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LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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MEDICAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1849.

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MAGISTRATES OF THE SAID COUNTIES AND THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE SAID INSTITUTION, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE ASYLUM, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1850.

In the Report presented by the Visitors to the last Annual Meeting, the Subscribers and Friends were reminded that that was the twelfth and last Report of the Leicestershire Lunatic Asylum,—that the Institution would henceforth bear a new name; and, it was hoped, would proceed upon a new and enlarged sphere of usefulness, in which the Borough of Leicester and the County of Rutland would participate.

The hopes of the Visitors have not been disappointed. During the past year the new buildings have been completed, furnished, and opened for the reception of Patients. And the Visitors are happy to report that the total expenditure has fallen short of the amount granted for the purpose, even although several important and costly additions to the original plan have been made; and the Visitors have the satisfaction of announcing that, after payment of all charges, there will remain a balance to the credit of the Building Account; which will be reserved for future exigencies.

The number of Patients is now rapidly increasing; and the Borough Patients having been removed to this Asylum from other Institutions, a considerable income will accrue to the former by such transfer, it being provided by the local Act that all Borough Patients beyond the first 25 shall pay the sum of 3s. 6d. weekly, in addition to the ordinary charges for maintenance.

The increased number of Patients also will proportionately lessen the expenses of the Establishment, as it regards the salaries and wages, by spreading the same over a larger number; and although the full amount of this benefit has not been experienced during the past year, inasmuch as it was not until the close of it that the number of Patients was materially increased, it has been enough to warrant a reduction in the rate of maintenance of 6d. per week, or about 6 per cent. off the present charges, with a hope, on the part of the Visitors, that, at the close of the current year, they will be able to make a further reduction. It may be stated that the present reduction—small as it may appear to be with reference to each Patient—will diminish the Income of the Asylum by nearly £250. per annum.

The weekly average of the whole number of Patients, during the last year, has been 182: of these, the first, or County pauper class has averaged 134; the second, or Out-County pauper class, 8; the third, or Subscribers' Patients, 25; and the fourth, or Independent Patients, 15. The greatest number of Patients at any one time was that on the last day of the year—206; and the number is rapidly increasing. With respect to the Charity in particular, the Visitors have again to thank the Subscribers for the support it has met with during the past year, the number of Subscribers being greater than at any former period. The decease of Her late Majesty, the lamented Queen Adelaide, prevented the holding of the Annual Ball; but several donations accustomed to be presented on that occasion have been received; and which, with the following legacies, the Visitors gratefully acknowledge.

			£.	s.	d.	
Legacy, Rev. B. C. Raworth,			50	0	0	
Ditto, J. S. Hardy, Esq.			50	0	0	
Donations, in lieu of Ball,			31	4	0	
Total,	•	•	£131	4	0	-

The Income of the Charity having increased, the Visitors have been enabled to reduce the weekly rate of maintenance of Subscribers' Patients, for the first year, to the sum of 4s.; thus placing the Leicestershire and Rutland Asylum, as it regards the expense of maintenance, on the same footing with the Metropolitan Hospital of St. Luke; and when it is remembered that the charges for the necessarily inferior accommodation of the old Lunatic Asylum were 16s. per week, or four times the present rate, the comparison between the past and the present, in this respect, cannot fail, it is believed, to afford satisfaction to every Subscriber and friend of the Institution.

Still, however, the Visitors would not relax in their appeal to the charitable for the support of the Asylum, the benefits of which are now so thoroughly appreciated that the number of applicants for the admission of Patients continually exceeds the accommodation that can be provided for them, even although the number of Subscribers' Patients has been lately increased, in consideration of a grant of £500. from the capital stock of the Charity, towards the expenses of the New Buildings; it is expected indeed that, during the current year, the number of Subscribers' Patients will seldom be under the full number allowed.

The Visitors have the pleasure to report a greater number of cures during the past year than on any previous occasion; and they are assured, by the Superintendent, that the late alterations and enlargement of the Building will, in a sanitary point of view, be most important.

The conduct of the Officers and Servants during the past year, and the management of the Asylum generally has been most satisfactory; and the Visitors feel pleasure in recording in this Report the opinion of the Commissioners in Lunacy, as expressed in the last Annual Visit: "We have every reason to be satisfied with the management of the Asylum; which appears to reflect much credit on the skill and attention of the resident Medical Officer."

Signed, on behalf of the Visitors,

CHARLES WILLIAM PACKE, CHAIRMAN.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHARITY ACCOUNT.

LIST OF DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

RECEIVED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND FORMING THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE CHARITY UP TO THE 31ST DECEMBER 1849.

	£. s.	. 1	d.
Net produce of Bazaar,	1515 1	1	0
Legacy from John Ragg, Esq	100	0	0
Ditto from Thomas Toone, Esq	50	0	0
Ditto from Samuel Simpson, Esq	100	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. Thorpe, Loughborough,	10	0	0
Ditto from Miss S. O. Palmer, ditto,	90	0	0
Ditto from Mr. George Bunney, Little Dalby,	10	0	0
Donation from M. F. E	25	0	0
Legacy from Mr. John Freer,	100	0	0
Ditto from Mr. William Neale,	19 1	19	0
Donation from the Rev. Joseph Arkwright,	25	0	0
Net produce of Ball on the 20th Nov. 1844,	154	9	0
Donation from Mr. L'Hermitte,	3	0	0
Legacy from Mrs. Vann,	100	10	0
Ditto from the Rev. James Ord,	47	5	0
Ditto from the Earl of Stamford and Warrington,	500	0	0
Net produce of Ball on the 17th Dec. 1845,	153	8	6
Donation from Mr. William Chandler,	100	0	0
Legacy from Mr. Sims,	50	0	0
Net produce of Ball on the 16th Dec. 1846,	157	11	2
Donation from Joseph Taylor, Esq	50	0	0
Legacy from Clement Dumelow, Esq	50	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. Samuel Miles,	100	0	0
Net produce of Ball, 24th Nov. 1847,	142	18	1
Legacy from Thomas Exton, Esq	50	0	0
Donation from B. Adcock. Esq	50	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. B. Adcock,	50	0	0
Ditto from the Surviving Sisters of Miss Nedham,	20	0	0
Net produce of Ball, 8th Dec. 1848,	89	3	10
Balance due from the late Treasurer,	456	14	5
Legacy from the Rev. B. C. Raworth, of Quorndon,	50	0	0
Ditto from John Stockdale Hardy, Esq	50	0	0
Donations in lieu of Ball,	31	4	0
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MEDICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1850.

Patients on the Books, December 31, 1849, 206	
Admitted since, 101	
	307
Discharged—Cured, 49	
Relieved, 13	
62	
Died-Epilepsy, 2	
General Paralysis, 9	
Age and Debility, 2	
Maniacal Exhaustion, 6	
Other Causes, 7	
26	
Remaining—County Paupers, 163	
Out-County Paupers, 8	
Subscribers, 33	
Independent, 15	
219	
	307
Total number admitted since the opening of the Institution,	1139
Total number Cured, 505	
Relieved, 98	
Removed, 105	
Died, 212	
Remaining, 219	
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THE Report which is now presented by the Visitors of the state and progress of the Asylum is of the most important character, inasmuch as the past year will afford, for the first time, a sufficient test as to the result of the junction of the Counties of Leicester and Rutland, and the admission of Borough patients under a special Act of Parliament.

The preceding year, (that is, the year 1849,) was of an exceptional character; in the course of it the new buildings were opened for the reception of Patients, and of necessity a considerable increase was made in the Attendants and Nurses; but inasmuch as the increase of the Patients was gradual, the additional outlay was at first disproportionate to the increased income; so much so indeed, that for the Quarter ending December 1849, the expenditure of the Asylum exceeded the income, by nearly £100.

The Visitors, however, being fully persuaded that this excess of expenditure would be but temporary, determined to commence the year 1850, with a reduction in the weekly rate of maintenance; and the result of the past year has shown that they were fully justified in so doing; the increased number of Patients has proportionably diminished, the relative expence of the staff of the Institution, and this, combined with the low price of Provisions, has resulted in shewing a large balance to the general credit of the Asylum on the year's account.

The Visitors have great pleasure in announcing this, and the more so, as it enables them to commence the year 1851 with a still further reduction in the weekly rate of maintenance.

The rate of maintenance for the current year will be 7s. 3d. per week for Pauper Patients, that is nine-pence a week less than the preceeding year, this sum includes the expence of Clothing, and it is believed that no Lunatic Asylum in the Kingdom, can afford to maintain their Patients at a less rate. The amount is considerably below the sum charged for the maintenance of Patients in the County Lunatic Asylums of Middlesex and Surrey.

While, however, this reduction in the rate of maintenance is carried into effect, no diminution whatever is made in the *comforts* of the Inmates of the Asylum; the Visitors have acted, and will continue to act, on the principle that the Institution is rather a place of *cure* than of *detention*, a *Hospital* in fact, where the Inmates are treated as *Invalids*, and where no expence is spared in providing whatever the Superintendent considers necessary for their health and comfort. It is evident that no false economy is practised in this respect, if reference be made to the cures effected, which in their number may fairly challenge comparison with those of any other Asylum in the kingdom.

The weekly average of the whole number of Patients during the last year has been $223\frac{34}{52}$: of these the first, or County Class has averaged $163\frac{24}{52}$: the second, or out-County Class has averaged $9\frac{13}{52}$: the third, or subscribers' Patients $35\frac{16}{52}$: and the fourth, or Independent, $15\frac{34}{52}$: the greatest number of Patients at any one time, was 235.

The Asylum is not yet full, there is still room for the reception of a further number of Patients, if need be; but the Visitors are thankful to be able to express their belief, that the fearful disease of Insanity, the increase of which was at one time alarming, is abating in this County. They attribute this in a great degree, to the earlier treatment which cases now receive; and they would urge again and again upon Parish Officers and other local Authorities, the immense importance of this early Medical treatment. Many Patients now within its Walls, as confirmed and hopeless Lunatics, might probably have been restored to health and to Society, had proper Medical treatment been applied in the outset; --- it is the delay, arising in some cases from neglect, in others from a most mistaken notion of economy, that converts temporary into Chronic Mania, and entails upon parishes a lasting, instead of a temporary burden.

To the Subscribers of the Charity, the Visitors return their thanks for the liberal subscriptions which have been received during the past year; also to Joseph Taylor, Esq. for a donation of £50, and to an Anonymous benefactor for a Donation of £20. It is not the first time, in either case, that these Donors have added to the funds of the Institution. The Visitors have also to acknowledge the receipt of £130. as the net proceeds of the Ball held on the 12th December, 1850, so that the total amount of Donations received during the year, and added to the *Capital* Account have been as under,

		£.	s.	d.
Joseph Taylor, Esq.	 	50	0	0
R. D	 	20	0	0
Net proceeds of Ball,	 	130	0	0
Total,	 đ	£200	0	0

A detailed Statement of the Capital and Income Account of the Charity will be annexed to this Report, and it will be seen that the Visitors have carried over £500. to the Build ing Account as a contribution from the Charity, pursuant to the intention announced in the Report for the year 1849.

In return for this contribution, additional accommodation for seven Subscribers' Patients has been provided; and the total number to be received into the Institution as Subscribers' Patients will now be forty; that is, twenty admitted for Cure, and twenty Chronic Patients.

The continued liberality of the supporters of the Charity, as evinced by the Annual Subscriptions, the Dividends from the invested Capital, and the share that the Charity is entitled to, on the profits arising from the Second and Fourth Classes, form together an Income which enables the Visitors to carry out the benevolent intentions of the founders of the Charity; and this year considerably to augment the benefits which the Recipients derive from it.

The weekly rate of maintenance for Subscribers' Patients, for the first year of admission, will be reduced from 4s. weekly to 3s., and of the Chronic Cases from 6s. weekly to 5s. The Visitors make this reduction from a desire to secure to the Subscribers and to their Nominees, as much *present* benefit as possible; and in the assurance that their generous efforts on behalf of so important a Charity will not be relaxed.

The Cures effected during the year have been very numerous, as will be seen by the Medical Report; and the health of the Patients generally is a continued proof of the healthy situation of the Asylum, and the efficient manner in which its domestic economy is conducted.

During the past year the Institution has been frequently visited by the Committee of Visitors, and by other persons desirous of examining the mode of treatment adopted. The Metropolitan Commissioners have likewise made their accustomed visit, and the Committee are gratified in stating that not a single visit has been made, without a record being left of the gratification which an Inspection of the Asylum is calculated to afford.

In conclusion, the Visitors would add their testimony to the general well-doing of the Establishment in every point of view, Medical or Financial. The Superintendent states that the conduct of the Officers and Servants engaged in the Institution during the past year, has been satisfactory; aud as regards himself, the Visitors will conclude their Report, by again bearing their testimony to his skill and tried efficiency.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHARITY ACCOUNT.

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RECEIVED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND FORMING THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE CHARITY UP TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1850.

		£. s		d.
Net produce of Bazaar, held 24 September, 1839,		1515 1	1	0
Legacy from John Ragg, Esq		100	0	0
Ditto from Thomas Toone, Esq		50	0	0
Ditto from Samuel Simpson, Esq		100	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. Thorpe, Loughborough,			0	0
Ditto from Miss S. O. Palmer, ditto,		90	0	0
Ditto from Mr. George Bunney, Little Dalby,			0	0
Donation from M. F. E.			0	0
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Ditto from the Earl of Stamford and Warrington,	*	153	8	6
Net produce of Ball on the 17th Dec. 1845,	•••	100	0	
Donation from Mr. William Chandler,		50		0
Legacy from Mr. Sims,	•••		0	
Net produce of Ball on the 16th Dec. 1846,		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	11	2
Donation from Joseph Taylor, Esq	••	50	0	0
Legacy from Clement Dumelow, Esq		50	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. Samuel Miles,	•••	100	0	0
Net produce of Ball, 24th Nov. 1847,			18	1
Legacy from Thomas Exton, Esq	••	50	0	0
Donation from B. Adcock, Esq		50	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. B. Adcock,		50	0	0
Ditto from the Surviving Sisters of Miss Nedham,		20	0	0
Net produce of Ball, 8th Dec. 1848,		89	3	10
Balance due from the late Treasurer,		456	14	5
Legacy from the Rev. B. C. Raworth, of Quorndon,		50	0	0
Ditto from John Stockdale Hardy, Esq		50	0	0
Donations in lieu of Ball,		31	4	0
Donation per Joseph Taylor, Esq		50	0	0
R. D		20	0	0
Net produce of Ball, Dec. 17, 1850,		130	0	0
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