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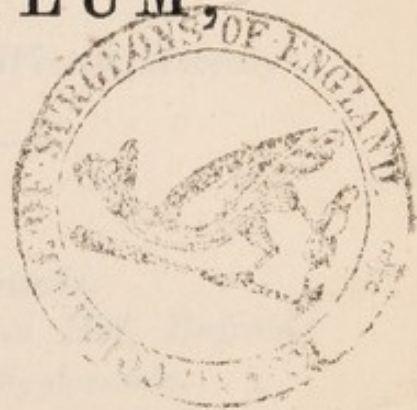
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*To Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the
United Counties of Bedford, Hertford, and
Huntingdon, in Quarter Sessions assembled.*

REPORT

Of the Committee of Visitors elected to superintend the Building and Erection of a New Asylum for Pauper Lunatics, for the said Counties, called the "Three Counties Asylum."

As it is now nearly five years since this Committee was appointed, and as those portions of their proceedings which they have from time to time reported to the several Courts of Quarter Session may probably have escaped the recollection of many of the Justices of the Three Counties, a general summary of their transactions will perhaps be expected.

The Courts of Quarter Session will remember that at the Michaelmas Sessions, 1855, they appointed a joint Committee of Justices of the three said Counties of Bedford, Hertford, and Huntingdon, to treat for the uniting of the said

Counties for providing a Lunatic Asylum under and for the purposes of "The Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853," and of the Act 18 & 19 Vict. Cap. 105, to amend the same.

This Committee having agreed to the terms of Union, the same were afterwards approved by Sir George Grey, Baronet, the then Secretary of State for the Home Department, and reported to the ensuing Epiphany Quarter Sessions; on which the three Courts of Quarter Sessions proceeded to appoint this Committee, for the purposes of superintending the building and erection of a new Asylum.

The Committee held their first meeting on the 14th day of January, 1860, when they elected Marlborough Pryor, Esq., as their Chairman. The Committee subsequently appointed Mr. Samuel Wing, for their Clerk, and proceeded to put in execution the powers vested in them by the several Quarter Sessions.

Their first attention was devoted to finding a site for the Asylum, and for this purpose they entered into negotiations with several owners of property in the neighbourhood of Hitchin. Various offers of land were made to them, and the Committee after having visited and most carefully examined each of them, finally decided in selecting a portion of an estate belonging to Colonel Wilkinson, situate in the parish of

Stotfold, in the County of Bedford, distant about 5 miles from Hitchin. This property consisted of 200 acres, and was partly freehold, and partly copyhold.

The Committee likewise purchased of Mr. Joseph King, a small farm of about 56 acres, in the adjoining parish of Arlesey, in the same County, lying between the land already bought of Colonel Wilkinson, and the road leading from Hitchin to Arlesey, the object being to obtain a ready access to this road, and by an exchange of a piece of land with William Sloane Stanley, Esq., the Committee were finally enabled to obtain a junction with the Great Northern Railway itself.

This property including the cost of the enfranchisement of the copyhold Lands, and compensation to the tenants, has been obtained for £15775. or £61. 12s. per acre ; which does not in any respect exceed its fair value.

This Estate possesses every convenience that can possibly be required for an Asylum, viz :— a fine gravelly soil, a proper elevation, a suitable aspect, and a good supply of water ; and the Committee assure the Courts that the experience of the last five years has quite confirmed their choice.

The Commissioners in Lunacy having reported favourably of this Land, and the approval of Sir

George Grey, the then Home Secretary, having been obtained, the purchase was completed, and the Land conveyed to

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in trust for the purposes of the Act of Parliament.

Having obtained possession of the property, the Committee caused a suitable road and foot-path to be made through the Estate from the village of Arlesey to the intended site of the New Asylum, and parallel with this road they had a tramway constructed, connected with the Great Northern Railway by a Siding, which, with a weigh-house, weigh-bridge, and other conveniences the Committee have taken from the Arlesey Cement Company, on a 999 year's lease, for a certain sum paid down, and a nominal rent. These works were executed under the superintendance of Mr. Benjamin Burleigh, C. E.

The Committee were induced to have the tramway laid down thus early, to afford an easy transit, for the conveyance of Building materials, so as to diminish the cost of the Asylum; and in this they have reason to know that they were successful.

In compliance with the order of the three Courts of Quarter Sessions, the Committee entered into correspondence with Mr. Hill, the Resident Medical Superintendent of the North and East Ridings Asylum; and having agreed with him to employ Mr. George Fowler Jones, of the City of York, as their Architect, they directed them jointly to prepare plans for a Lunatic Asylum to afford accomodation for five hundred patients. Accordingly Mr. Hill and Mr. Jones presented their plans to the Committee, which after mature discussion and some alterations, met their approval; but on referring them to the Commissioners in Lunacy, certain changes were suggested, in order to bring the Building into conformity with their printed regulations. A long correspondence ensued, and finally the plans were agreed to by all parties, and sanctioned by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Jones having prepared the working plans, the Committee thereupon directed advertisements to be inserted in several Newspapers of large circulation, inviting public competition for the execution of the works; and on opening the Tenders, they unanimously agreed to accept that of Mr Webster, of Boston, for £53,626. The first sod was turned by the Chairman, on the 1st May, 1857, and the work proceeded rapidly; but it soon became evident that the Architect, unaware of the pot holes which

so frequently occur in chalk subsoils, had miscalculated the depth of the foundations. The Committee therefore at once determined that the excavations should be carried sufficiently deep, as to render the walls perfectly secure; though this has increased considerably the cost of the main Building.

The Committee devoted their constant attention to the Building during its erection; and to do this more effectually, they appointed a Building Committee, consisting of a smaller number of their own body, who were thus able to meet more frequently than the General Committee, to watch more minutely the progress of the Works, and to examine and report upon the Accounts.

During this time it was deemed expedient by the Committee to make certain alterations and additions to the original plans and specifications, for the more fully completing the entire work, in order to carry out the intention of providing a perfect Establishment. At this time also the attention of the Committee was directed to the supply of water for the use of the Asylum; the well which was lowered to the depth of 90 feet did not upon trial, yield the quantity of water which was expected, they therefore, acting upon the advice of the Rev. J. C. Clutterbuck, a gentleman who has given much attention to the subject of water supply, (which was most kindly

offered them through the Chairman) instead of increasing the depth, caused adits in a southerly direction to be made under the superintendance of Mr Burleigh, which they trust has been attended with success.

That no delay should occur in the opening of the Asylum, the subject of the fittings and furniture, and the clothing of the Patients, &c., were early brought under the consideration of the Committee; who, feeling the importance of having the assistance of an experienced person, determined without waiting for the opening of the Asylum, to appoint at once the Resident Medical Superintendent, and their choice fell upon Mr. William Denne, at that time the Resident Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Bedford. With his assistance, coupled with much information which was obtained by members of the Committee, who took upon themselves the task of visiting other Lunatic Asylums for this purpose, full Lists were made out, and Tenders prepared: these were from time to time opened and agreed to, and the Committee are perfectly satisfied with the result, and they believe they will be found equal if not superior to those in any other Asylum. During the last year the Committee have been employed in laying out the grounds, and settling what part should be planted for the gardens, and what should be set apart for Farm purposes. A Burying Ground was also

fixed upon: it consists of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre, adjoining the North East boundary of the property, and the Bishop of the Diocese has licensed the same, intimating that he would consecrate it, the first time that he has occasion to visit this part of his diocese.

The staff of Officers required, for the management of the Asylum was also settled, their salaries determined upon, and the following appointments were made, viz:—

MR. WILLIAM DENNE... Resident Medical
Superintendent.

MRS. DENNE..... Matron.

THE REV. JAMES ACTON
BUTT, M.A. Chaplain

MR. JOHN DRURY Assistant Medical
Officer

MR. JOHN BARNES Steward

and the Attendants, both Male and Female, were hired, and the scale of their wages settled.

The General Rules for the management of the Asylum, in conformity with the 16 & 17 Vict. cap. 97, sec. 53, were drawn up and agreed to, and

the necessary sanction of the Secretary of State for the Home department obtained; so that on the 23rd March, when the Committee received the following Certificate from their Architect, Mr. Geo. Fowler Jones, viz:—

“I have the honor to inform you that
 “the above Asylum, and other Works con-
 “nected therewith, have been duly erected
 “by Mr. Webster, the Contractor, and finally
 “completed on the first day of March, to my
 “entire satisfaction.”

they were enabled to declare the Asylum open for the reception of Patients, although in the Out Buildings there were many things still incomplete; thinking that the inconveniences that might arise, were small, in comparison to the advantages to the Poor Law Unions of the several Counties, in having their Patients at as early a date as possible removed to the Asylum.

It will be in the remembrance of the several Courts of Quarter Sessions for the three Counties, that at their Easter Sessions, 1857, the Committee reported their proceedings to that day, with the following Estimate of the supposed amount likely to be required, and necessary to be raised by the united Counties, for the purposes of the New Asylum, viz:—

	£.	s.	d.
Purchase of Land and enfranchisement of copyhold Lands	15080	0	0
Compensation to Tenants.....	687	0	0
Road and Tramway, including Arlesey Cement Company's Siding, Weigh-house, and Weigh-bridge.....	3080	0	0
Contract price for construction of Main Buildings and Offices	53626	0	0
Cost of Construction of Lodges Farm Buildings, Gas-house, &c.	4000	0	0
Plantations and earth works...	1169	0	0
Sinking Well	297	0	0
Capital for cultivation of Land	1500	0	0
Architect and Clerk of the Works	3291	0	0
Law Charges, including stamp duties	500	0	0
Furniture, Fixtures, Clothing, &c.,	8770	0	0
Contingent expenses, including miscellaneous charges....	3000	0	0
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Total amount of Estimate ...	£95000	0	0
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It will be also in the recollection of the three Courts of Quarter Sessions, that on the 10th of October, 1859, the Committee made a further report

to them, containing a supplemental Estimate amounting to £15000. At this time, the Committee firmly believed that they were asking for a sufficient sum to cover every additional expense, but unfortunately such has not been the case, and they have now to apply for a further sum of £5000 to enable them to close the Building Accounts. The details of the expenditure will be laid before the Easter Sessions, together with the annual abstract of expenses required by Statute 16 & 17 Vict. c. 97, s. 58. The proportion of such sum to each County being as follows:—

	£.	s.	d.
Bedfordshire.....	1638	0	5
Hertfordshire	2429	15	10
Huntingdonshire	932	3	9
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	£5000	0	0
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This will complete the cost of the whole Building. Although the amount may be larger than was originally contemplated, the Committee think they may without boasting of their own merits, congratulate the three Counties in having an Asylum as complete, if not more so, than any County Asylum that has yet been erected for pauper Lunatics. And the Committee trust, that with God's Blessing, it may not only afford a home for the incurable, but that very many patients may leave it cured of the most painful affliction that can befall man.

During the time that has elapsed since the Committee were appointed in 1856, they have to deplore the loss of the following most efficient members of their body : viz.—of

ROBERT LINDSELL, ESQ.

WILLIAM FRANKS, ESQ.

FRANCIS LESLIE PYM, ESQ.

The Committee also lost at an early date the services of JOHN HARVEY, ESQ. of Ickwell Bury; who, after having greatly interested himself in promoting the erection of the New Asylum for the three Counties, was obliged to resign, in consequence of going abroad.

The Asylum as the Committee have already stated, was opened for the reception of new patients on the 2nd of April, and the rate of maintenance for the first Quarter was fixed at 9s. a week. On the 30th March, the whole of the patients were successfully removed from the old Asylum at Bedford, and the Committee were much indebted to the authorities of the Midland and Great Northern Railway Companies for the assistance they rendered. The patients who had been sent from the old Asylum at Bedford to the Worcester & Fisherton Asylums, viz.—30 Males and 28 Females, were shortly after brought in, and 127 new Patients, viz.—51 Males and 76 Females, have been received from the several Unions in the united Counties.

There have been 28 Patients discharged, viz. 10 Males and 18 Females: of whom 26, viz. 8 Males and 18 Females were recovered; 1 Male relieved, and 1 Male removed to another Asylum. There are at this time 6 Females absent upon trial.

The Deaths since the opening of the Asylum have been—

Males.....	26
Females....	11
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Total	37
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the number is large, but it is caused most probably by the excitement consequent upon the removal; for the patients in general have been remarkably free from illness.

The numbers in the Asylum at the date of this Report are—

Males.....	188
Females....	234
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Total	422 viz :—
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	Males.	Females.	Total.
From Bedfordshire.....	74	82	156
„ Hertfordshire	80	107	187
„ Huntingdonshire	29	41	70
„ Borough of Bedford	5	4	9
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	188	234	422
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On the 19th of April, 1860, two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum, and left the following Report.

“This Asylum was opened for the reception of patients on the 2nd instant, but previous to that date, 308 patients had been removed from the Old Asylum at Bedford. The Admissions since the opening have amounted to 19, and within the same period 4 deaths have occurred. No patient has been discharged. There are 323 patients at present.

“We have gone over all the Wards, and personally examined every patient. We found the inmates remarkably quiet, and we understand that their removal to the more cheerful Wards of this building, has had a beneficial effect.

“The institution has been opened so short a time, that a complete organization of the various departments, cannot of course be expected; much progress has however been made within the building, and the Wards are clean and in good order. The beds and bedding are of a very good description, and we are glad to hear that Mr. Denne intends gradually to discontinue the use of straw mattresses. The general furniture is still scanty, but all that has been supplied is of very good quality.

“We have no doubt that the deficiencies now existing will receive early consideration, but it may be well here to mention the points which appeared to us to require the earliest attention. We therefore recommend that—

“The airing Courts should be levelled without delay, as they at present are unsafe for feeble and paralytic patients.

“The number of chairs and comfortable seats with backs, should be greatly increased, especially in the Wards used for epileptic and feeble patients.

“A stock of Books and Periodicals is much required, and generally the means of amusement should be increased.

“We saw the patients at dinner, and tasted the food, consisting of meat and potatoe pies, which were very good, and well cooked; we noticed however that beer was not allowed. Beer is given to the working patients at luncheon, daily, and all receive half a pint on Sunday.

“Prayers are read daily by the Chaplain, who also holds Bible Classes occasionally. The conduct of the patients is described as being very orderly, and we think it would prove beneficial, if he could presently organize Schools for elementary instruction. A number of patients of both sexes are already employed in various ways.

“The present advanced state of the Asylum shows the great interest taken in it by the Committee of Visitors ; and great credit is due to the Superintendent and Matron, for the zeal and activity they display in its management.

W. G. CAMPBELL, } Commissioners
JAMES WILKES, } in Lunacy.

Many of the Articles recommended, were at that very time, in course of preparation, and have since been provided.

The Committee report an Agreement they have made with the Borough of Bedford, for the reception of their Lunatic patients, upon payment of 5s. per head, per week, as rent, besides the usual weekly rate of payment for maintenance.

During the progress of the building, the land was cultivated under the superintendance of a bailiff and by paid labourers, and as soon as the Asylum was opened, a new system was introduced, and after some few experiments, it was thought better to place the Farm and Garden under the special superintendance of a sub-committee appointed for that purpose, and the patients are now employed as much as possible, under the inspection of the attendants ; and it is a very gratifying sight to see numbers of men working happily on different parts of the Farm, forgetful for a time of their unhappy condition.

The Committee are looking forward with confidence to the time, when the profits of the Farm

will enable them to make a reduction in the cost of maintenance, and so fulfil the expectation that was raised, when the building of a New Asylum was first projected.

Besides those who work on the Farm, a considerable number of the patients are daily employed in the Laundries and Workshops, and the remainder whose imbecility renders them incapable of work, are amused in either the Day Rooms or large Airing Courts.

Beyond the temporary seclusion of a padded room, there are no means of restraint in use in the Asylum.

The labors of the Chaplain, who enters most zealously into his work, are very satisfactory; the numbers who attend the Sunday services, average—

Males... 95

Females.... 72

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Total 167
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besides which, he has instituted Bible Classes, and Singing Classes, which are much valued by the patients, and he has also under his charge, a lending Library, which is much prized by those who can read.

The Committee cannot conclude this report without expressing their high opinion of the Resident Medical Superintendent, and of the other Officers of the Asylum, who, by their unwearied exertions and incessant watchfulness have overcome all the difficulties and anxieties concurrent with the opening of a New Asylum, and the removal of so large a number of patients at one time, from the Old Asylum at Bedford.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of Visitors,

MARLBOROUGH PRYOR,

Chairman.

Three Counties Asylum,

24th December, 1860.

The Committee cannot include the report
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Old Asylum at Bedford. We have the honor to
inform you that your report will be laid before the
Signed on behalf of the Committee of Visitors

Wm. A. LIBBONOUGH, TROU
Chairman
The Board of Trustees
The Asylum, Bedford, 1851

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APPENDIX

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REPORT

OF THE

RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Committee of Visitors of the Three Counties Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the first Report to the Chairman and Committee of Visitors, the Medical Superintendent's earnest desire is, that it may be viewed as the fragments of a broken year, with the imperfect results of nine months arduous labour, in the organization and management of the Asylum.

The Architect having reported the building to be in a fit state for occupation in the beginning of March; on the 5th of that month, although it was still in a most unfinished state, the Medical Superintendent, Matron, and a small Staff took possession, and commenced at once to prepare for the reception of Patients.

On the 8th, 6 males and 6 females were brought from the old Asylum. By the 15th, sufficient was accomplished to allow a further draft of 44 males and 44 females. On the 30th through the accommodation of the Midland and Great Northern Railways, the remaining 208 patients were transferred from Bedford by a special Train, without a casualty of the most trifling character having occurred. On the second of April, the Asylum was opened for the admission of Patients from the several Unions in the Three Counties.

On the 31st of December, in addition to the above, 82 males and 104 females had been received, making a total of 494,—224 males and 270 females. Of these 30 males and 28 females were re-admitted, the former from the Worcester County Asylum, and the latter from Fisherton House, Salisbury. Of the 128, from other sources, 36 had been inmates of other Asylums, and 28 reported to have had previous attacks.

In the Appendix (C) will be found the Statistics for the nine months.

The forms of mental disorder with the numerous complications will be shown in Table 11. Thirty one patients were discharged recovered, two were removed to other Asylums. Of the 38 deaths, 25 were caused by Paralysis, Epilepsy, and Apoplexy: 4 by Pulmonary Consumption, 3 Dysentery, 2 Diarrhœa, and 4 by General Debility.

One casualty only occurred worthy of remark, that of a fractured arm in a female, who fell in an Epileptic fit.

The interest excited in many of the patients in assisting at the opening of the Asylum and the continued call for labour in the garden, has induced many voluntarily to lend their aid; amongst them may be seen those, who have for years idled away their time in an airing court. Not that the insane can be looked upon as able bodied: those affected (even slightly) with paralysis, are not equal to any extent of labour, inasmuch as this would soon reduce the physical strength to such low degree, as to endanger life.

Ample opportunity is now offered for artizans and others to keep up a knowledge of their trade, such as Carpenters, Shoemakers, Tailors, &c.

The Females are also occupied in the Laundry, Kitchen, and at Needlework generally.

Due attention is paid to diversion of various sorts:—the Men to between thirty and forty, take a walk into the country on Sunday, and the Females do the same, during the week.

Entertainments in the evening are held every fortnight, when dancing and other means of amusement are adopted.

The Band formed by the attendants forms a praiseworthy part of their duty, for the comfort of the patients.

To the Christmas parties an addition was made to the supper of sandwiches, cake, &c., and a representation of the Ethiopian Serenaders was got up by the attendants.

A great source of comfort has been afforded to all by the appointment of a Resident Chaplain: and one who so readily adapts himself to the peculiarities of the insane, could not be found, and whose calmness and christian kindness endears him alike to the sane as well as the insane. In the REV. MR. BUTT, your Medical Superintendent has a benevolent, kind, judicious colleague.

The Medical Superintendent has been ably assisted by the Officers, Attendants, and Servants throughout the whole period since the opening.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient and faithful Servant,

WILLIAM DENNE.

February, 1860.

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APPENDIX

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REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

To the Committee of Visitors of the Three Counties Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to lay before you the first report of my duties, as Chaplain to the Three Counties Asylum; and I feel a pleasure in doing so, because it affords me an opportunity of testifying to the spirit in which those duties have been received.

I would report first of the services in the Chapel. These have been maintained strictly both on Sundays and other days, according to the tenor of instructions received from you. Nothing can exceed not only the good behaviour of the Patients during these services, but also the real devotional spirit, with which they engage in them. Their attendance (which I have noted below) has been steadily upon the increase; and the good effect, which these services have upon most of them, is evidenced in many ways—by their expressions of gratitude for the privilege of God's worship, and by their remembrance of lessons which I have been permitted to teach them.

The Holy Communion has been administered 5 times between April and December. The annexed table will shew the steady increase in the number of Recipients. Some few of these have never been Communicants before their coming amongst us. The joy and readiness, with which all who are able to participate, hail each recurring celebration, is an earnest that they enter upon this sacred ordinance with a due appreciation of its benefits.

My Afternoon on Sunday is occupied with a School for the benefit of the Attendants' children. Many of

the Attendants, who live near the Asylum, are at some distance from any Parochial School. I therefore considered it my duty to open a School for their children, and I find that it is prized not only by these, but also by other Attendants' children living at a distance.

I hold for the benefit of the Patients, two classes for instruction in the Bible, and one or two (as occasion serves) for instruction in singing, every week. The time for their assembling is half-past two: and each class lasts the greater part of an hour. Both Male and Female Patients attend together with a suitable number of Attendants for each. Though I have had as many as 40 congregated together in my class-room there has never yet occurred anything to interrupt the object of our Meeting. The Bible Class is begun and closed with prayer, and assumes somewhat the character of a cottage lecture. Each Patient reads a verse in his turn, and by far the greater number of those who attend, read very fairly. When the reading is finished, it is my endeavour to thrust home the lessons which have been most prominent: and, this ended, I allow any to converse with me upon what we have read. The comments, which they make, are oftentimes such as to lead one to believe, that they understand fully what has been said, and derive comfort therefrom.

The subject of my singing classes is Sacred Music; we meet together to prepare principally what we purpose singing on the following Sunday. My object in this, is, that they may each take their part in the Sunday services, and take delight in them; and I am thankful to say, I find this object fully answered. Thus their assembling together in these Classes serves a twofold purpose; First, to instruct them in the ways of godliness, and in the due celebration of Divine worship; Secondly, to comfort them, by relieving somewhat the tediousness of hours, that might otherwise hang heavily on their hands.

In reporting of the success, which has attended the Lending Library, I would thank you, Gentlemen, especially

for the support, which you have given me in this matter. The grant, which you placed in my hands, enabled me to form a Library, which together with a few books removed here from the former Library, at the Bedford Asylum, consisted of 178 vols., selected principally from those published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. These I distribute once a week: and my book shows, since the Library was opened May 29th, 1037 entries, or the monthly average 148. This of itself will prove how this Library is appreciated; moreover the books themselves testify that they are not taken out merely to be brought back without being read. Two vols. only have been destroyed, and three lost.

My attention has been drawn specially to several Patients, to none of whom have my visits been distasteful, and to many they have been attended with evident comfort and blessing.

There have been 30 Burials in the Cemetery during the last year. I cannot report in too high terms of the manner, in which all funerals are conducted. There are always present the requisite number of Attendants; and they perform their duties with such decency and respect, as is seldom witnessed on similar occasions elsewhere. For this excellent arrangement we are indebted to the Resident Medical Superintendent.

Indeed, Gentlemen, I feel that, if under God I have been the instrument of doing anything for the comfort and advancement of those, who through you have been committed to my care, my labours have been furthered and eased immensely through the Resident Medical Superintendent's most hearty co-operation and sympathy. And not only so, but by the good example which he sets before all, by his most scrupulous regularity in his attendance at Chapel, and his consistency in all matters which more immediately affect my duties, my hands have been greatly strengthened.

While, therefore, I am mindful of God's blessing upon my labours, I cannot but express my deep sense of the obligation I owe to him. To other of the officers who have given me a helping hand, and to all who have extended a kindly feeling towards me, my thanks are most justly due.

With every feeling of respect, and with sincere gratitude for the extreme courtesy, which I have met with at your hands.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obliged and faithful Servant,
JAMES ACTON BUTT.

TABLE I.

		M.	F.	T.
Number of Patients.	in April	143	164	307
	in December	186	237	423
Members of Church of England		123	154	277
Wesleyans		10	21	31
Baptists		15	18	33
Independents		4	8	12
Presbyterians		1	1	2
Roman Catholics.....		3	1	4
Not ascertained		30	34	64
Total.....		186	237	423
Average attendance at Chapel. } between April and December		95	72	167

TABLE II.

Months.	No. of Names on Books of those attending Bible and Singing Classes.		Of those attending these Classes.				Attendance at Holy Communion.		Of those attending Holy Communion.			
			Discharged		Dead.				Discharged		Dead.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.	M.	F.
April	11	13					3	2				
May	17	22					5	6				
June.....	23	30										
July.....	26	33										
August ...	29	38					7	12				
September..	33	43								1		1
October ...	33	48					6	15	1	2		
November..	34	53										
December..	34	56	2	15	2	1	9	16		6		

Total No. of Communicants with Officers. } in April ... 10
 „ May ... 16
 „ August . 24
 „ October. 27
 „ December 36

APPENDIX

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STATISTICAL TABLES

BY THE

RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TABLE I.

GENERAL RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

ADMISSIONS.				M.	F.	T.
Patients received and under treatment from March 8th, to December, 31st.				224	270	494
MOVED DURING THAT TIME.						
Recovered	M.	F.	T.			
Removed to other Asylums...	9	22	31			
	2		2			
Died	11	22	33			
	27	11	38			
	38	33	71	38	33	71
Remaining in the Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1860				186	237	423

TABLE II.

NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING EACH MONTH IN THE YEAR.

Months.	Admissions.			Discharges.			Deaths.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
March	142	166	308				1		1
April	12	11	23	1	1	2	2	3	5
May	8	14	22	2	2	4	3	2	5
June	34	30	64		1	1	4	1	5
July	12	8	20		2	2	5	2	7
August	4	12	16	1	1	2	1		1
September	2	8	10	2	2	4	3	1	4
October	4	8	12	2	8	10	4	1	5
November	4	6	10		1	1	2		2
December	2	7	9	3	4	6	2	1	3
Total	224	270	494	11	22	33	27	11	38

TABLE III.

Age.	M.	F.	T.
From 10 to 20 years	14	13	27
„ 20 to 30 „	34	44	78
„ 30 to 40 „	52	69	121
„ 40 to 50 „	49	49	98
„ 50 to 60 „	35	42	77
„ 60 to 70 „	24	31	55
„ 70 to 80 „	9	11	20
„ 80 to 90 „	1	5	6
Not ascertained	6	6	12
Total.....	224	270	494

TABLE IV.

Social Condition.	M.	F.	T.
Single	137	152	289
Married	62	78	140
Widowers	18		18
Widows		34	34
Not ascertained	7	6	13
Total.....	224	270	494

TABLE V.

Religious Persuasion.	M.	F.	T.
Church of England.....	142	174	316
Wesleyan.....	14	27	41
Baptist.....	21	22	43
Independent	6	8	14
Presbyterian	2	1	3
Roman Catholic	3	1	4
Not ascertained	36	37	73
Total.....	224	270	494

TABLE VI.

Degree of Education.	M.	F.	T.
Can Read and Write	86	82	168
Can Read.....	50	86	136
Cannot Read or Write	58	57	115
Not ascertained	30	45	75
Total.....	224	270	494

TABLE VII.—STATION OR OCCUPATION.

Males.	No.	Females.	No.
Labourers	115	Servants	56
Law Clerk.....	1	Lacemakers	17
Bonnet Pressers	2	Plaiters	26
Grooms	3	Bonnet Sewers	13
Bakers	3	Dressmakers	6
Miller	1	Sempstresses	6
Gardeners	6	Washerwomen	2
Shoemakers	7	Charwomen.....	5
Tailors	10	Travelling Hawker.....	1
Carpenters.....	7	Wives of Labourers	46
Wheelwrights	2	„ Carpenters	4
Butcher.....	1	Widows of Labourers	8
Painter	1	Daughters of Farmers.....	2
Cow and Horse-keeper.....	2	„ Labourers	8
Son of Tailor.....	1	„ Publicans	2
„ Carpenter	1	Shoebinders.....	2
„ Farmer	1	Druggist's Wife	1
„ Labourer	6	Crape Worker.....	1
Basket Makers	2	Wife of Tailor.....	1
Cooper	1	No occupation.....	63
Parchment Maker.....	1		
Carrier	1		
Fishmonger	1		
Letter Carrier	1		
Grocer	1		
Saddler	1		
Bricklayer	3		
Blacksmiths	2		
Wireworker	1		
Schoolmaster.....	1		
Sailor.....	1		
Gamekeeper	1		
Tinman	1		
Soldiers	5		
Farmer	1		
Commercial Traveller	1		
No occupation	28		
Total... ..	224	Total... ..	270

TABLE VIII.—MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR.

Form of Disease, "Mental."	Age.		Cause of Death.	Time under treatment.
	M.	F.		
Melancholia	26		Pulmonary Consumption ...	14 months
Mania with Delusions	47		General paralysis	2 years
Imbecility		81	" debility	21 years
Imbecility		86	" debility	6 months
Mania with Delusions		35	Exhaustion after epilepsy ...	4 years
Mania with Delusions	55		General paralysis	2 years
Mania with Delusions	76		Dysentery	15 years
Mania		72	Paralysis	8 years
Idiotcy		13	Exhaustion after epilepsy ...	7 years
Melancholia	55		Diarrhœa	11 months
Idiotcy	28		Exhaustion after epilepsy ...	3 years
Mania	42		General paralysis	21 months
Imbecility	76		Paralysis	10 years
Mania		60	Epilepsy	2 years
Imbecility	56		Exhaustion after epilepsy ...	13 years
Idiotcy	34		Epilepsy paralysis	6 years
Imbecility	39		Paralysis epilepsy	7 years
Melancholia	30		Pulmonary consumption ...	7 months
Imbecility	30		Epilepsy	11 years
Mania	31		Epilepsy	11 years
Imbecility	32		Diarrhœa epilepsy	12 years
Mania		50	General debility	16 months
Imbecility		85	General debility	3 months
Mania	73		Dysentery	1 month
Mania with Delusions	47		Dysentery	1 week
Imbecility	60		Epilepsy	1 month
Mania	36		General paralysis	6 months
Mania		40	Disease of heart paralysis ...	4 weeks
Melancholia	52		Pulmonary consumption ...	23 years
Mania	60		Apoplexy paralysis	10 months
Mania	67		Syncope disease of heart ...	4 years
Melancholia		30	Apoplexy disease of heart ...	3 months
Mania with Delusions	51		Apoplexy disease of heart ...	1 week
Mania with Delusions	43		General paralysis	1 year
Imbecility	54		Paralysis epilepsy	2 years
Melancholia	43		Pulmonary consumption ...	3 weeks
Mania		34	General paralysis	9 months
Mania	42		General paralysis	6 weeks
Total	27	11		

TABLE IX.—STATION OR OCCUPATION.

Males.	No.	Females.	No.
Labourers	13	Wives of Labourers	3
Tailors	2	Lacemakers	2
Writing Clerk	1	Servant	1
Painter	1	Widow of Labourer	1
Boatman	1	No occupation	4
Ostler	1		
Soldier	1		
Farm Bailiff	1		
Blacksmiths	2		
Wheelwright	1		
No occupation	3		
Total	27	Total	11

TABLE X.

Social Condition.										M.	F.	T.
Married	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	13
Widowed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	9
Single	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	15
Not ascertained	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	1
Total...										27	11	38

TABLE XI.

Form of Disease.										M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Mania	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	61	86			
	Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		6	6			
	with Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	15	25			
		Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		2	2			
	with Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	10			
		Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		2	2			
	with General Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	4	23			
	with Delusions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	46	68			
		General Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	17			
		Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7	100	146	246
Melancholia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	23			
	Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	10			
	with Epilepsy	Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2			
	with General Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2			
	with Paralysis	Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	1	10	28	38
Incoherence with Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	1			
Imbecility	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	18	39			
	Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3			
	with Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	14	29			
		Suicidal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	1			
	with Paralysis	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6			
		Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2			
	with General Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6	47	39	86
Dementia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	6	16			
	with General Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	1	10	7	17
Idiotcy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	7			
	with Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		1			
	with Paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	15	27	19	16	35
	Congenital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total										186	237	423			

38] TABLE XII.—THIS TABLE CONTAINS THE PARTICULARS OF 33 CASES DISCHARGED DURING THE 9 MONTHS.

AGE.	Social Condition.	No. of Attacks	Occupation.	Mental Disorder.	Combinations.	ASSIGNED CAUSES.		Duration of Disease previous to Admission.	Time under Treatment.	Cured.	Relieved.
						Physical.	Moral.				
M. 34	Single...		Servant ...	Mania ...	...	...	Over work	6 months...	1 month ...	1	...
F. 48	Married	2	Laborer ...	Mania, delusion	...	...	Hereditary	7 weeks ...	1 month ...	1	...
40	Do. ..		Gardener ...	Do. do.	...	...	Intemperance ...	3 months...	2 months...	1	...
58	Do. ...		Coml. traveller	Melancholia	...	...	Domestic trouble	9 months...	2 months...	1	...
57	Widow		Servant ...	Mania ...	...	...	...	3 months...	2 months...	1	...
27	Single...		Charwoman ...	Imbecility	...	...	...	17 months...	2 months...	...	1
63	Married		...	Do. ...	...	...	Poverty	12 months...	3 months...	1	...
25	Single..	1	Lacemaker ...	Mania ...	...	...	Hereditary	12 months...	4 months...	1	...
39	Do. ...	2	Washerwoman	Mania, delusion	...	...	Hereditary	17 months...	4 months...	1	...
22	Do. ...		Straw plaiter...	Mania ...	...	...	Hereditary	2 months...	4 months...	1	...
20	Do. ...		Hawker ...	Mania ...	...	...	Intemperance ...	...	3 months...	1	...
56	Widow		Servant ...	Melancholia ...	...	...	...	3 years ...	6 months...	1	...
66	Married		Tailor...	Mania ...	Paralysis	...	Intemperance ...	3 weeks ...	2 months...	...	1
50	Widower		Strawer ...	Melancholia ...	Do	...	Epilepsy ...	...	...	1	...
51	Married		Wife of painter	Mania, delusion	...	...	Intemperance ...	3 weeks ...	2 months...	1	...
32	Single...		Lacemaker ...	Mania ...	...	...	Hysteria ...	...	5 months...	1	...
47	Do. ...	2	Cook ...	Do. ...	...	...	...	2 months...	7 months...	1	...
50	Married	2	Laborer's wife	Do. ...	...	...	...	7 years ...	7 months...	1	...
21	Single...	1	Servant ...	Do. ...	...	...	...	6 months...	7 months...	1	...
33	Married		Bonnet sewer	Melancholia ...	...	...	Fright	3 months...	1 month ...	1	...
23	Single...		Laborer ...	Mania ...	...	...	Do. ...	...	5 months...	1	...
40	Do. ...		Straw plaiter...	Do. ...	...	...	Surgical operat'n	4 months...	1 month ...	1	...
47	Do. ...		Laborer ...	Do. ...	Paralysis	...	...	6 months...	4 months...	1	...
31	Do. ...		Farmer's wife	Do. ...	...	...	Domestic trouble	1 year ...	3 months...	1	...
50	Do. ...		Straw plaiter...	Melancholia ...	...	...	Death of child...	4 years ...	6 months...	1	...
22	Do. ...		Laborer ...	Mania, delusion	...	...	Religious excitement	1 week ...	4 months...	1	...
19	Single...	2	Gunner ...	Mania ...	...	...	...	1 week ...	1 month ...	...	1
36	Do. ...	2	Laborer's wife	Do. ...	...	...	Hysteria	1 month ...	6 months...	1	...
72	Widow		Laborer's widow	Mania, delusion	...	...	...	6 months...	4 months...	1	...
43	Married		Laborer ...	Imbecility	...	...	...	8 months...	9 months...	1	...
23	Do. ...		Laborer ...	Mania, delusion	...	...	...	3 weeks ...	5 months...	1	...
32	Do. ...	1	Laborer's wife	Melancholia ...	...	...	Hereditary	6 weeks ...	5 months...	1	...
	Do. ...		Milliner ...	Mania ...	...	...	Hereditary	2 years ...	10 months...	1	...

TABLE XIV. ATTENDANT'S AND SERVANT'S RATIONS.

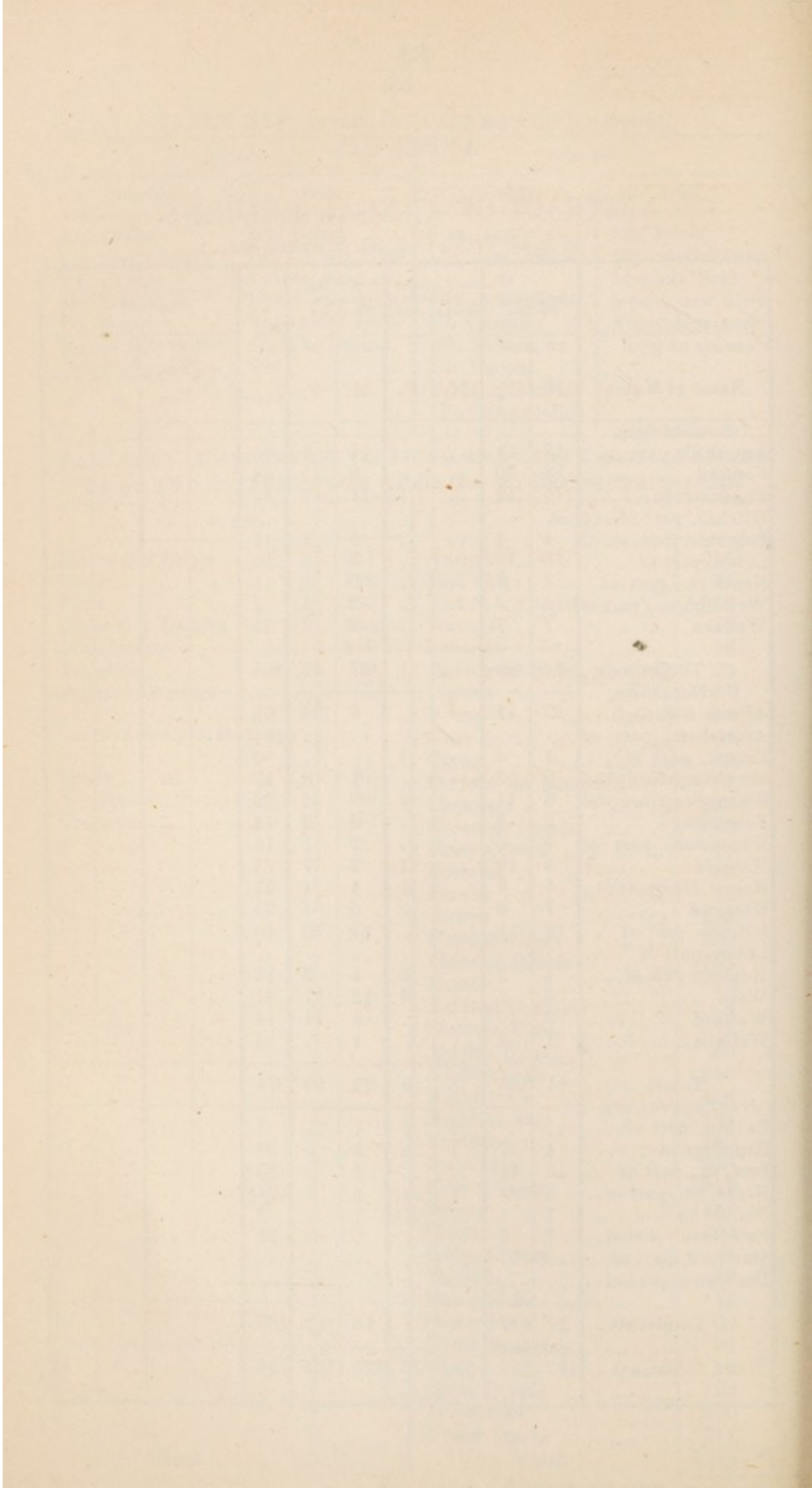
MALES.		FEMALES.	
Weekly.	Daily.	Weekly.	Daily.
4oz. Coffee	1lb. Bread	3 oz. Tea	1lb. Bread
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. moist Sugar	1lb. cooked Meat	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. loaf Sugar	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. cooked Meat
$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Cheese	3 pints Beer	or	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -pints Beer
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Butter, or	$\frac{1}{4}$ -pint new Milk	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. moist ditto	$\frac{1}{2}$ -pint new Milk
1lb. Bacon	Vegetables according to Season.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb Cheese	Vegetables according to season
Fruit and other Puddings twice.		$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Butter, or	
		1lb. Bacon	
		Fruit and other Puddings twice	

TABLE XV. A RETURN OF CLOTHING AND OTHER ARTICLES MADE UP IN THE ASYLUM, FROM APRIL 1st, TO DECEMBER 31st, 1860.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Boots and Shoes	381	Aprons	314
Braces	132	Bed Ticks	37
Caps	102	Bed Side Carpets	319
Coats and Jackets	144	Blouses	12
Waistcoats	149	Bonnets	38
Trousers... ..	69	Boots and Shoes, (bound) pairs	60
Flannel Drawers	56	Braces (pairs)	18
ATTENDANTS AND SERVANTS		Caps... ..	64
Coats	37	Capes	40
Waistcoats	40	Carpets for Rooms... ..	77
Trousers	43	Chemises	843
		Chamber towels	73
		Chair Covers	10
		Drawers	60
		Frocks	13
		Gowns	243
		Handkerchiefs... ..	300
		Holland Blinds	184
		Hoods	14
		Knitted Curtains	4
		Matress Cases... ..	74
		Muslin Blinds... ..	30
		Neckerchiefs	250
		Night Caps	126
		Night Gowns	293
		Pinafores	250
		Petticoats... ..	368
		Pillow Cases	912
		Sheets	1187
		Shirts	390
		Settee Covers	3
		Shrouds	16
		Straw Hats	21
		Straw Plait ... (score)	60
		Straw Baskets	50
		Stays... .. (pairs)	18
		Table Covers	20
		Tea Cloths	320
		Under Shirts	217
Total... ..	1123	Total... ..	7328

APPENDIX
[D]
ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL RETURNS,
16 & 17 VICT., Cap. 97, Schedule D.

Name of Union.	In County Asylum.		In Licensed Houses or other Asylums		With Friends and in Workhouses.		Total of both Sexes	Persons not in confinement.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		Dangerous to self or others.		Of Dirty Habits.	
								M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Bedfordshire.</i>											
Ampthill	10	11	..	..	11	8	40	..	..	1	..
Bedford	18	30	..	..	5	11	64	..	..	..	..
Biggleswade	15	10	..	1	11	17	54	..	..	..	..
Hitchin, part of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leighton Buz., pt. of	4	4	..	..	5	4	17	..	..	..	..
Luton, part of	18	18	..	..	5	9	50	..	..	1	1
Neots St., part of ..	2	4	..	..	2	3	11	..	..	..	..
Wellingboro', part of	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	..	..	..	..
Woburn	7	7	..	..	5	6	25	..	..	..	..
Totals	74	84		1	47	59	265			2	1
<i>Hertfordshire.</i>											
Albans St.	12	17	1	..	6	26	62	..	..	..	..
Amersham, part of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Barnet, part of	1	4	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..
Berkhampstead pt. of	5	3	..	..	1	8	17	..	..	..	..
Bishop Stortford pt. of	8	11	..	2	9	6	36	..	..	..	..
Buntingford	2	4	..	..	2	6	14	..	..	..	..
Edmonton, part of ..	5	6	..	..	2	1	14	..	..	..	..
Hatfield	3	10	..	1	2	7	23	..	..	..	..
Hemel Hempstead ..	6	8	..	1	4	4	23	..	..	..	..
Hertford	7	6	..	..	6	5	24	..	..	..	..
Hitchin, part of ..	12	11	..	..	14	12	49	..	..	..	..
Luton, part of .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Royston part of	4	2	..	1	4	2	13	..	..	..	..
Ware	6	7	1	3	13	11	41	..	..	..	..
Watford	9	16	..	..	8	11	14	..	..	2	3
Welwyn	1	3	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..
Totals	81	108	2	9	72	99	371			2	3
<i>Huntingdonshire.</i>											
Caxton, part of .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Huntingdon	4	17	1	..	3	5	30	..	..	..	1
Ives, St., part of ..	10	13	..	..	3	7	33	..	..	..	..
Neots, St., part of ..	5	1	1	..	5	9	21	..	..	..	..
Oundle part of	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..
Peterboro', part of ..	7	5	..	..	3	6	21	..	..	..	..
Stamford, part of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Thrapston, part of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	27	37	2		16	27	109				1
Grand Totals	182	229	4	10	135	185	745			4	5



APPENDIX

[E]

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
OF THE
THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM,
UPON THE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Committee of Visitors have the honor to report that in pursuance of Section LX, of the Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853, they have audited the Accounts of the Treasurer and Clerk of the Asylum, to the 31st December, 1860, and that subject to the several explanations attached thereto, they find the same to be correct.

	£.	s.	d.
The gross Receipts for the year (exclusive of balances) are	8987	8	5
The gross Payments for the year (exclusive of balances) are	9942	16	10
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Excess of Payments over Receipts.....	955	8	5
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The charges upon the Maintenance Account have amount- ed to.....	8386	18	6
The apportionments upon Counties and Unions for patients at 9s. per week amount to	6793	10	9
To which are to be added the following pay- ments in aid, viz :—			
Produce of Farm & Garden	379	0	4
Stewards sundry Receipts	77	12	11
Committee of Bedford Asylum	500	0	0
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Shewing a deficiency of.....	£636	14	6½
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To this Report is appended an abstract of the General Receipts and Expenditure, with abstracts of the Farm and Garden, and other subsidiary Accounts, giving succinct statements of their respective transactions, together with a Statement of the several Balances, owing to and from the Asylum, on the 31st of December, 1860.

The Accounts now reported being for three quarters of a year only, it will be evident that a longer time must necessarily elapse, 'ere the resources of the Institution are more fully developed.

In the Building Account there is a balance of £4287:9:10, owing to the Bankers, the payment of which has been provided for, by the orders of the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the united Counties.

MARLBOROUGH PRYOR,

Chairman.

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM,
25th February, 1861.

APPENDIX

[F]

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

ON ACCOUNT OF THE

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM,

IN THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

FROM SALES.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Produce Farm & Garden	1405	3	11			
Sundries, old stores, bones, grains, wash, &c.....	109	16	3			
				1515	0	2

*From Unions, and Parishes in the United Counties
of Beds., Herts., and Hunts., viz.:—*

COUNTY OF BEDFORD.

Amphill Union.....	365	10	0
Bedford Union	789	10	6
Biggleswade Union	462	19	5
Leighton Buzzard Union	135	0	7
Luton Union	531	9	7
Wellingborough Union	13	5	9
Woburn Union	280	15	0

COUNTY OF HERTFORD.

Alban's St. Union	509	10	3
Barnet Union.....	77	14	9
Berkhampstead Union	92	11	10
Bishop Stortford Union	297	7	2
Buntingford Union	88	11	0
Edmonton Union	169	9	2
Hatfield Union	225	5	2
Hemel Hempstead Union.....	121	1	8
Hertford Union	241	15	8
Hitchin Union	391	8	7

Carried forward..... £4793 6 1 1515 0 2

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	4793	6	1	1515	0	2

COUNTY OF HERTFORD, (*continued*)

Royston Union	106	2	1
Ware Union	153	0	8
Watford Union	284	17	6
Welwyn Union	65	19	4

COUNTY OF HUNTINGDON.

Caxton Union.....	5	17	0
Huntingdon Union	387	4	3
Ives St. Union	412	14	0
Neots St. Union.....	212	2	8
Oundle Union	14	3	0
Peterborough Union	161	0	5
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	6596	7	0

*From the County, Liberty and Borough Treasurers,
in the United Counties, for Vagrants, Pauper, &
Criminal Lunatics, respectively, viz. :—*

Albans. St. Liberty	18	4	0
Bedford, County.....	89	9	0
Hertford, County	18	4	0
Huntingdon, County... ..	47	14	4
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	173	11	4

From non-contributory Districts, viz. :—

Holborn Union	4	10	0
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*From the following Counties for the excess in the
weekly sums paid for Criminal Lunatics chargeable
to parishes beyond the sums charged for main-
tenance of Patients in this Asylum.—(16 & 17
Vict., c. 97, s. 42) viz. :—*

Bedford County.....	6	10	0
Hertford County	13	0	0
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	19	10	0

BOROUGH OF BEDFORD.

Half year's rent charges, to 30th Sept., 1860 ...	56	17	11
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ORDINARY REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Cottage rents for $\frac{1}{2}$ -year, ending 30th Sept., 1860	18	7	2
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<i>Carried forward</i>	£8384	3	7
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	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	8384	3	7

BEDFORD ASYLUM.

The Committee of Visitors on Account of Balance of Maintenance Account	500	0	0
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THE ROE FUND ACCOUNT.

Half year's dividend on £225:7:4, 3 per cent Consols	3	4	10
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BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Cash advanced to Steward	100	0	0
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Total Receipts	£8987	8	5
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PAYMENTS.

PROVISIONS.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Arrowroot, 56lbs. @ 1s. 4d. P lb....	3	14	8			
Bacon, 2141lbs. @ 8d. & 9d. P lb...	74	2	8			
Beer, (purchased) 6480 gals. @ 10d. & 1s. P gal.	296	12	2			
Do. (brewed) 21896gals. @ 8d. & 9d. P gal....	902	0	8			
	<hr/>			1198	12	10
Bread, 28887 loaves, @ 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 6d. P 4lb. loaf	657	17	5			
Butter, 5480 lbs. @ 114s. & 116s. P cwt.....	280	0	5			
Cheese, 7191lbs. @ 72s. 4d. to 85s. P cwt.....	252	10	1			
Cocoa, 224lbs. @ 120s. P cwt.	12	0	0			
Coffee, 364lbs. @ 1s. 2d. & 1s. 3d. P lb.....	21	18	8			
Currants, 964lbs. @ 34s. to 56s. P cwt.	16	14	7			
Eggs, 1620 at 1s. to 2s. P score ...	5	1	2			
Fish.....	0	4	10			
Flour, 50 sacks @ 35s. 9d. & 44s. 9d. P sack.....	97	9	6			
Fruit	6	10	11			
Meat, 55382lbs. @ 3d. to 7d. P lb. 1447	1447	12	4			
Milk 6061 gals. @ 8d. P gal.	201	19	8			
Oatmeal, 24 sacks @ 50s. to 53s. 4d. per sack.....	62	6	8			
Peas, 15 bushels @ 7s. 10d. & 8s. P bushel.....	5	19	0			
Porter, 197 gals. @ 1s. to 1s. 8d. P gal.	10	4	6			
Poultry	1	0	11			
Potatoes, 1294 bus. @ 2s. 6d. to 4s. P bus.....	170	12	0			
Raisins, 1066lbs. @ 34s. to 42s. P cwt.	18	11	8			
Rice, 1120lbs. @ 12s. & 19s. P cwt.	7	17	6			
Sugar, (loaf) 840lbs. @ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. & 6d. P lb.	20	14	2			
„ (moist) 6277lbs. @ 46s. P cwt.	128	18	1			
	<hr/>			149	12	3
<i>Carried forward</i>	£4702	14	3			

PROVISIONS, (<i>continued</i>).		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>		4702	14	3			
Sago, 28lbs. @ 3d. Ψ lb.....		0	7	0			
Tea, 1543lbs. @ 3s. 4d. & 3s. 7d. Ψ lb.		258	9	6			
Treacle, 859lbs. @ 2d. & 2½d.		7	7	11			
Vegetables		47	6	0			
Vinegar, mustard, pepper, salt, &c.		29	8	1			
		<hr/>			*5045	12	9
NECESSARIES.							
Candles, 268lbs. @ 6s. to 10s. Ψ doz.		7	19	6			
Coals, 674 tons 9 cwt. @ 10s. 11d. to 15s. Ψ ton		497	11	10			
Gas, 702500 cubic feet @ 3s. 2d. to 5s. Ψ 1000 feet		154	6	1½			
Soap, (hard) 60 cwt. 1 qr. 22lbs. @ 42s. 6d. Ψ cwt. 170 18 9 ,, (soft) 576lbs. @ 46s. Ψ cwt. 11 16 3		<hr/>			182	15	0
Soda, 37 cwt. 3 qrs. 13lbs. at 6s. to 9s. 4d. Ψ cwt.		12	1	7			
Starch & Blue.....		9	2	7			
		<hr/>			863	16	7½
CLOTHING.							
Braces, gloves, and leggings		8	6	6			
Caps and bonnets		13	8	4			
Calico		6	11	3			
Coburg		14	14	5			
Cord		2	1	0			
Linen		16	18	2			
Print		10	4	2			
Shirting Cloth		18	16	8			
Shoemaking (including wages).....		120	6	4			
Tailoring		43	2	4			
Thread, tape, cotton, buttons, worsted, &c.		46	0	5			
		<hr/>			300	9	7
DISPENSARY AND SURGERY.							
Bottles and corks		0	18	1			
Drugs		0	11	11			
Wine and Spirits		39	18	6			
		<hr/>			41	8	6
<i>Carried forward</i>		<hr/>			£6251	7	5½

* In calculating the cost per head, per week, £1149 : 9 : 6¼, for maintenance of household, is deducted from this sum, and added to salaries and wages.

SALARIES AND WAGES.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	6251	7	5½			

OFFICERS.

*Resident Medical Superintendent	375	0	0
*Matron	75	0	0
Clerk to Committee	168	15	0
*Chaplain	150	0	0
*Steward	150	0	0
†Assistant Medical Officer	60	0	0
†Assistant Clerk and Storekeeper ..	41	15	0
†Assistant Matron.....	22	10	0

ATTENDANTS AND SERVANTS.

Head Male Ward attendant.....	35	0	0
Two Male Night attendants	41	5	0
Thirteen Male Ward attendants from £24 to £31 4s.	342	5	6
Two Female Night attendants	16	8	11
Eleven Female Ward attendants from £14 to £16.....	142	10	0
House porter	22	10	0
Store Room attendant	10	10	0
Head laundress	16	8	7
Three assistant laundresses	23	6	9
Cook	19	19	8
Housemaid	7	10	0
Superintendent's servant	1	0	0
Kitchen maid.....	12	0	0
Dairy maid	11	10	0
Coal porter.....	19	8	6
Messenger	0	13	0
Gate keeper	4	17	6
Ditto, at Arlesey Siding.....	7	10	0
Engineer	40	14	10
Engine driver.....	51	16	0
Carpenter	10	7	0

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Carried forward £8131 18 8½

NOTE.—In calculating the cost per head, per week, the cost of the maintenance of the household £1149 : 9 : 6¼, is added.

* Marked thus, have Residences provided.

† Marked thus, have Board and Lodging.

MISCELLANEOUS.	£	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>				8131	18	8½
Baskets, and repairing same.....	14	10	0			
Blacking and black lead	2	12	9			
Bird seed.....	1	17	9			
Books and publications.....	16	7	10			
Brushes & mops.....	38	11	1			
Carriage	25	6	9			
Charcoal	6	6	0			
Chimney sweeper	11	15	0			
Combs	2	11	6			
Cooperage	5	5	0			
Corks	0	5	0			
Earthenware	0	11	10			
Hearthstones	17	13	6			
Horse-hire and conveyances	5	5	4			
Insurance	13	14	6			
Interest on advances	3	9	6			
Ironmongery	9	5	6			
Lace pillows	0	16	0			
Matches	1	14	0			
Marking ink	0	7	0			
Music	17	15	0			
Postage	19	19	2			
Printing, stationery, and advertise- ments	48	12	8			
Razors	0	8	10			
Register Office for servants	1	3	6			
Recreation for patients	4	2	0			
Removal of patients	2	8	2			
Retaking patients	0	7	0			
Repairing coal trucks.....	11	5	0			
Rope and string.....	0	19	0			
Sand	0	15	0			
Snuff and tobacco	78	19	2			
Sponge	5	0	4			
Stamp duty on officers bonds	2	0	0			
Straw	0	4	6			
Sundries	5	9	5½			
Travelling expenses of officers	6	17	6			
Waste paper	1	10	8			
				386	2	9½
FUNERAL EXPENSES.						
Coffins				14	4	10
<i>Carried forward</i>				£8532	6	4

	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	8532	6	4
REMOVAL OF PATIENTS.			
Expenses of removal.....	3	1	6
CONVALESCENT PATIENTS.			
Allowance to patients absent upon trial	6	12	6
ORDINARY REPAIRS.			
General Iron Foundry Company, Syphons	0	13	0
Great Northern Railway Company, a year's rent for siding	1	0	0
Millington Thos. glass	4	5	2
Steward, sundries, as per monthly bills	26	3	10
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MAINTENANCE OF CRIMINAL LUNATICS.			
Dr. Finch, for maintenance of crimi- nal lunatics for $\frac{1}{2}$ -year ending 18th December, 1860	145	12	0
FARM AND GARDEN.			
Orders on Treasurer at various times during the year	1073	2	6
STEWARD.			
Advance for incidental expenses ...	150	0	0
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Total Payments	£9942	16	10
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ABSTRACT OF THE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
For the Year ending

RECEIPTS.		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Calves	4	7	0	0			
Cow	1	2	10	0			
Barley	10 qrs.	17	10	0			
Milk	24 gals	0	16	0			
Oats	130 qrs.	160	0	0			
Pork	23 lbs.	0	11	11½			
Pigs	35	85	18	2			
Onions... ..	1 ton	4	0	0			
Potatoes	22 bus.	3	6	0			
Sheep	191	481	6	8			
Mangold Wurzel...	5 tons	3	15	0			
Wheat.....	164 bus.	59	17	0			
Wool	81 tods	184	5	6			
Sheep Skins	6	0	17	6			
Vegetables, (sundries) .	.....	0	14	11½			
		—————			1012	8	9

Vegetables and other Articles consumed in the
Asylum and debited to Provision Account viz:—

Beans ...	189 bus. from 10d. to 2s.	9	18	9			
Eggs ...	69 score „ 1s. to 1s. 4d.	4	1	4½			
Milk ...	6061 gals. at 8d.	202	0	8			
Mutton..	276 lbs. „ 6d. & 6½d....	7	7	0			
Onions..	27½ cwt. „ 3s. 2d. to 4s.	4	19	6			
Peas ...	135½ bus. „ 1s. 6d. to 2s.	12	14	7			
Pork ...	336 lbs. „ 6d. & 6½d....	8	12	6			
Potatoes	1068 bus. „ 2s. 6d. to 4s.	121	4	0			
Vegetables	21	16	9½			
		—————			392	15	2

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ON ACCOUNT OF THE FARM AND GARDEN,
31st of December, 1860.

PAYMENTS.			£.	s.	d.
Balance due to Mr. Bailey on closing his accounts.....	£.	s.	d.		
Chapmoney.....	21	5	1		
Cows.....	92	18	6		
Drain pipes.....	30	8	4		
Grains and Wash.....	42	8	4		
Harness maker.....	1	4	3		
Horse.....	37	0	0		
Insurance.....	5	0	0		
Ironmongery.....	1	1	4		
Lambs.....	147	10	0		
Lime.....	0	2	3		
Mangold Wurzel.....	1	4	0		
Manure.....	21	0	0		
Measuring Land.....	0	5	0		
Manure Pump.....	0	6	0		
Oats.....	10	8	0		
Oil Cake.....	123	0	0		
Pigs.....	30	7	1		
Poor Rates.....	16	0	5		
Property & Income Tax.....	17	1	3		
Pollard, &c.....	27	1	1		
Pea Sticks.....	1	0	9		
Poultry.....	0	16	6		
Seeds.....	14	6	4		
Sheep Shearing.....	2	0	6		
Shepherd's Dog.....	0	10	0		
Sheep Troughs.....	2	12	6		
Seed Wheat.....	28	16	0		
Smith.....	3	8	5		
Sundries.....	1	6	10		
Turnpikes.....	0	11	4		
Twine.....	0	12	1		
Thrashing Corn.....	27	15	0		
Tithe Rent Charges.....	71	18	9		
Wages.....	285	15	10		
Veterinary Surgeon.....	5	10	9	1073	2 6
The amount transferred to the credit of Maintenance Account during the year.....	379	0	4		
Less—Balance against the Farm and Garden Account at end of year...	46	18	11	332	1 5
				<u>£1405</u>	<u>3 11</u>

STATEMENT OF THE VALUE OF LIVE AND DEAD STOCK,
On the 31st December, 1859, and 1860, respectively.

	1859.	1860.		1860.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Dec. 31. Estimated value of Live and Dead Stock, this day, viz:—			Dec. 31. Estimated value of Live and Dead Stock, this day, viz:—	
Growing crops	169 15 6		FARM.	
Horses	240 0 0		Growing crops	258 0 0
Sheep	374 11 0		Horses	190 0 0
Implements	165 10 3		Sheep	186 0 0
Produce in store	1100 10 0		Cows	352 0 0
		2050 6 9	Pigs	204 2 6
Add—Stock and Manure, purchased by Mr. Bailey	471 6 11		Poultry	4 17 6
Less Stock sold by him	368 16 0		Implements	326 14 8
		102 10 11	Produce in store	911 0 0
Also—Stock purchased by Mr. Harris, from building account ...			Manure	75 0 0
	284 0 0			2507 14 8
	<u>2436 17 8</u>		GARDEN.	
Increase of 1860 compared with 1859	418 3 0		Tools and fixtures	131 6 0
	<u>£2855 0 8</u>		Seeds	10 0 0
			Growing crops	15 0 0
			Produce in store	166 0 0
			Manure	25 0 0
				<u>347 6 0</u>
				<u>£2855 0 8</u>

ABSTRACT OF BREAD PRODUCTION ACCOUNT,
For the Year ending 31st of December, 1860.

	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
To Cash for Flour, 360 sacks at 35s. 9d. and 44s. 9d. p sack			702	0	0		673	13	$0\frac{3}{4}$
" Potatoes, 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. @ 2s. 6d. and 4s. p bus.			8	18	0		97	9	6
" Coals, 29 tons 1 cwt. @ 15s. and 16s. 2d. p ton			22	5	1				
" Yeast and Salt			2	13	10				
" Baker's wages			19	10	0				
			755	6	11				
Balance, 31st December, 1860			15	15	$7\frac{3}{4}$		£771	2	$6\frac{3}{4}$

ACCOUNT OF PROFIT & LOSS ON BREAD BAKING.

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To Balance, Net profit	32	2	$10\frac{3}{4}$		15	15
				£32	2	$10\frac{3}{4}$
By Balance brought down.....					15	15
" Stock in hand, viz:—						
4 sacks flour, @ 44s. 9d. ...			8	19	0	
10 tons, 13 cwt., coals			7	3	9	
3 cwt. salt			0	4	6	
			16	7	3	
			£32	2	$10\frac{3}{4}$	
				£771	2	$6\frac{3}{4}$

ABSTRACT OF THE BREWING ACCOUNT,

For the year ending 31st December, 1860.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Cash for Malt, 200 qrs. @ 64s. $\frac{1}{4}$ quarter	640	0	0	By 21896 gals. beer (brewed)			
" Hops, 38 cwt. 2 qrs. 21lbs. at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2s. 1d.	227	4	6	@ 8d. & 9d. $\frac{1}{4}$ gal.	759	19	8
" Yeast	0	4	0	1568 bus. grains, @ 5d. $\frac{1}{4}$ bus.....	32	13	4
" Coals, 17 tons, 13 cwt. @ 15s. and 16s. 2d.	13	11	2	Balance 31st December, 1860	792	13	0
" Brewer's wages	21	1	0		109	7	8
	£902 0 8				£902 0 8		

PROFIT AND LOSS ON THE BREWING ACCOUNT.

£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
To Balance brought down	109	7	8	By Stock in hand, viz:—			
				Hops, 730lbs. @ 2s. 1d. }	96	11	8
				" 580lbs. @ 8d. }	12	16	0
				" Malt, 32 bus. @ 8s.			
	£109 7 8				£109 7 8		

ABSTRACT OF THE GAS ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st of December, 1860.

<i>Dr.</i>	£. s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
To Cash for Coals 136 tons, 7 cwt. at 14s. to 16s. 2d. per ton	98 0 10	By 702500 cubic feet gas at 3s. 2d. to 5s. per 1000 feet	136 3 5	
" Lime.....	5 19 3½	" 540 bus. coke, at 4½d.	10 2 6	
" Repairs to Gas Works	9 7 0	" Tar sold	0 10 0	
" Wages to Gas man.....	40 19 0			146 15 11
	<u>£154 6 1½</u>	Balance 31st December, 1860.....		<u>7 10 2½</u>
				<u>£154 6 1½</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ON THE GAS ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>	£. s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
To Balance brought down	7 10 2½	By Stock in hand, viz:—		
" Balance net profit	4 1 9½	16 tons coals at 14s. 6d.	11 12 0	
	<u>£11 12 0</u>			<u>£11 12 0</u>

60] ABSTRACT OF MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>	£.	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£.	s.	d.
To Provisions	3770	17	10½	By Apportionments upon the several Counties and Unions for patients maintained in the Asylum, at 9s. per head, per week.. ..	6793	10	9
" Necessaries	855	16	5	" Farm and Garden Produce ...	379	0	4
" Clothing	300	9	7	" Bedford Asylum	500	0	0
" Miscellaneous Expenses	387	0	4½	" Steward for Sundry Receipts	77	12	11
" Dispensary	41	8	6				
" Salaries and Wages	3031	5	9¼	Balance 31st December, 1860	7750	4	0
					636	14	6¼
					<u>£8386</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6¼</u>

THE ROE FUND ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>	£.	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£.	s.	d.
To Balance 31st December, 1860	228	12	2	By £180 Stock and Interest in 3 per cent Consols	225	7	4
				" Half year's Dividend, July, 1860	3	4	10
					<u>£228</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>

NOTE.—HENERICUS OCTAVIUS, ROE Esq., late of Weston, Herts., by Will, bequeathed to the Bedford Asylum, £200 less duty "for the general purposes of the Asylum." In the year 1855, £180 was paid by the Executors, and invested in the names of four of the Visitors, in the 3 per Cent Consols, and now amounts to the above sum. It is intended to form a Benevolent Fund for affording assistance to patients discharged from the Asylum, in special cases where the public Rates cannot be legally applied.

THE RATES OF PAYMENT DURING THE YEAR
HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS, *viz* :—

	£.	s.	d.
First Quarter	0	9	0
Second Quarter	0	9	0
Third Quarter	0	9	0
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Average	0	9	0
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THE ACTUAL WEEKLY COST OF THE PATIENTS
AVERAGES AS FOLLOWS, *viz* :—

	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Provisions	5	0			
Necessaries	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$			
Clothing	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$			
Salaries and Wages	4	0 $\frac{1}{4}$			
Surgery and Dispensary ..	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Farm and Garden	1	5			
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	0	6 $\frac{1}{4}$			
	<hr/>		0	12	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Less from Receipts, <i>viz</i> :—					
Farm & Garden	1	10 $\frac{1}{4}$			
Miscellaneous	0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$			
	<hr/>		0	2	0
			<hr/>		
			0	10	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Average weekly cost of Household...			0	10	9

Daily average number of Patients	384
Daily average number of Household	54 $\frac{1}{2}$

AN ABSTRACT
OF THE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
ELECTED TO SUPERINTEND THE BUILDING AND ERECTION OF A
NEW LUNATIC ASYLUM,
FOR THE COUNTIES OF
BEDFORD, HERTFORD, & HUNTINGDON,
CALLED
"The Three Counties' Asylum."
1855-61.

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
County of Bedford	36036	19	3			
" Hertford	53454	19	6			
" Huntingdon	20508	1	3			
				110000	0	0
Sale of Exchequer Bills (£51000) and Interest	53267	11	8			
Deduct purchase of same	52755	2	6			
Net profit.....				512	9	2
Sundry small Receipts, viz:—						
Sale of old Buildings, &c.				31	7	1
Balance due to Bankers, 20th February, 1861				4287	9	10
Total Receipts	£114831	6	1			

EXPENDITURE.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Purchase of Land, 253a. 3r. 3p.	13861	12	5			
Enfranchisement of Copyholds...	1226	2	6			
	<hr/>			15087	14	11
Compensation to Tenants				687	13	9
Road, Tramway, and Approaches	3739	17	8			
Arlesey Cement Siding, Weigh- house, and Weighbridge.....	835	8	0			
	<hr/>			4575	5	8
Plantations, Earthworks, &c., ..	227	9	11			
Boundary Fences	248	8	2			
	<hr/>			475	18	1
Contractor for Works, viz:—						
The Asylum and Offices.....	62833	8	6			
The Farm Buildings, Steward's House, and two Cottages ...	5293	8	11			
The Gas Works.....	1145	19	0			
The Chaplain's House	770	5	10			
The Entrance Lodge, and two pairs of Cottages.....	1581	15	1			
	<hr/>			71624	17	4
Sinking the Well				678	0	6
Architect's Commission, &c....	3608	0	0			
Engineer and Surveyor's allow- ances	360	14	9			
Clerk of the Works' Salary ...	527	1	1			
	<hr/>			4495	15	10
Furniture, Fixtures, and Fit- tings	4453	3	11			
Brewhouse, Cellar plant, and Fittings	780	4	10			
Clothing	2637	11	2			
Beds and Bedding	2219	6	0			
	<hr/>			10090	5	11
Machinery, Instruments, &c., viz:—						
Dispensary, Chemicals and In- struments	204	17	10			
Fire Hose and Branches	27	1	0			
Gas Meters.....	100	7	0			
Engine Pumps, &c.....	1215	7	6			
Tea and Cocoa Apparatus	131	2	4			
Turret Clock and Bell	186	8	5			
Washing and Drying Machines	110	18	9			
	<hr/>			1976	2	10
<i>Carried forward</i>				£109691	14	10

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	109691	14	10			
Law Expenses including Stamps.....	447	3	7			
Capital invested for Farming.....	1773	15	7			

CONTINGENT EXPENSES, viz. :—

Advertisements	50	8	9			
Books, Forms, and Stationery ...	249	17	11			
Carriage of Goods	93	2	2			
Coals for Warming Asylum	122	18	11			
Expenses in formation of New Union	111	14	0			
Insurance of Buildings and Pro- perty	93	5	2			
Interest on advances	44	11	6			
Miscellaneous expenses incurred by Committee of Visitors	234	10	11			
Printing	45	4	3			
Removal of Patients from Bedford, Worcester & Fisherton Asylums	128	13	11			
Repairs to old Farm Buildings...	46	6	6			
Railway and other Carriages.....	236	4	1			
Salaries	900	0	0			
Sundries	20	11	6			
Tools and other requisites for Workshops	146	14	5			
Tithes	205	9	9			
Wages to Laborers.....	12	2	4			
Workmen's and opening Enter- tainments	76	16	0			
				2818	12	1
				£114731	6	1
Cash advanced to Steward on Maintenance Ac- count				100	0	0
				Total Expenditure	£114831	6 1

At a Meeting of the Committee of Visitors, held on the 25th day of February, 1861, the foregoing Abstract of Account was examined and approved.

MARLBOROUGH PRYOR,

Chairman.

STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE

January 10, 1894.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

NAME OF THE LAND	ACRES	REMARKS
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APPENDIX

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DESCRIPTION OF THE ASYLUM.

The THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM stands nearly North and South.

The South and principal Front consists of a large Centre Building crowned with the Clock Tower, and containing the Superintendent's Residence, with private Entrance; the Committee Room, Clerks' Room, and Waiting Room, together with the Store Rooms, for Clothes, Bedding, and Furniture; the Surgery and apartments for the Matron; and two long Wings, for the most part three stories in height. These are severally devoted to the Patients,—the Males being located in the West Wing, and the Females in the East Wing.

These Wings contain Corridors communicating with large Rooms, which, on the ground floor, form the Day Rooms for the Patients, and the doors of communication are so contrived, that two or even three of these Day Rooms can be almost thrown together; on the first and second floors, the same arrangement is followed.

The Large Rooms and the Corridors form the Dormitories, out of which open smaller Rooms, containing three or four beds a piece; and also single Sleeping Rooms, every Patient having a separate Bed.

The Corridors and large Rooms have all open Fire-places.

The Attendants Rooms are so placed that they command the several Wards; and to these are also appended, Sculleries, Lavatories, Bath Rooms, and Water-closets.

The Infirmarys are placed near the centre of the Building; and the Apartments (consisting of a Sitting Room, and Bedroom each,) of the Assistant Medical Officer on the Male side, and of the Deputy Matron on the Female side, are placed in the middle of each Wing.

There are two large Airing Courts on this side of the Building, one at each end; provided with Sun Shades, or Covered Seats, and commanding extensive views.

There are four other Airing Courts besides these; two on each side of the Building, one of which forms also the drying ground for the Laundry.

The North Side is composed of the following Buildings.—In the Centre there is a large Block, containing on the Ground Floor, the Kitchen and Scullery, in which is done the whole of the cooking for the Patients and Attendants. The Kitchen is fitted up with Gas Ovens for roasting and Baking, a Gas Table for Boiling or Broiling, &c., an apparatus for making Tea and Cocoa or Coffee, and a Table and Scales for the distribution of the Food, which is effected by means of two hatches, one on the Male side and one on the Female side. In the Scullery are large Coppers for boiling Soup, Meat, &c., which are heated by a steam apparatus, fixed in the basement underneath; on this floor, are also the Larder and the Store Rooms, for Bread, Flour, Groceries, Soap, Crockery, &c. The Beer Cellar, the Dairy, the Bake-house and Coal-Cellars, are in the basement, into which

the Tramway from the Arlesey Siding is brought, and the Goods are raised from the Trucks to the Floor above by a Crane.

Over the Kitchen is the Chapel, which is constructed to hold 400 Persons. At the East End is the Chaplain's Room, and other Apartments, which are used by the Chaplain for Schools and Singing Classes, and here also are kept the Books of the Lending Library.

At the West End of the Chapel, are Apartments for the Steward and other Servants.

Three covered passages connect this building with the main Building of the Asylum :—that, in the centre, running south, leads directly to the Superintendent's House and the Store Rooms; that on the West to the Male side; and that on the East, to the Female side.

The principal Entrances to the Asylum are in these latter Passages; and at the ends, under the Water Towers, are the Male and Female Reception Rooms, for receiving the Patients on their first arrival at the Asylum. These are also used as Visiting Rooms, in which the Patients are allowed to see their Friends under certain restrictions.

The Water Towers rise to the height of 48 feet, and near the top of each is a large tank holding 10,000 gallons of water. There is also in each Tower a smaller tank, which is supplied with hot water from Boilers erected in the basement of the Towers; from these four tanks the general distribution of hot and cold water throughout the Asylum is made, and Fire-mains are judiciously placed in different parts of the Building, from which by the addition of hose, cold water can, by pressure alone, be thrown over any part of the Asylum.

Beyond the Water Tower, on the Male side, is a long irregular wing, containing the Tailor's, the Shoemaker's, and the Carpenter's shops, and beyond which are the Brewhouse, Malt

stores, Plumber's, and Smith's shops, with a forge, and other Offices. On the Female side the corresponding wing contains the Laundry with its large and small Wash-houses, Ironing Rooms, Drying Closets, Receiving and Sorting Rooms, and there are large tanks for rain water, from which the Laundry is supplied. Adjoining these, though not communicating with them, is the Engine House, containing a Steam Engine of Twelve Horse power, which works the Pumps for raising the water from the well to the large tanks in the Water Towers, and also turns the Machines for washing the foul linen, and for wringing the clothes in the Laundry.

The Farm Buildings, containing a Barn, Onion House, Sheds, and ample accommodation for Farm Horses, Cows, Pigs, Poultry, &c., with suitable Yards, are conveniently placed a short distance from the Male wing of the Asylum; and here also will be found the Bailiff's House, and two Cottages for the Farm Attendants.

At a short distance beyond these are the Gas house, and the Cottage for the Man who attends to it. Further on, is the Chaplains House; and at the Entrance Gate from the Village of Arlesey, is the Lodge for the Gate Keeper, and a small Cottage for an Attendant. The remaining Buildings consist of the Dead House adjoining the Burying Ground; and four Cottages opposite the other Entrance Gate, on the Stotfold road.

The Buildings are all of White Brick, having a line of Red Brick in the Cornices and Chimneys, with Stone Mullions to the Windows.