

* The following is a copy of a Resolution unanimously passed by the Board, at their first meeting after the death of Dr. Thomson:—

Resolved,—"That this Board, deeply lamenting the sudden removal of their late Visiting Physician, Dr. Samuel Smith Thomson, deem it their duty to record their cordial esteem for his most estimable character as a man, their due appreciation of his distinguished attainments as a medical practitioner, and, above all, their grateful remembrance of his eminently-judicious, humane, faithful, and efficient services, during the last twelve years, as the Visiting Medical Officer of this Asylum."

unity of action which, at all times, and under all circumstances, subsisted between them.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. M'CORMAC.

Soon after Dr. Thomson's decease, Dr. M'Cormac, a long-established and eminent practitioner, of Belfast, was appointed Visiting Physician by the Lord Lieutenant, since which he has been regularly attending the Institution, and taking much interest in its welfare, and the advancement of its benevolent objects.

Dr. Mulholland's duties, it need scarcely be stated, continue to be fulfilled in their usual regular and effective manner.

OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS.

The Establishment was officially inspected on two occasions, during the past year, by the Government Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums, Doctors White and Nugent, who recorded their visits as follow :—

“In my inspection of the Belfast Lunatic Asylum, this day, I found the House itself in its usual state of order and cleanliness, whilst the patients, judiciously employed and carefully attended to, reflect the highest credit on the Resident Physician, Dr. Stewart. This being my first visit since the death of our late amiable and highly-informed Attendant Physician, Dr. Thomson, I deem it but justice to his memory to state, that, with the utmost professional care of the inmates of this establishment, he conducted himself with a delicacy towards the Governors, and various Officers of the Belfast District Asylum, so as to command their unqualified respect and admiration. I trust that the same most desirable system, which heretofore characterized the management and treatment of lunatics, in this Institution, will be continued, satisfactory as it must be to all parties, and eminently beneficial to the patients. In the opinion of the last and previous Board of Governors, on this subject, I heartily concur.

(Signed),

“JOHN NUGENT.

“June 5, 1849.”

" I made my official inspection of the Asylum this day, and was much pleased with the general state of cleanliness and good order which pervade throughout the entire Establishment. The patients appear very happy and comfortable, are well clad, and generally employed in various trades, &c., which produce considerable profit to the Institution, besides being of manifest benefit to the general bodily and mental health of the inmates.

" I feel it, also, my duty to state, in justice to the Resident Physician and Matron, that nothing can exceed their unremitting care and attention to the patients, who appear to be fully sensible of their humanity and kindness towards them. I also feel great pleasure in stating, that the new Physician, Dr. M'Cormac, follows up, to their strictest letter, those philanthropic views, towards the lunatic classes, entertained by his lamented and excellent predecessor, Dr. Thomson ; particularly so in his judicious mode of treatment, in which he is ably assisted by the Resident Physician and Manager, Dr. Stewart. I have pointed out some alterations which I think would lead to considerable improvement, and add to the comfort and convenience of the Asylum, such as water-closets in each of the corridors : the corridors ought to be boarded, as the flagging is uncomfortable and cold, particularly in Winter ; the airing yards should be newly dressed up, and the wood-work all painted, and forms placed in the sheds ; the laundry appears too limited, and ought to be extended, considering the increased number of inmates—amounting to 271, and 28 servants.

(Signed),

" FRANCIS WHITE,

" INSPECTOR OF LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

" *September 29, 1849.*"

CONCLUSION.

The Board will be pleased to accept the Resident Physician's renewed thanks for the able assistance he has always received

from them, in the discharge of his duties, as the responsible Resident Officer of the Asylum, and their continued formal expression of satisfaction with the general management of the Institution.

ROBERT STEWART,

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

Belfast District Asylum,

March 31st, 1850.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

GENERAL TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c., &c.

TABLE VIII.,

*Shewing the admissions, discharges, &c., &c., during the year ended
31st of March, 1850.*

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
In Asylum, 1st April, 1849,	150	114	260
Admitted from 1st April to 31st March, 1850,	55	57	112
Re-admitted, having relapsed,	2	6	8
	57	63	120
	207	177	384
Discharged recovered,	24	28	52
Do. relieved,	11	10	21
Died,	25	18	43
Remaining in Asylum, 31st March, 1850,	147	121	268
	207	177	384

TABLE IX.,

*Shewing the admissions, discharges, &c., from each County in the District,
during the year ended 31st of March, 1850.*

ADMITTED FROM EACH COUNTY.				<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Antrim,				31	30	61
Down,				25	32	57
County of the Town of Carrickfergus, ...				1	1	2
				57	63	120
DISCHARGED TO EACH COUNTY.						
Antrim,				32	26	58
Down,				29	28	57
County of the Town of Carrickfergus, ...				1	0	1
				62	54	116
REMAINING IN ASYLUM, 31st MARCH, 1850.						
Antrim,				66	57	123
Down,				79	61	140
County of the Town of Carrickfergus, ...				2	3	5
				147	121	268

TABLE X.,

Shewing the percentages of discharges and deaths, and the average percentage calculated on the average number of Patients, for twelve years, ended 31st March, 1850.

Years ending 31st March.	Yearly Average number.	RECOVERED.		RELIEVED.		DIED.	
		No. of Cases.	Rate per Cent.	No. of Cases.	Rate per Cent.	No. of Cases.	Rate per Cent.
1839	194.13	58	29.87	7	3.60	16	8.24
1840	217.35	55	25.30	5	2.30	28	12.88
1841	244.67	64	26.15	9	3.67	24	9.80
1842	246.80	72	29.17	11	4.45	27	10.94
1843	249.44	90	36.08	13	5.21	18	7.21
1844	253.15	69	27.25	13	5.13	21	8.29
1845	258.83	68	26.36	21	8.14	40	15.50
1846	252.18	61	24.19	14	5.55	24	9.51
1847	254.96	60	23.53	22	8.62	27	10.58
1848	262.56	81	30.85	15	5.71	47	17.90
1849	271.32	69	25.43	14	5.16	30	11.05
1850	267.51	50	18.68	22	8.22	43	16.07

TABLE XI.,

NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cultivating the ground, ...	66	...	
Weaving, winding, and warping, ...	12	...	
Making and repairing shoes, ...	1	...	
Pumping water, ...	8	...	
Tailoring, ...	3	...	
Sweeping yards, carrying coals, ...	13	...	
Breaking freestone, ...	6	...	
Smith-work, ...	2	...	
Painting, ...	1	...	
Basket-making, ...	1	...	
Spinning, ...	...	20	
Knitting, ...	...	16	
Making and repairing clothing, bedding, &c., ...	...	20	
Embroidering, ...	...	2	
Quilting, ...	...	2	
Washing in laundry, ...	...	14	
Assisting servants, ...	...	10	
	113	84	197

TABLE XII.,

Forms of disease of the total number of Patients remaining in the Asylum on 31st March, 1850.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Mania, ...	108	73	181
Do., complicated with Epilepsy, ...	7	6	13
Mono-mania,—Melancholia, ...	16	18	34
Dementia, ...	17	20	37
Congenital Idiocy, ...	3	0	3
	151	117	268

TABLE XIII.,

Shewing the state of cases remaining in the Asylum, 31st March, 1850.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Convalescent,	} from acute Mania, {	5	11	16
Considered curable,		28	30	58
Doubtful, ...		12	2	14
Considered Chronic cases, from Chronic Mania, } Epilepsy, &c.,		102	78	180
		147	121	268

TABLE XIV.,

Shewing the articles manufactured and made by the Patients during the year.

2,399 Hanks Linen Yarn.	31 Men's Jackets.
100 Hanks Thread.	25 Pairs Trousers.
1,610 Yards Plain Linen.	12 Vests.
386 Yards Twilled Linen.	143 Shirts.
109 Yards Twilled Calico.	126 Shifts.
102 Yards Gingham.	93 Aprons.
34 Yards Ticken.	105 Petticoats.
66 Yards Chequer.	97 Day Caps.
442 Pairs Stockings.	76 Handkerchiefs.
80 Pairs List Do.	20 Gowns.
82 Pairs Sheets.	

TABLE XVI.

<i>An Account of the Expenditure and Produce of the Lands of the BELFAST DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, for one year, being from 1st April, 1849, to 31st March, 1850.</i>									
EXPENDITURE.					PRODUCE.				
To Seed Potatoes, ...	...	...	£20	5 10	By 314 Cwt. Potatoes, used in establishment, at 4s per cwt., ...	£62	16	0	
" Seed Oats, ...	...	...	...	1 12 0	" 79 Cwt. do. (damaged), sold at various prices, ...	6	4	7	£69 0 7
" Seeds and Plants, ...	...	...	...	9 6 6	" 73 Cwt. Oats, used in establishment, at 5s 9d per cwt., ...	£20	19	9	
" Tithe, ...	...	...	...	3 16 6	" 89 Cwt. Do., sold at 5s 6d per cwt., ...	24	9	6	
" Shovels, Hooks, Rakes, Sacks, &c.,	...	...	3	1 10	" 21 Cwt. Do., do. at 6s per cwt., ...	6	6	0	
" Bran, ...	...	...	3	18 9	" 68 Cwt. Do., do. at 6s 1d per cwt., ...	20	13	8	£72 8 11
" Shoeing Market-Horse, ...	...	...	1	13 4	" 420 Cwt. Oat Straw, used in establishment, at 1s 6d, ...	31	10	0	
" Wheelbarrows, ...	...	...	4	10 0	" 240 Cwt. Hay do., do., at 2s 6d per cwt., ...	30	0	0	
" Repairing Cart, ...	...	...	3	0 0	" Manure, valued at ...	15	0	0	
" Balance, ...	...	...	£51	4 9	" Vegetables Sold, ...	£52	17	3	
			260	4 7	" Do. used in establishment, ...	39	2	7	£91 19 10
			...	...	" Osier Rods made into Baskets, ...	1	10	0	
			£311	9 4	" Balance, ...	£311	9	4	
						£260	4	7	

TABLE XVII.

D I E T A R Y

OF THE

BELFAST DISTRICT ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE POOR.

B R E A K F A S T .


One quart stirabout, and	}	Males.	} Every Morning.	
Three-fourths of a pint mixed milk,				
One and half pint stirabout, and	}	Females.		
One-half pint mixed milk,				

D I N N E R .

One-half pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes), six ounces solid meat, and one pint soup,	}	Males and Females.	} One day a-week.
One-half pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes), and one quart soup (made with ox heads, vegetables, oatmeal, barley, and pease),			
One-half pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes), and one and half pint soup,	}	Males. Females.	} Five days a-week.
Three-fourths of a pound loaf bread (or 3½lbs. potatoes), and one pint mixed milk,			
One-half pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes), and one pint mixed milk,	}	Males. Females.	} One day a-week.

S U P P E R .

One-half pound loaf bread, and	}	Males.	}	Summer Six Months.
Three-fourths of a pint mixed milk,				
One-half pound loaf bread, and	}	Females.		
One-half pint mixed milk,				
One quart stirabout, and	}	Males.	}	Winter Six Months.
Three-fourths of a pint new milk,				
One and half pint stirabout, and	}	Females.		
One-half pint new milk,				

 Convalescent Patients who are actively employed, are allowed a portion of meat, in addition to the soup, five days in the week. When the state of the Patients' health requires it, the diet is changed accordingly, and any other substituted that may be considered requisite by the Medical Officers.

REPORTS RECEIVED.

THE following Reports were received, during the past year :—

IRISH ASYLUMS.

- 1.—ARMAGH DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, twenty-third Annual Report (Sheet) for 1849,—Thomas Jackson, Manager.
- 2.—CARLOW DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, sixteenth Annual Report for 1849 (Pamphlet pp. 19),—M. E. White, A.M., M.D., Resident Medical Superintendent.
- 3.—CLONMEL DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Report for 1849 (Sheet),—James Flynn, M.D., T.C.D., Manager.
- 4.—LONDONDERRY DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Report for 1849 (Pamphlet pp. 10),—David Cluff, Manager.
- 5.—MARYBOROUGH DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Report for 1849 (Sheet),—William Abbott, Manager.
- 6.—PRIVATE LUNATIC ASYLUMS IN IRELAND, Government Report, 1850 (Folio pp. 7),—Francis White, M.D., and John Nugent, M.D., Government Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

ENGLISH ASYLUMS.

- 7.—BETHLEHEM ROYAL HOSPITAL, General Annual Report for 1848 (Pamphlet pp. 73),—E. T. Munro, M.D., and A. Morrison, Knt., M.D., Physicians.
- 8.—CHESHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Report for 1848, pp. 7,—Frederick Fitch, M.D., Resident Medical Superintendent.
- 9.—COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY, Lord Ashley's letter on the part of, to the Lord Chancellor, respecting their duties and practice, pp. 12.
- 10.—CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND ASYLUM AT DUNSTON-LODGE, Annual Report for 1849, pp. 24,—Thomas Eccleston, Resident Surgeon, and J. E. Wilkinson, Superintendent.
- 11.—DORSET COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Report for 1849, pp. 34,—G. P. Button, M.D., Resident Physician.
- 12.—GLOUCESTER COUNTY PRIVATE LUNATIC ASYLUMS, Fifth Report, 1850, pp. 19, by Purnell B. Purnell, County Chairman.
- 13.—KENT COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM AT MAIDSTONE, Reports for the years 1847 and 1848, and to July, 1849,—James E. Huxley, M.D., Resident Medical Officer and Superintendent.
- 14.—LANCASTER COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Report, June, 1849, pp. 10, —John Broadhurst, Surgeon and Superintendent.
- 15.—LUKE'S (ST.) HOSPITAL FOR LUNATICS, Annual Report for 1848, pp. 14, —J. Nash, Resident Medical Superintendent.
- 16.—OXFORDSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Reports to December, 1848, pp. 25, and 1849, pp. 49,—William Ley, Medical Officer and Superintendent.

- 17.—SALOP AND MONTGOMERY LUNATIC ASYLUM, fourth Annual Report and Supplement to ditto, for 1848, pp. 31,—Richard Oliver, M.D., Medical Superintendent.
- 18.—SOMERSET COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, first Report to December, 1848, pp. 52,—Robert Boyd, M.D., Superintendent.
- 19.—STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, thirty-first Annual Report (Sheet) to December, 1849,—Mr. Wilkes, Resident Medical Superintendent.
- 20.—SUFFOLK LUNATIC ASYLUM, eleventh and twelfth Annual Reports to December, 1848 and 1849, pp. 28 and 29,—John Kirkman, M.D., Medical Superintendent.
- 21.—SURREY LUNATIC ASYLUM, seventh Annual Report to December, 1848, pp. 51,—Joseph Holland and Charles Snape, Resident Medical Officers.
- 22.—WARNEFORD HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE AT OXFORD, December, 1849 (Sheet Report),—F. T. Wintle, M.D., Resident Medical Superintendent.
- 23.—YORK (FRIENDS') RETREAT, fifty-third Annual Report, June, 1849, pp. 20,—J. Thurnam, M.D., Medical Superintendent.
- 24.—YORKSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS, second Annual Report to December, 1848, pp. 28,—Samuel Hill, Medical Superintendent.
- 25.—YORKSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR WEST RIDING, Special Report (Sheet), dated 3d November, 1849, relative to the appearance of Cholera amongst the Inmates,—C. C. Corsellis, M.D., Director.

SCOTCH ASYLUMS.

- 26.—ABERDEEN LUNATIC ASYLUM, Annual Report, pp. 26, April, 1849,—J. F. Ogilvie, M.D., Resident Medical Officer and Superintendent.
- 27.—CRICHTON ROYAL INSTITUTION FOR LUNATICS, at DUMFRIES, tenth Annual Report, pp. 46, November, 1849,—W. A. F. Browne, M.D., Resident Physician.
- 28.—DUNDEE ROYAL ASYLUM FOR LUNATICS, twenty-ninth Annual Report, pp. 75, June, 1849,—T. F. Wingett, M.D., Medical Superintendent.
- 29.—GLASGOW ROYAL ASYLUM FOR LUNATICS, thirty-fifth Annual Report, pp. 20, to December, 1848,—William Hutcheson, M.D., Physician and Superintendent.
- 30.—MORNINGSIDE MIRROR (Monthly Periodical), conducted by Inmates of Edinburgh Royal Asylum.
- 31.—PERTH (JAMES MURRAY'S,) ROYAL ASYLUM, twenty-third Annual Report, pp. 23, June, 1849,—Paul Pierides, M.D., Resident Medical Officer.

FOREIGN ASYLUMS.

- 32.—NETHERLANDS' LUNATIC ASYLUMS, Government Inspectors' Report for 1847.