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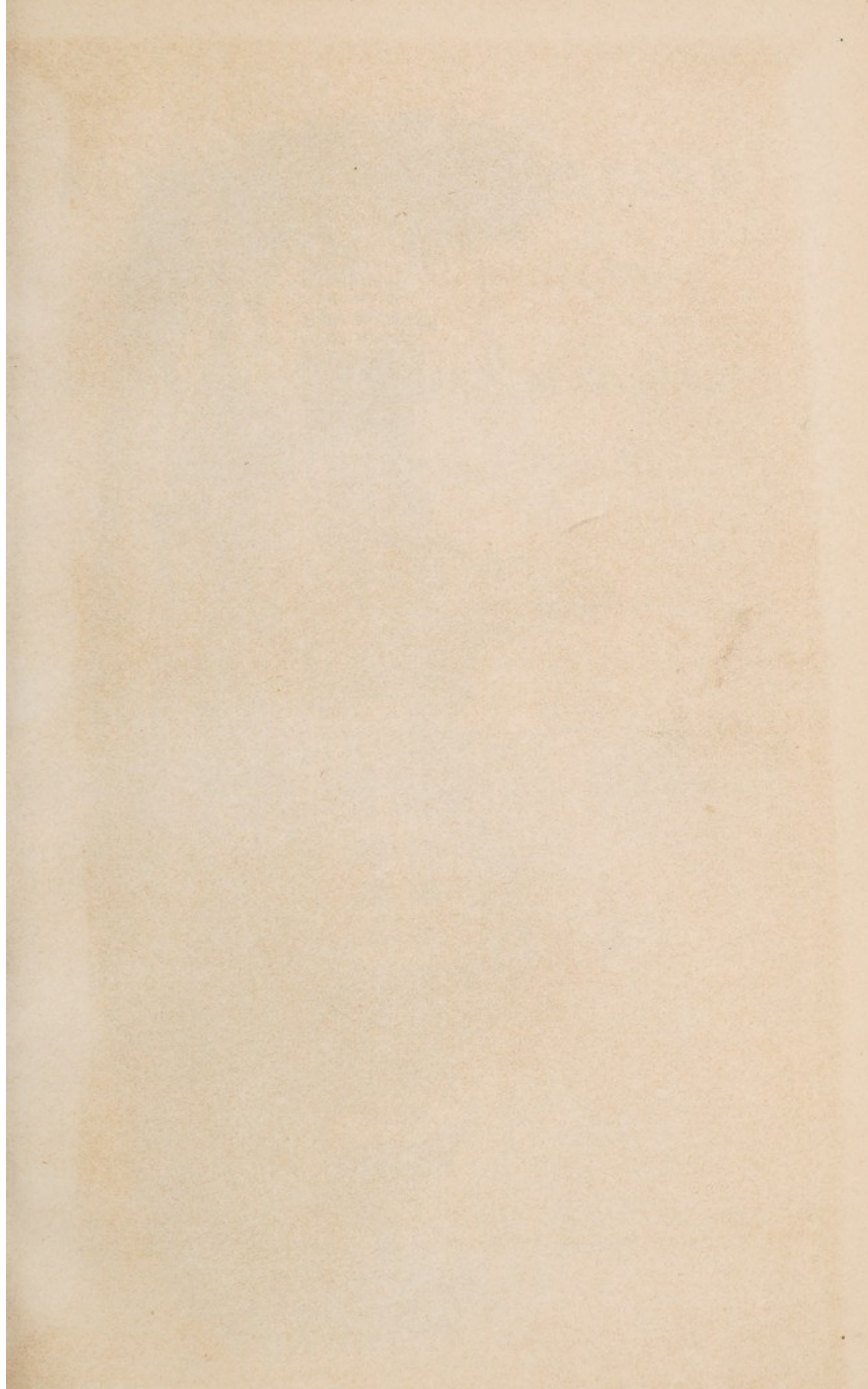
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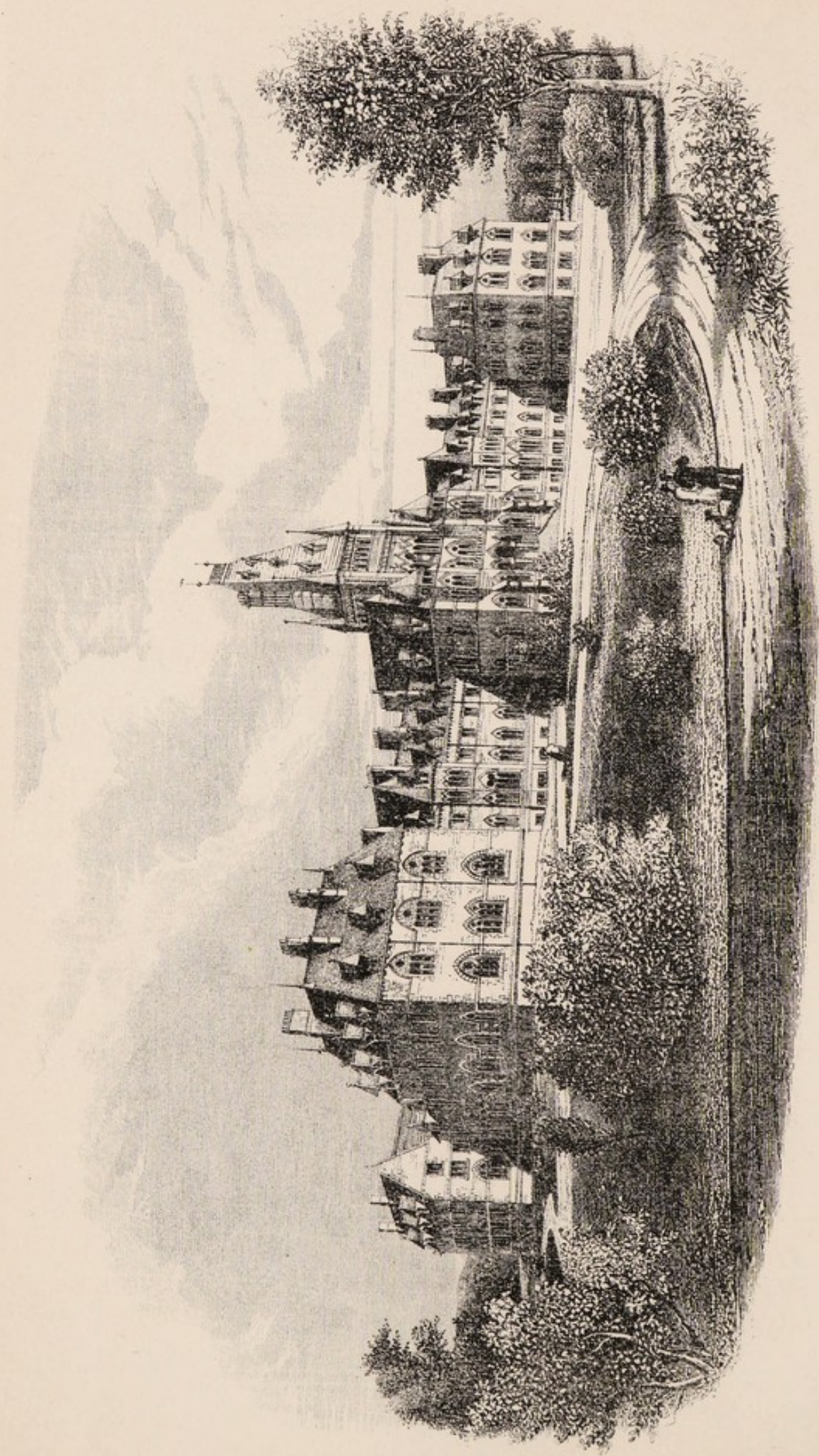
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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

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IDIOTIC, IMBECILE, AND WEAK-MINDED

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS,

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,

CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

'God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

' Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o'erlooked ? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !'

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OCTOBER, 1889.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of _____ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution, such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my Personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

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P R O S P E C T U S .

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of Idiots and Imbeciles of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Idiots and Imbeciles in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1881 was 32,717. Of these, 8,764 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,422 being between Five years of age and Twenty. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of idiocy or imbecility are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Idiocy being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Idiots require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Idiots with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile, at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Idiot's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the largest Idiot Asylum in this country, calculates that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably

improved in their habits, and become greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard, in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 105 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 600 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients, and is under the immediate direction of a Medical Superintendent. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without Election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the General Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly, by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees, and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees, constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 586 patients now in the Asylum, 266 belong to Lancashire, 185 to Yorkshire, 42 to Cheshire, 39 to Durham, 22 to Cumberland, 20 to Northumberland, 6 to Westmorland. Six full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Idiot and Imbecile from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. Owing to inadequacy of income the accommodation provided is not yet fully utilised, although the Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the General Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of Idiots and Imbeciles, the Central Committee have purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE combines, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational, and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR

IDIOTS AND IMBECILES OF THE NORTHERN COUNTIES.

LANCASTER.

INSTITUTED DECEMBER 21, 1864.

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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, October 15th, 1889 ;

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL,
(E. H. COOKSON, ESQ.),
IN THE CHAIR.

The Proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the Chairman addressed the meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and, whilst gratefully acknowledging the liberal support which the Royal Albert Asylum has received in past years, this meeting confidently appeals for further generous assistance from the benevolent public of the Seven Associated Counties, so as to relieve the Central Committee from all anxiety on account of present financial obligations, and to enable them to extend the scope and usefulness of the charity.

Moved by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool ; seconded by the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee.

- 2.—That this meeting desires to tender its most cordial thanks to the Committees and Collectors of the existing Ladies' Associations for the valuable aid which they have so ably and continuously rendered to the Royal Albert Asylum ; and earnestly trusts that, in the coming year, Local Committees and other active friends of the Institution will kindly co-operate for the formation of additional Ladies' Associations.

Moved by Edward Lawrence, Esq., of Liverpool, (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) ; seconded by W. H. Higgin, Esq., Q.C., of Timperley.

- 3.—That the thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Lancaster members of the Central Committee for their past services ; and in compliance with Rule 24, this meeting hereby appoints the Right Hon. LORD WINMARLEIGH, and the following gentlemen, members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

SIR THOMAS STOREY, KNT.	HENRY GARNETT, ESQ.	LIEUT.-COL. MARTON.
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Moved by Edward S. Heywood, Esq., of Manchester ; seconded by Stewart H. Brown, Esq., of Liverpool.

- 4.—That this meeting thankfully recognises the valuable co-operation of the Liverpool Local Committee ; and that the following gentlemen (with power to add to their number) be invited to act in the same capacity for promoting the interests of the Royal Albert Asylum :—

EDWARD LAWRENCE, ESQ., Chairman.	A. B. FORWOOD, ESQ., M.P.
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Moved by Sir Thomas Storey, Knt., Lancaster, (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee) ; seconded by Alderman Charles Brown, of Chester.

- 5.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the honorary auditor, Samuel J. Harris, Esq., and to the professional auditor, Mr. William G. Welch, for their audit of the accounts of the Institution, and for their examination of the securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account; and this meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints for the ensuing year Abram Seward, Esq., as honorary auditor, and Mr. William G. Welch, as professional auditor.

Moved by Geo. Buckston Browne, Esq., of Preston; seconded by J. S. Burrell, Esq., of Liverpool.

- 6 —That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Sheffield, on Wednesday, September 24th, 1890; and that notice thereof be given in the Sheffield, Leeds, Halifax, York, Huddersfield, Lancaster, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, Kendal, Bradford, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle newspapers.

Moved by Dr. J. H. Hammond, of Preston; seconded by W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., of Carlisle.

- 7.—A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by Alderman Charles Blades (Mayor of Lancaster); seconded by Edward Lawrence, Esq., of Liverpool.

AN ELECTION OF FORTY PATIENTS belonging to Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland,, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, in the morning under the presidency of Stewart H. Brown, Esq.

After the Election the Mayor of Liverpool (E. H. Cookson, Esq.,) entertained the Members of the Central Committee and other friends at Luncheon in the Town Hall. The Mayor presided, and the guests included the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, Edward Lawrence, Esq., Sir Thomas Storey, Alderman C. Blades (Mayor of Lancaster), W. Ascroft, Esq., Alderman C. Brown, G. Buckston Browne, Esq., J. S. Burrell, Esq., George A. Dickson, Esq., Charles France, Esq., J. H. Hammond, Esq., M.D., F. J. Harrison, Esq., Thomas Heald, Esq., Arthur H. Heywood, Esq., Edward S. Heywood, Esq., W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., Richard Hurst Esq., Richard Nicholson, Esq., J. Selwyn Rawson, Esq., The Rev. C. Twemlow Royds, M.A., Abram Seward, Esq., Edward Storey, Esq., Wm. Tattersall, Esq., James Tomkinson, Esq., Stewart H. Brown, Esq., E. Edmondson, Esq., A. L. Jones, Esq., Samuel Stitt, Esq., Dr. Shuttleworth, Medical Superintendent, and Mr. James Diggins, General Secretary.

REPORT

Presented at the General Annual Meeting,

At Liverpool, October 15th, 1889.

THE Central Committee have great pleasure in presenting to the Subscribers of the Royal Albert Asylum their Twenty-fifth Annual Report. They are particularly glad to have the opportunity of again submitting the claims of the Institution to the favourable regard of the philanthropic public of Liverpool. It was Liverpool that cordially seconded, in 1865, under the auspices of the Mayor, Mr. Edward Lawrence, the first efforts of the promoters at Lancaster, and powerfully assisted to make their objects known throughout Lancashire, and it has ever since taken a prominent part in advancing the interests of the Institution. In 1868 the General Annual Meeting was held in Liverpool, under the presidency of the late Mr. S. R. Graves, M.P., who very ably pleaded the cause of the Idiot and Imbecile; and Election Meetings were subsequently held in 1872, 1877, and 1881. In the amount of its Donations to the Building and other funds, Liverpool stands second on the list of contributing towns, though, as regards Annual Subscriptions for the maintenance of the Institution, its position is not so satisfactory. To the Local Committee hearty thanks are due for their valuable co-operation; and to the Chairman, Mr. Edward Lawrence, the Central Committee offer their most grateful acknowledgments, for his untiring zeal in his own

Liverpool
support.

locality, for his eloquent advocacy of the cause in other towns, and for his administrative ability as one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee for the long period of twelve years. There is no more gratifying fact in the history of the Institution than the unabated earnestness and liberality of the original promoters and subscribers.

General Annual
Meeting at
Halifax.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at Halifax, under the presidency of the Marquis of Ripon, K.G. There was a large and influential attendance of local friends of the Institution, among whom were the Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Walsham How), the Dean of Chichester (Dr. F. Pigou), Mr. E. Crossley, M.P., and Mr. Thos. Wayman, M.P. Of the members of the Central Committee there were present : The Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Sir Thomas Storey, the Mayor of Lancaster (Ald. C. Blades), Mr. G. Buckston Browne, Mr. B. S. Brigg, Mr. J. B. Dewhurst, Major Foster, Mr. T. F. Fenwick, Mr. C. France, Mr. A. Greg, Mr. S. J. Harris, Mr. R. Hurst, Mr. F. M. Lupton, Mr. Wright Mellor, Mr. Hanson Ormerod, Mr. J. S. Rawson, Mr. C. F. Tetley, Mr. John Whitley, Mr. Hodgson Wright. In the audience were many ladies connected with the admirable Ladies' Association for Halifax and district, who manifested great interest in the proceedings. The objects of the Institution were ably explained, and the noble chairman made an excellent appeal, in the course of which he said :—

Speech of the
Marquis of
Ripon.

“ Although the financial condition is sound and the income sufficient to meet the immediate requirements of the Institution, yet I do undoubtedly feel that these sums are not sufficiently large to enable the Institution to do all the work that it might do, and that it ought to do, if it is at all to meet fully the requirements of the counties for whose special benefit it has been established. The amount of annual subscriptions received at present by the Asylum is £4,500. It is of course an income solely derived from that one source. It is to an increase in that direction mainly we must look for an increased means of enlarging the usefulness and the operations of the Institution. It does seem to me, when we look at the magnitude of the work which the Institution might perform if it had the means, that the amount of £4,500 in subscriptions is too small a sum for the seven northern counties, in which there is so large an accumulation of wealth, and upon which I think we may fairly and reasonably, even in these days when the claims upon the charity of the public are so numerous and so daring, call for a large subscription. For what is the work which requires to be done? I find that at the last census there were enumerated 8,764 idiots and imbeciles in these counties, and of these no less than 2,422 were between the ages of five and twenty years. Now there are only, as I have told you, 553 inmates in the Royal Albert Asylum at the present time, and although that is in itself a large number, yet, when you compare it with the 2,422 imbe-

ciles between the ages I have mentioned, it is a very inadequate number to meet the wants in this respect of the seven northern counties. And therefore upon that ground alone, upon the ground of the extent of the need, I say that the support given to this Asylum is not sufficient to enable it to do the work it might do and ought to do for these seven northern counties. If we turn from the extent and magnitude of that work and look at its character, it seems to me that we can then establish a still stronger claim upon the support of those in the seven northern counties who desire to do what they can to diminish the amount of human suffering in one of its most afflicting and terrible forms.

" This is a work, as it seems to me, which has very special claims indeed upon private charity. It is one of those works about the excellence of which there is no dispute, no difference of opinion: it is a work upon which men of all creeds and classes agree and in which they may all co-operate. It has claims upon all men in every part of these northern counties which the Institution serves. And I cannot but think, ladies and gentlemen, that it is very appropriate that this meeting should be called together at this season of the year. We are very close to Christmas, and the thoughts of men are turned now to the Divine child born at Bethlehem. I cannot think that there are any of those little ones whom He blessed and for whom He showed the deep love of His faithful heart, who would be dearer to Him than those suffering ones upon whose behalf we are gathered together to-day. He went about, as we know, doing good, healing disease not only of the body but of the mind. It is for us to follow, His example, and we cannot follow it more truly, more closely—we cannot surely act more entirely in accord with His blessed spirit—than if we do what we can to relieve such suffering as this, and to open somewhat, so far as it may be given to the skill of man to effect it—to open somewhat the darkened minds of these His children and to restore to them, in some degree at least, those mental faculties which have been stunted and cut short from the time of their birth. Under such circumstances I am content to leave the cause of this noble institution in your hands, and I am very sure it will not be neglected by you, but that you will go forth to-day and do what you can among your friends to make known its claims, to set before them the nature of this work; and if you do that I am very sure it will receive at length from these great counties, in which there is so much of enlightened charity and active public spirit, that amount of support to which an institution of this description is very largely and I believe fully entitled. (Applause.)

On the same day as the General Annual Meeting, an Election of 60 patients was held at Halifax, under the presidency of Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee. At that election there were 109 candidates, viz., Lancashire, 34 candidates for 26 vacancies; Yorkshire, 38 candidates for 18 vacancies; Cheshire, 11 candidates for 5 vacancies; Westmorland, 4 candidates for 2 vacancies; Cumberland, 5 candidates for 3 vacancies; Durham, 12 candidates for 5 vacancies; Northumberland, 5 candidates for 1 vacancy. Vacancies are allotted to the Associated Counties in proportion to the amount of their contributions to the funds of the Asylum. It behoves, therefore, those counties which desire to participate more largely in the benefits of the Institution, to increase their financial support.

Election at
Halifax.

Number and
Classification of
Patients.

There are now in the Asylum 586 patients, of whom 387 are boys and 199 girls. At the date of the last Report there were 553, viz., 373 boys and 180 girls. The average number resident during the year has been 560. There have been 89 admissions, 40 discharges, and 16 deaths. Of the 586 present inmates 341 are election patients, 210 reduced-payment cases, 12 full-payment cases, 13 associated and private cases, 7 life-interest cases, and 3 presentation cases. The classification according to the counties to which they belong is as follows :—

LANCASHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	266
YORKSHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
OTHER COUNTIES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
								586

Life Interest
Cases.

It may be noticed that there has been an increase in the number of life-interest cases from four to seven. To parents who have carefully nurtured and tended these feeble-minded members of their families, it is a source of grave anxiety to know what is to become of such helpless and blighted lives when their own watchful and loving ministrations must, in the course of nature, cease; and to be able to make a life-long provision for such children in a permanent Home where all their physical and mental wants will receive kind and suitable attention, is a boon which is most gratefully appreciated. Such cases become the Children of the Institution, and share in all its enjoyments and advantages; and it is gratifying to know that they still live in the hearts of their parents who take an abiding interest in their welfare and progress. The payments for these life-interest cases are credited to the Sustentation Fund for the permanent benefit of the Institution, and may eventually form the nucleus of a very valuable Life Fund.

Contributions
from Parents of
Election Cases.

The parents and friends of election cases have been encouraged to contribute something periodically towards the maintenance of such patients, and their aggregate contribu-

tions during the past year have realised no less a sum than £930 16s. 6d.—for 195 patients. Those who thus contribute are not the less grateful for the advantages enjoyed by their children, while their interest in the children is certainly stimulated and strengthened. Due care is taken not to allow such payments to embarrass the scanty resources of the families when in affliction or poverty.

There are still several vacant beds at Brunton House, Brunton House, the branch establishment for the higher-rate paying cases of Imbeciles; and the Committee would be glad to see the entire accommodation utilised. As a Home for private pupils, under the immediate care of a Matron with an efficient staff, it offers great advantages in the domestic arrangements and family life, and in its lovely grounds and healthful surroundings. The pupils attend the Schools and occupations at the Asylum, and share in its varied amusements, while they have the same medical care and supervision as the inmates of the Asylum.

The following table gives the contributions to the Maintenance and Sustentation Funds which have been received during the year:—

Contributions
to the
Maintenance
and Endowment
Funds.

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.			SUSTENTA- TION FUND.	TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations	Legacies.	Legacies.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1589 14 8	956 7 3	20 0 0	200 0 0	2766 1 11
YORKSHIRE	1461 2 8	168 4 7	.....	436 16 0	2066 3 3
CHESHIRE	507 18 6	69 10 10	.....	.....	577 9 4
WESTMORLAND	89 3 6	5 5 0	.....	200 0 0	294 8 6
CUMBERLAND	321 19 7	13 10 6	.....	.....	335 10 1
DURHAM	447 6 9	15 6 6	.....	390 0 0	852 13 3
NORTHUMBERLAND	37 14 0	.....	.....	.....	37 14 0
	4454 19 8	1228 4 8	20 0 0	1226 16 0	6930 0 4

There are one or two items in this table to which the Committee desire to call attention. The amount of the Annual Subscriptions is far too small for the needs of the Institution and for the claims upon the Associated Counties, and this complaint is especially applicable to the counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Northumberland. It is hoped that it will be quite sufficient to call attention to such

Legacies.

deficiency. In the case of Lancashire there has been a notable increase of donations, which has been most helpful ; and it is obvious that without donations to the Maintenance Fund there would be serious difficulty in carrying on the work of the Institution. The amount of Legacies received during the last few years has been comparatively small, and the Committee would again urge Subscribers and friends, in disposing of their property by charitable bequests, to remember the strong claims of the Royal Albert Asylum which is the only institution in the North of England for the care and relief of the sorely-vexed lives of those whose minds are veiled in imbecility. In the steady growth of the Sustentation Fund the permanence of the Institution is assured as well as the possibility of the extension of its humane purposes.

The following Legacies have been received in the year :—

	£	s.	d.
Miss Sarah Walton, Lightcliffe, Halifax	436	16	0
Anthony Wilkinson, Durham	390	0	0
Mrs. Agnes Pattinson, Bowness	200	0	0
Miss Mary Elizabeth Baldwin, Lancaster	100	0	0
J. P. Chamberlain Starkie, Ashton Hall, Lancaster	100	0	0
Thomas Taylor, Lancaster	20	0	0

Ladies' Associations.

Additional Ladies' Associations needed.

Much of the financial success of the Institution is still owing to the able, persevering, and self-denying efforts of the Ladies' Associations ; and the Central Committee would earnestly appeal to the friends of the Royal Albert Asylum throughout the Northern Counties to assist them in the formation of additional associations. The Committee are strongly of opinion that every one of the 200 towns and villages from which the patients have been received, should have its association or branch organisation. Much useful help might be rendered in this way by the clergy and others who promote applications for admission. It not unfrequently happens that a district which supplies one or more candidates for admission, contributes little or nothing to the support of the Institution ; and to such localities the Committee have the strongest possible grounds of appeal.

The amounts collected by the Ladies' Associations this year are as follows :—

Contributions
Collected by
Ladies'
Associations.

							Annual					
							Subscriptions.			Donations.		
							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	386	8	11	64	7	8
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT	...	...	...	...	...	...	251	9	0	48	1	6
"	..	..	..	..	..	(ROCHDALE BRANCH)	89	4	2	40	11	6
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	380	5	3	...	...	...
HALIFAX	...	...	...	...	...	...	311	0	8	11	9	11
BRADFORD	...	...	...	...	...	...	211	11	0	39	13	3
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	234	12	1	13	10	6
LEEDS	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	12	0	3	5	6
YORK...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	3	0	8	3	6
SOUTHPORT	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	12	0	...	...	...
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	17	0	0	10	0
THIRSK	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0	...	...	...
							2078	17	1	229	13	4
										2308	10	5

The total of £2,308 10s. 5d. is rather less than what was collected last year, when it was £2,327 5s. 3d. The slight falling off is not to be taken as indicative of diminished zeal and interest on the part of the collectors. It is inevitable that in the course of years there will be many changes from the pressure of other cares and responsibilities, and there is often much difficulty in replacing collectors who are reluctantly compelled to retire from the work. Deaths, altered circumstances, depression of trade, removals, and many other causes affect subscription lists, and, notwithstanding the energy and ability of members of Ladies' Associations, must influence the amounts which they can collect from year to year. To the unwearied efforts and organising skill of the Honorary Secretaries and other officers, the most grateful acknowledgments of the Central Committee are tendered. To the extension of the work of the Ladies' Associations to every part of the district of the Seven Northern Counties, the Committee look for the means of sustaining and augmenting the Maintenance Fund of the Institution. But the work of such Associations is not confined to the collection of funds; many poor people have had reason to be grateful to the ladies for having informed them of the existence of the Asylum, and for powerful assistance rendered in securing admission for their afflicted children. Wherever an Association is established the number of candidates for admission increases.

Work of
Ladies'
Associations.

Collections.

Appeal to
Clergymen and
Ministers.

Collections in aid of the funds of the Institution have been made by the following clergymen and ministers. In every Annual Report earnest appeals have been urged for more assistance in this direction. With the increasing number of patients the need becomes greater every year, and by no class can the benefits which the Institution confers upon the homes of the poor darkened by the shadows of imbecility be better appreciated. Many candidates for admission are introduced by clergymen and ministers, to whom appeals for help are always addressed, but, not unfrequently, without success. The Committee trust that the obligation will in future be more generally recognised. The Institution being unsectarian has claims upon the benevolence of all denominations of Christians.

Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.

Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham; also at All Saints', Eshwinning and Ushaw Moor, Durham.

Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.

Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas' Church, Bedford Leigh.

Rev. T. Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Rev. W. W. Mote, (Henham, Essex), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster, per Rev. J. F. Cowley.

Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.

Sundry
Contributions.

Not a few noteworthy and stimulating contributions have been received in the year, of which the following are deserving of special mention :—

A Donation of £500 from Mr. Eli Lees (London), Oldham.

An additional Donation of £200 from the Misses Ashton.

A Donation of £100 from Miss Dandy, Southport,—“ In memory of the late Rev. Samuel Earnshaw, M.A., and Mrs. Earnshaw, Sheffield.”

A Donation of £100 from Mr. James Harrison, of Dornden, Tunbridge Wells, and Liverpool, for a Turret Clock.

A Donation of £50 from Mrs. Eccles, Halifax, for Epileptic Fund.

An additional Donation of £21 from the Rochdale Co-operative Society Limited; an additional Donation of £5 5s. from the Heywood Industrial Society, Limited; a Donation of £2 2s. from the Doncaster Mutual and Co-operative Society; and an Annual Subscription of £1 1s. from the Prestwich Co-operative Society.

The sum of £5 5s. from the proprietors of “ Trade, Finance, and Recreation.”

The sum of £5 5s. (additional), the proceeds of a Concert at Grasmere.

The sum of £2 18s., the proceeds of a Concert and Penny Reading at Castle Eden.

The sum of 2s. 6d., being a "Thank-offering from a little girl on her recovery from a serious illness"; also 12s. 3d. additional from the Aldford Girls' School, Cheshire; and 10s. 6d. Annual Subscription from the Mothers' Meeting at Bunbury, Cheshire.

The following additional contributions to the Recreation Hall Fund, received since the date of the last Report, have enabled the Central Committee to regard the Winmarleigh Hall—that very valuable auxiliary of the Institution—as absolutely free from debt:—

Winmarleigh
Hall Fund,

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Charles Edward Lees, Oldham.. ...	500	0	0
Sir Andrew Fairbairn, York.....	78	15	0
(In addition to £26 5s. previously contributed).			
The Right Hon. Lord Herschell.....	20	0	0
Other smaller donations amounting to	25	12	0

The total amount received for this object, including £1,000 transferred from the Maintenance Fund, has been £6,606 7s. 9d., and the sum of £6,560 2s. 6d. has been expended, leaving a balance of £46 5s. 3d. on June 30th, 1889. There can be but little doubt that rightly used the Winmarleigh Hall may become one of the best educational agencies of the Institution. It provides ample accommodation in a handsome Hall for the patients and staff at services, as well as at concerts and other entertainments; and it contains a large playroom in the basement for the use of the girls and junior boys in wet and inclement weather.

With regard to the general financial condition of the Institution, the Committee think there is much cause for thankfulness. The total amount received from all sources, during the financial year, has been £24,532 1s. 5d., as against £21,468 13s. 8d. in the previous year. The Maintenance Fund has received £19,796 os. 7d., the Sustentation (Endowment) Fund £2,907 8s. 6d., and the Winmarleigh Recreation Hall Fund £1,828 12s. 4d. Payments for patients form the most considerable item in Maintenance receipts, amounting to not less than £9,199 3s. 9d., which does not equal the sum received last year by £245 12s. 3d. Arrears from private patients, which the Committee hope to receive shortly, would more than cover the deficiency.

General
Financial
Condition.

Debt on Estate
and Buildings
Improvement
Account.

There is still a debt of £2,232 17s. 5d. on Estate and Buildings Improvement Account, which the Committee would be delighted to see cleared off; and they will be very grateful for any donations contributed for this purpose.

Weekly Cost.

The average cost of maintenance per head, reckoned upon the number of patients, but including the cost of the staff and all office and administrative charges, has been 12s. 4½d. per week. Omitting building, furnishing, and workshop items it has been 11s. 7¼d. Subscribers may feel assured that every care is taken to promote the economical management of the Institution.

Audit.

The books and accounts of the Institution are systematically audited by the Finance Committee, the Honorary Auditor, and the professional Auditor (Mr. W. G. Welch); and the Central Committee refer with pleasure to the Auditor's Report, prefixed to the Balance Sheets, as giving the result of his painstaking and thorough investigation of the income and expenditure. Mr. S. J. Harris has been the Honorary Auditor for the past year.

Farming
Operations.

Early in the year an opportunity occurred for leasing a farm at Scotforth within a few minutes' walk of the Asylum Estate, and the Committee entered into successful negotiations with the landlord and the out-going tenant. It has involved a charge of £732 upon the Maintenance Account, for the purchase of stock, implements, &c., from the tenant, and much additional expense in the purchase of live stock must be incurred. The farm consists of 54 acres, and the principal consideration inducing the Committee to extend their farming operations was that more useful out-door labour could be found for the older boys. In the experience of all institutions for imbeciles, agricultural and garden work is most suitable for those patients who possess sufficient physical vigour, and that it is the most useful employment for such as come from rural districts. With fair intelligence they can be trained to hoe and weed, to spread manure, to dig, to feed the cattle and pigs, to clean out the shippens, stables, and styes, to assist in harvesting, and even to milk. They require, of course, special supervision, and an out-door labour master, to instruct and train systematically the boys committed to his care, has recently been appointed. With the additional farm it is hoped that the entire milk supply for the Asylum may be

Useful
Occupation
for Patients.

Food supply.

provided, which will, at least, be an advantage for sanitary reasons. The Asylum Farm consists of $82\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and what an important factor it is in the food-supply of the Institution is evident from a reference to the Maintenance Balance Sheet, from which it will be seen that it has furnished produce to the value of £3,729 3s. 9d., and the Scotforth Farm, £69 16s. 4d. That produce has consisted of 45,371 lbs. of beef, 24,244 lbs. of mutton, 10,187 lbs. of pork, 994½ lbs. of veal, 76 fowls, 8,425 stones of potatoes, 11,437 eggs, and 33,423½ gallons of milk.

On the 30th of June the valuation of live stock, imple-
ments, manures, &c., was at the Asylum Farm, £2,232 6s. 6d.;
at Scotforth, £488 1s. 4d. The live stock at the Asylum
Farm consisted of 41 cows, 1 calf, 99 sheep, 52 pigs, 182
fowls, 4 horses, 2 donkeys, 1 goat; and at the Scotforth
Farm, 9 cows, 15 heifers, 19 sheep, and 56 fowls.

Valuation of
Farm Stock.

Hearty thanks are again due to Mr. John Walker, of
Lancaster, for his painstaking but gratuitous valuation of the
farm stock. Mr. Walker, in his report, expressed himself as
much pleased with the condition of the farm generally.

At the last General Annual Meeting Mr. Frederic J.
Harrison, of Liverpool, and Mr. Charles F. Tetley, of Leeds,
were appointed Trustees for Investments to fill the vacancies
caused by the deaths of Mr. J. P. Chamberlain Starkie and
Mr. W. Roper, of Lancaster.

Trustees for
Investments.

There have been several changes in the Central
Committee during the year. One of the most serious of
these changes was the removal from Lancaster of the Rev.
David Davis, who was one of the original ten members of the
Central Committee. Mr. Davis had been a regular and
efficient member of the Central, House, and Finance
Committees, from their commencement, and he took an
intelligent and sympathetic interest in the benevolent and
administrative work of the Institution. His departure from
Lancaster, with the consequent loss of his esteemed co-
operation, is much regretted by his colleagues. The Com-
mittee regretfully record the deaths of several members of the
Central Committee. Mr. Arthur Lupton, of Leeds, had
rendered valuable service to the Institution in his own
locality, where for many years he was one of the

Changes in the
Central
Committee.

honorary secretaries, and he was also a liberal contributor to its funds. The Rev. Samuel Earnshaw, M.A., of Sheffield (a Senior Wrangler), was a zealous friend of the Institution, and in the early days energetically canvassed for contributions. To Mr. Alderman Philip Goldschmidt, when Mayor of Manchester, the Institution is indebted for the formation of the Manchester and Salford Ladies' Association, whose efforts to render financial and other assistance to the Asylum have been so successful. Mr. Titus Salt was one of the earliest Yorkshire contributors, and it was probably owing largely to his kind influence that the Central Committee received the munificent and most opportune and encouraging donation of £5,000 from his father, the late Sir Titus Salt. The death of Mr. Harold Littledale has caused a vacancy in the Liverpool representation on the Central Committee. Mr. W. W. B. Hulton, of Bolton, and Mr. Edward Ecroyd, of Armathwaite, Carlisle, have retired from the Central Committee; and Mr. James Tomkinson, of Tarporley, Cheshire, and Mr. E. B. Dawson, of Lancaster, have joined the Central Committee. In this connection reference may be made to the deaths of the following local secretaries, whose active assistance and influence were always at the service of the Royal Albert Asylum, viz., Mr. W. Heaton, Wigan; Major Ogle, St. Helens; and Dr. Angus Macmillan, Hull. The vacancies thus caused have not yet been supplied, but it is hoped that worthy successors may be found. The Institution can ill afford to lose valuable help ungrudgingly rendered for many years.

Deaths of
Honorary Local
Secretaries.

Thanks to the
Press.

Dr. Hutton's
Pamphlet.

To the newspaper press in the Associated Counties the Central Committee again offer their most grateful acknowledgments for their continued support. To the publicity thus given to the work of the Asylum much of its popularity is certainly due. Thanks are also heartily given to Dr. H. R. Hutton, Physician to the Manchester General Hospital for Children, for permission to reprint from "The Castle Howell School Record," his deeply interesting article on "The Royal Albert Asylum and its Work." It is now published in pamphlet form, and as the testimony of an impartial and skilled observer, cannot fail to be useful for distribution by members of Ladies' Associations, and other friends.

Thanks are due to the Honorary Solicitors, Messrs. Sharp and Son, Lancaster; to the Honorary Engineer, Mr. James Mansergh, C.E., Westminster; and to the General Treasurer, the Lancaster Banking Company. To the Honorary Secretaries, and other officers and active members of Local Committees, the Central Committee gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness for past services, and they venture to hope for yet more valuable co-operation in the future.

Thanks to
Honorary
Officers.

Epileptics are still a source of grave anxiety in the management of the Institution. Although excluded by rule, they yet gain admission in consequence of the alleged mildness or infrequency of the attacks, or, as sometimes happens, the malady may have been developed after some years' residence in the Asylum. The affliction is certainly one of the direst which can assail the ailing body and feeble mind of the Imbecile, and is not amenable to the ordinary remedial and educational agencies of the place. How to dispose of these helpless and dependent children, has seriously exercised the thought and sympathy of the Committee and of those more immediately concerned in the administration of the Institution; and the question troubles, with even keener urgency, the minds of the parents whose sad misfortune it is to have one of these pitiable children of blighted hopes to care for in a humble home. The references made to this subject in the last Report have not been without response. Immediately after the last Annual Meeting, the Secretary received from an excellent friend of the Institution, Mr. John Whitley, of Halifax, the offer of a donation of £100 from himself, £50 from his brother, Mr. Nathan Whitley, and £50 from Mrs. Eccles. The Committee, felt, however, that as the Winmarleigh Hall was not free from debt, and as £2,192 had yet to be raised on the Estate and Buildings Account, in addition to other financial obligations, the time was hardly propitious for commencing a new fund. Another handsome contribution has recently been offered by Mr. Edward Storey, of Lancaster, whose deep compassion for these epileptic children is well known to his colleagues on the Central Committee. Mr. Storey has promised £100, and more if required, towards a fund for the erection of a suitable building on the estate, to which the Asylum epileptics might

Epileptics.

be sent instead of being discharged, before the expiration of their election term, to the care of friends whose lives are probably one incessant struggle for the means of subsistence, but who, nevertheless, would shrink from no sacrifice to save their afflicted children from the lunatic asylum or the workhouse. For the same object a donation of £100, and more if required, has just been promised by Mr. Joseph Craven, M.P., a liberal contributor to the funds of the Institution, and a most active supporter. It remains to be seen whether these generous offers of assistance will evoke similar gracious aid from

Kind hearts to wait on woe,
And feet of love that in Christ's footsteps go.

—The dread of removal from the Institution, which has long been a bright and happy home, sometimes has a most prejudicial effect upon the more intelligent of these epileptics. It is only a few months since that a poor girl, whose election term had expired, had no fewer than 189 violent fits, chiefly owing, it is believed, to her having been told that she would shortly be discharged. Arrangements having been considerately made by the Guardians of the Union to which she belonged for her retention in the Asylum, she was comforted, the epileptic attacks ceased for a time, they have since been less frequent and severe, and she has been usefully employed in the domestic work of the establishment.

Need of
Separate
Provision for
Pauper
Imbeciles.

Attention should be called to the large and increasing number of pauper imbeciles who are inmates of the Asylum. These patients are paid for by the Guardians of their respective Unions, who receive a weekly grant of 4s. per head from the Government. There are now 121 such inmates and numerous applications for admission. The vacant accommodation being now extremely limited, the time approaches when the number of pauper patients must be reduced to make room for election and other cases, or the Asylum itself must be considerably extended. The Committee have repeatedly urged the importance of some adequate provision being made for pauper imbeciles, the majority of whom are left, without training or occupation, to spend their dull lives in the cheerless wards of the workhouse, or are consigned to the lunatic asylum in association with

maniacs—an association which is strongly condemned by the Medical Superintendents of such asylums, by the Lunacy Commissioners, and by all who know anything of the essential difference between imbecility and lunacy. With the powers vested in the County Councils, it is earnestly hoped that those intelligent and representative bodies will be moved to establish institutions for imbecile children of the pauper class, and to provide not only training schools but also custodial asylums, as is now done in the Metropolitan District under the Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867. It has now been demonstrated beyond all cavil that the great majority of idiotic and feeble-minded children are capable of physical, mental, and moral improvement; and it is in the interest of the community itself, as well as for the good of the children, that they should not be denied the means of amelioration. The number now enjoying the advantages of special care and training is miserably small in comparison with the total number needing such help. Surely what has been done in the Metropolitan district might be attempted by the intelligent and enterprising local authorities of the North of England, who have been in nowise niggardly in providing for pauper lunatics.

It is with much satisfaction that the Committee regard the Report recently issued by the Royal Commission on the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, and Imbecile. The work of that Commission has been presided over by Lord Egerton of Tatton, who, for many years, has taken great and generous interest in the Royal Albert Asylum, and it is understood that it was owing to the advice of that esteemed nobleman that the original objects of the Commission were extended so as to include an investigation into the condition of the Imbecile, who ‘from special circumstances would seem to require exceptional methods of education.’ The general inquiry has been most thorough and has lasted for several years. As mentioned in the last Report, the Royal Albert Asylum was carefully inspected by the Commissioners, and both the Medical Superintendent and the Secretary were afterwards requested to give evidence before them in London. The Committee are glad to quote the following from the Royal Commission Report: “We found that at the Royal Albert Asylum special attention had been paid to the requirements of this class, and

Report of Royal
Commission.

Dr. Shuttleworth and Mr. Diggins gave most valuable evidence on the work of that Institution." The Commissioners report—"We think there should be for every group of counties an institution similar in character to Darenth (for the Metropolitan district), divided into two sections, one of which should be confined solely to educable imbeciles, where the children of those parents who are either paupers or cannot afford to pay for the maintenance of their children in an institution could be sent by the guardians or school authority. When this is accomplished it is possible that there would be no necessity for compulsory legislation, as the parents would probably see the advantage of sending such children to an imbecile home." They are also of opinion that this class should be treated by the State in the same way as they have recommended that the deaf, dumb, and blind children should be treated, and participate in capitation grants, based not on individual results but on the general character of the institution as a training and educating body. The following "Recommendations" have been formally made by the Commissioners :

Recommendations of Royal Commission.

- 1.—That power should be given to school authorities to cause the attendance officer to report all cases of imbeciles neither attending any institution nor receiving education, and to obtain a medical certificate as to their fitness for entering an institution for educable imbeciles. On the receipt of such certificate, and on the application of the parent, the school authority should have the power and be required to send the child to an institution and contribute to its education and maintenance, as we recommend in the case of blind and deaf and dumb children.
- 2.—That in all cases parents should contribute according to their ability.
- 3.—That power should be given to county or town councils, jointly or severally, to set up an institution for educable imbeciles, out of the funds at their disposal, wherever, as is generally the case, there is either insufficient or no accommodation.
- 4.—That there should be a careful separation and classification of all cases in institutions.
- 5.—That the education and maintenance of educable imbeciles should, when necessary, be continued in institutions up to 21 years of age or upwards.
- 6.—That educable imbecile children should not be left for any time in workhouses or lunatic asylums, and that the guardians should report from time to time to the school authority and the Lunacy Com-

missioners all cases of imbeciles now or hereafter in workhouses, in order that it may be determined whether they are suitable cases for transfer to proper institutions for educational treatment.

- 7.—That the Lunacy Commissioners should inspect and report upon the training and education in all institutions open for imbeciles, and that they should also report as to the general equipment and character of the institution, and the efficiency of the educational methods pursued

It is intended to give these "recommendations" full consideration, and to assist in every way in promoting beneficial legislation for the imbecile. The Committee trust to have the earnest co-operation of all friends of the Royal Albert Asylum, and of those who are interested in the other Institutions for Imbeciles. The investigations and recommendations of the Royal Commission cannot but be fruitful of excellent results; and the gratitude of the entire community is due to the able Chairman and the other Commissioners for the completeness of their inquiry, and for the patience, sympathy, and earnestness with which it has been conducted.

The Institution has again been officially visited by the Commissioners in Lunacy, who have expressed themselves as "well satisfied with the means taken to promote the education and welfare of the patients," and they "hope that this Asylum may be able to still further extend the charitable assistance it gives to many homes by relieving them of the responsibility of looking after some idiot child."

Lunacy
Commissioners.

There have been several special visitors to the Institution who have borne impartial testimony to its efficiency, and the Committee are glad to quote what has been written in the Visitors' Book by Dr. Isaac Kerlin, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children. Dr. Kerlin, accompanied by Mrs. Kerlin, spent several days at the Institution. The entry is as follows :—

Special
Visitors.

"After a careful examination of the school, industrial and domestic departments of the Royal Albert, we must express only unqualified admiration for the system and thoroughness everywhere manifest, and will add that we shall take back to America many valuable suggestions from this, for the betterment of our own work."

Another entry in the Visitors' Book is by Mr. Andreas Beckholm, Assistant Director to the Lindern Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles at Christiania, Norway, who devoted

several weeks to the assiduous study of the methods of education pursued at the Asylum :—

“After a lengthy visit to the Asylum, I have had a good opportunity of seeing the excellent and careful way in which everything is managed. The kindness and hospitality shown me by everybody in the Institution have made me, a foreigner, feel that I was really amongst friends in our noble work, so that my visit from the beginning to the end has been a complete pleasure.”

Holidays of
Patients.

On account of the prevalence of scarlatina, small-pox, and other infectious diseases in the North of England last year, the Committee deemed it prudent to withhold the customary permission for the children to go home for a holiday in the month of August. This was felt both by the children and their parents as a great deprivation. But, happily, no such necessity has arisen this year. No fewer than 195 boys and girls have been home, and the reports of their condition and progress have been very favourable. From the 166 reports submitted to them, the Committee have made the following selection, which cannot but be regarded as very gratifying :—

Testimony of
Friends of
Patients.

1. (F. 859.) “I have had my brother over here for a month’s holiday I am very much pleased with his general condition. He seems better in every way. He has grown to be a fine-looking lad, and gives great credit to those who have looked after him. He speaks well of the treatment he receives at the R. A. A. I have very great pleasure in stating that he is very much improved in his habits and speech, and has also improved in reading.”

2. (H. 1075.) “We are more than satisfied with the physical condition of our boy, and we think his mental condition in some respects improved. What makes the boy appear worse than he really is, is his very limited power of expression. We believe the best attention has been bestowed upon the boy, and we are grateful for that.”

3. (J. 571.) “We are pleased to be able to report progress in the habits of our son, especially this year. We note that he is much quieter and more tractable, and he appears to have a keen enjoyment of pleasant surroundings. He is, I am sure, very happy at Brunton House.”

4. (M. 1230.) “I am well pleased with the improvement I can see in my son. He is well in his health and so much better in his memory, and can talk and say so many things; also his walking is so much improved, and he seems stronger. I am very thankful to see him so much improved in the time. He seems so much brighter and cheerful.”

5. (S. 628.) “After two years’ absence, we find him in good health, habits generally improved since last visit, and fairly grown in height, thin, as previously, and rather a shuffling walk, especially if a little tired. He is more intelligent, and can speak more words, and tries to make us understand he is happy at the Asylum.”

6. (B. 1148.) "Much improved in every respect. We never regret her coming to the Institution. We are perfectly satisfied with you all, and many thanks for your kind attention to her. Sorry she did not come years ago; it was a great mistake on my part. No mother need to be afraid of sending her child under your care."

7. (D. 1009.) "The health of our daughter is good, so are her habits of orderliness and cleanliness. Her power of thought and apprehension, and her memory and knowledge of places and objects explained to her have undergone improvement, we think, during her stay at the Institution."

8. (G. 1223.) "E. is decidedly improved. She is more docile and more intelligent. She is very tidy in her habits, being very careful to place everything where she finds it. Her memory is improved, and her power of observation is quickened. Her physical development is all we could wish. Speech seems her weak point, but we hope that will improve."

9. (H. 896) "F. is much improved since she was last at home, and has shown thought and consideration for others. She has worked steadily when alone, and has herself proposed to do work, saying her sister looked tired. She has been very well at home."

10. (M. 1151.) "I and all our family can see a great improvement in sister since she last was amongst us, for which we are more than thankful. She is healthier and of more rational conduct, and she seems to have advanced considerably in scholarship to what she was when at home. As regards mental condition we can also see some improvement, especially in regard to household matters, cleanliness most particularly so. She appears to have been quite happy with you, and looks forward to coming back with some degree of pleasure."

11. (S. 1221.) "I am very glad to be able to say that F. has improved in various ways since she first entered under your care. Her health for the last few years has been very good, therefore no improvement in this direction was expected. Her manner of eating has greatly improved, and on the whole I am satisfied with her improvement up to this time."

Letters have been received from friends of patients, full of gratitude for the benefits conferred by the Institution, and the Committee cannot refrain from making the following quotations from two or three which have been sent to the Secretary. The first is from the brother of a patient who has been in the Institution for many years. Originally an election patient, he has been retained, on reduced payment, for his useful services as a boot-closer and as an excellent office messenger.

Special Letters
from Friends
of Patients.

"I was glad to see you and other friends at the Annual Meeting held in Halifax the other week. I was sorry that my dinner hour could not be extended, so that I might have had the pleasure of inspecting the exhibits of the work of the patients, and also of having a word with you for all your goodness to us. Mr. Hibbert expressed a very potent fact when he

said that the help afforded by your and similar valuable institutions not only benefited those who had the good fortune to be elected as patients, but also those households which were relieved of the constant and carking care of one of the unfortunate class who are so happily dealt with at the Royal Albert. It is a pity that funds are not available to completely fill the place with those who so greatly need the care and treatment. No grander way of spending could be discovered by our wealthy classes."

The following quotation is from the letter of the mother of a youth who is a reduced-payment case. The mother, a stewardess on board an Atlantic Liner, is a widow in far from robust health, and has, in addition to her imbecile son, a delicate daughter to support. The patient is an amiable and pious youth, whose one ambition is to earn his own livelihood, and to do something for the support of his mother.

"I must say what a great improvement I see in my Boy. He has written me such a nice letter, so clean and nicely written—beautifully written and worded so nicely. I am so pleased, Mr. Diggins, and thank you for the care you and every one must have bestowed on him in the Institution: in fact I cannot find words sufficient to express my gratitude to you all; all I can say is "Thank you, over and over again."

The subjoined letter is from a Clergyman who interested himself to secure admission for the imbecile son of a parishioner. The boy was elected in December, 1887, but having disappeared from home and obtained employment on board ship at Grimsby, he was not admitted until August, 1888.

".....Vicarage,

3rd Sept, 1889.

DEAR SIR,

I feel much pleasure in saying that during the time of his holiday here, J. T. T. has been exemplary in his conduct. He has voluntarily assisted me in my garden, and has exhibited such improvement in intelligence, industry, and docility that I cannot but think even more highly than before of your excellent Institution.

It is clear that the lad has been under the best influence, and I am much pleased to see that he entertains a grateful sense of the benefits which he has received, and that he has a most respectful feeling for the authorities.

I am, dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

.....

The Secretary,

Royal Albert Asylum."

Vicar.

The Medical Superintendent's Report is an interesting survey of much of the internal work of the Institution, and is commended to the careful attention of the Subscribers. Dr. Shuttleworth gives a brief account of a recent visit to two institutions for imbeciles at Copenhagen. He also refers to a paper read by him before the psychological section of the Leeds Meeting of the British Medical Association, in which he discusses the important question of the causation of idiocy. The subject is one of vital interest to society, and the Committee are glad that the experience of the Royal Albert Asylum has usefully contributed to its elucidation. It is evident from the researches of Dr. Shuttleworth and other physicians connected with asylums for imbeciles, that heredity is a significant factor in the production of idiocy, and that many of the causes are purely physical and preventable on the part of the parents. Such investigations cannot fail to be of great interest to the student of vital statistics and to the philanthropist.

Medical
Superinten-
dent's Report.

In concluding their Report the Committee rejoice at the many evidences of progress. The good work, undertaken in the spirit of faith in its truly Christian character and in its inevitable success, has, however, prospered beyond all reasonable expectation. The sphere of its beneficent action has gradually widened, while the consolidation of its varied agencies and resources is being steadily accomplished. Much remains to be done. There have been munificent givers in the past, and the noble work of the Royal Albert Asylum will not be suffered to languish in the future; it will, with the divine blessing, be strengthened, developed, and perfected. In this spirit the Committee, grateful for past success, would confidently anticipate 'all the fair effects of future hopes.'

Conclusion.

WINMARLEIGH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my nineteenth Annual Report, the period included therein being from August 31st, 1888, to August 31st, 1889.

Number of
Patients.

At the beginning of this period there were 553 patients (373 males, 180 females) in the Institution; there were on the 31st of August, 1889, 586 patients (387 males, 199 females). 89 patients (53 males, 36 females) were admitted during the year; 40 (25 males, 15 females) were discharged; and 16 (14 males, 2 females) have died. The average number resident has been 560; the maximum number simultaneously resident 590; and the aggregate number under care and treatment, 642.

Admissions.

The admissions comprise the 60 patients elected last December at Halifax, the remainder being chiefly of the reduced payment or pauper class, with one or two full payment cases, and one high-rate case accommodated in private rooms. The mental condition of the new-comers has been somewhat above the average of past years; but there have been an unusually large number of crippled cases, one of whom, from the complication of paralysis with faulty habits, has been an unceasing source of anxiety since his admission. I may take the opportunity of pointing out that when, as in this case, the confirmed physical infirmities of a patient preclude all possibility of benefit from Institution training, it seems a doubtful charity to promote the removal of such an one from the familiar comforts of his home. If the Royal Albert Asylum is to maintain its character as an educational establishment rather than a mere custodial refuge, great care is necessary in the selection of suitable cases for the Election Lists, and caution is also called for in dealing with applica-

tions for the retention of patients on payment at the end of their election periods, inasmuch as friends will naturally make great efforts to relieve themselves of the care of unimproved and unimprovable cases. That a permanent home is required for many idiots, and even imbeciles, who have passed through our curriculum, there can be no doubt whatever; and I trust that ere long the attention of the County Councils may be directed at any rate to this aspect of the subject.

The discharges include the survivors of the 40 cases elected at Liverpool in 1881. Of the 38 then admitted 6 died, and 4 were discharged before the expiration of their election period; 1 was, under special circumstances, paid for. Of the 27 remaining, 13 were found to have improved considerably under training and were usefully employed in the Institution; 7 had improved in general intelligence, habits and conduct, though incapable of serviceable work; the remaining 7 had improved but little, 4 being low-grade idiots, 1 epileptic, 1 insane, and 1 hopelessly crippled. Extension of training, for an additional year, was granted in the case of 3 patients, aged from 13 to 15, who were making favourable progress in handicrafts; and the retention of 3 others on payment by their respective Unions was subsequently arranged. How far the improvement noticed in the Institution with regard to the first-mentioned cases has been maintained at home it would at present be premature to say, but enquiries will in due course be addressed to the parents. Amongst the other discharges are those of 2 pauper lads who are reported to be working very satisfactorily in their own Union; 4 patients who developed troublesome insane tendencies, and were transferred by their friends to Lunatic Asylums, and 4 who left for the purpose of accompanying their parents to America. 1 patient was discharged on account of having become severely epileptic.

Discharges.

Amongst the deaths are those of 3 patients who died at their own homes of acute phthisis, the parents having desired to have them with them during their last illness. As usual, consumption and tubercular disease figure as the chief causes of mortality, 11 out of 16 deaths being due to such causes. Having regard to the fact (which I have elsewhere set forth) that in no less than 24 per cent. of our admissions a family predisposition to phthisis exists (upon which, in some cases at least, the mental deficiency depends) the preponderance just noted is hardly to be wondered at. One death occurred as the result of confirmed epilepsy, the patient—a higher payment case—who had been 12 years in the Institution, being worn out by the disease. Happily this

Deaths.

year's death-roll does not include any zymotic disorders, and the rate of mortality has been comparatively low, viz: 2.9 per cent calculated upon the average number resident, or 2.5 if calculated upon the aggregate number under training.

Rodgett
Infirmery
Cases.

It is a matter for thankfulness that no serious epidemic disease has occurred during the past 12 months. On two occasions the isolated portion of the Rodgett Infirmery has been brought into requisition for presumably infectious cases, one resembling scarlatina, and the other measles; but no extension took place. The lower wards of the Infirmery have been constantly filled with cases requiring special medical or surgical care; and several operations have been successfully performed by the Assistant Medical Officer (Mr. F. W. Nielsen), including amputations of the thigh and of the upper arm, and the removal of a scrofulous finger, such procedures being necessitated by destructive constitutional disease of joints and bone. Contracted limbs, connected with paralytic affections in childhood are frequently met with amongst the bodily defects associated with idiocy; and as in such cases treatment by massage would seem to hold out a fair prospect of improvement, I should be glad to obtain, for a time at any rate, the assistance of a competent "masseuse."

Schools.

The Educational arrangements have gone on much after the fashion of former years; and Mr. Woods and Miss Baker still supervise, with much zeal and ability, the Boys' and Girls' Schools respectively. In the Boys' School a printing press has been introduced by one of the Teachers, Mr. A. T. Gallaway, and has been very serviceable, not only in the way of instruction in setting up type, but in printing the programmes of the weekly entertainments, and various useful forms. Practical work is well to the fore in the Girls' School, a large amount of clothing being made in the Sewing classes; whilst the younger boys have been taught to knit stockings and woollen comforters. The Kindergarten exercises in paper-folding have borne practical fruit, in teaching these children how to prepare for post the election-papers sent to subscribers, in which work, Mr. Diggins informs me, they have rendered considerable aid.

Industrial
Training

As regards Industrial Training the most notable development during the past year has been in the direction of additional out-door occupation for the patients. The acquisition of the Scotforth Farm, and the appointment of a Labour-master, have afforded facilities for employing a greater number of boys on the land, and in a more methodical manner than hitherto. Altogether as many as

124 of the older boys have in some way or other been engaged in out-door occupation either at the farm, in the garden and grounds, or in the various weeding classes. Some of the latter have been superintended by teachers both from the Boys', and the Girls' School, who have in turn taken groups of their pupils to work in the grounds. A new departure has been made this summer by employing girls and infant boys in weeding; and during the fine weather of the early summer this employment was much enjoyed both by teachers and children. In some cases it has been possible to arrange that out-door occupation should alternate with indoor sedentary work, much to the benefit of the health of the patients. At the farm-house, owing to recent additions, an average of 14 patients have found good accomodation, a separate bed-room overlooking the boys' dormitory having been provided for the attendants. The various workshops and other indoor work-departments have been well resorted to; and the excellence of some of the work turned out by patients has been attested by the commendations passed upon various articles shown lately at an Art and Industrial Exhibition in Lancaster.

The great value of the Winmarleigh Hall, has been fully proved during the year. The organ, played alternately by Mr. Sutcliffe and Mr. Vere, has helped to brighten the Sunday Services regularly held there; occasionally a simple anthem has been sung in addition to the ordinary hymns and canticles. On week-days the upper hall has been in frequent use for various kinds of recreations; and the basement playroom has been a boon, especially in wet weather and at holiday times. I am glad to be able to speak very highly of the proved suitability of both rooms for the purposes for which they were designed; and especially of the admirable heating and ventilation provided.

Winmarleigh
Hall.

As regards the Recreations themselves, the same routine has been followed as in former years, though the facilities for practices, as well as performances, afforded by the new Hall, have made it much easier to organise Entertainments. Besides the weekly concert, a monthly dance has been arranged, in which a considerable number of the patients—girls especially—take an appreciative part. At Christmas, a "Kindersingspiel," entitled "A Merry Party," was performed by a company consisting of Teachers, Attendants, and a large number of children, drilled into their respective rôles by the School-mistress, Miss Baker, who has continued to give valuable aid in the entertainments. Later a spectacular Musical Medley, called "A Night with the

Recreations.

Gypsies," was given with much success, chiefly by members of the Staff. As in former years, we have again been indebted to the Misses Storey, Misses Hadwen, Messrs. Stocks, Cooper, Reynolds, and Mason, for kind assistance in our Concerts. The orchestral music has been furnished by the Attendants' Band, which, under the direction of the Drill and Music-master Mr. Vere, has been very efficient during the year, its efficiency having been stimulated by the grant of a small quarterly allowance to the leading instrumentalists. During the summer months the play-field to the north of the Building has been in daily requisition, and Cricket has been played by the boys and attendants with as much skill as the uneven nature of the ground will allow. Each fine Monday there have been out-door games and dancing to the music of the Brass Band; and at Whitsuntide there was a Gala on the hill behind the Farm, and on another occasion a gathering in one of the picturesque portions of the Scotforth land. During the August holidays the children who did not visit their friends were consoled by a Picnic to Cockersand Abbey, participated in by 133 patients and 31 of the Staff, and much enjoyed by all. In addition, two expeditions have been made to the Morecambe Summer Gardens by smaller parties, one from Brunton House and the other from the Asylum Farm. Early in July a large number of patients and staff, attended a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado," in Lancaster; and by the kindness of the respective committees of management free admission was given to large parties of children to visit the Athletic Sports and the Horticultural Exhibition.

Holidays.

This year an unprecedentedly large number of patients (195), have visited their friends, spending (for the most part) 4 weeks at their own homes during the month of August. The written reports brought back with them have generally been of a gratifying character. The number of Visitors, both to Patients and to see the Asylum, has been considerable, and the contributions to the boxes in the Hall, in aid of the Amusement Fund, of fair amount.

Acknowledgment of Presents.

We are again indebted to numerous kind benefactors for generous offerings (both in money and kind) for the Christmas Trees, and for many pictures and illustrated journals, which are much appreciated by the inmates. To our good friend, Mr. G. Buckston Browne, we are under fresh obligations for his handsome gift of 90 well-selected books to the Institution Library (which now comprises 735 volumes); as well as for a treble set of the Scriptural Cartoons issued by the Religious Tract Society. Mr. T. Waller, of Morecambe,

was good enough to inaugurate the cricket season by presenting sets of bats, balls and wickets, for the use of the boys. Boxes of costumes, suitable for entertainment purposes, have been kindly sent by Lady Storey, Mrs. Geo. Clark, the Misses Paley, and Messrs. McRaith. If after the enumeration of so many wants supplied I may still point out a desideratum, it will be by the reiteration of my plea for superannuated pianos, which would be useful in certain departments of the Institution.

The "First-Aid" classes for male and female members of the staff were again held last winter (with the co-operation of the Assistant Medical Officer), and were examined in May by Surgeon-Major Hutton, on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Association. On the 26th July 1 medallion, 15 re-examination vouchers, and 10 primary certificates were distributed to those who had gained them, by the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Chairman of the Lancaster Local Centre, who pointed out the importance of ambulance training for asylum employes.

St. John
Ambulance
Association
Classes.

The Institution has been visited officially during the year by the Commissioners in Lunacy, the Lord Chancellor's Visitor (who has repeatedly seen one of the Brunton House inmates), and as many as 10 deputations from Boards of Guardians. Gentlemen interested in the Crossley-Porter Orphanage at Halifax, and in the newly-established Home for Epileptics at Maghull, near Liverpool, have also inspected the buildings and the methods of training, &c. Mr. Andreas Beckholm, Assistant-Director of the Institution for Imbecile Boys at Christiania, who had received from the Norwegian Government a "Stipendium" for the purpose of visiting similar institutions here and on the continent, devoted four weeks to a careful study of our educational methods, and pleasantly recorded his impressions in our visitors' book. We have also been honoured by visits from two experienced superintendents of American institutions for the Feeble-minded, viz., Dr. George Brown, of Barre, Massachussets, and Dr. Isaac Kerlin, of the Pennsylvania Institution, (containing about 700 patients), who both made entries appreciative of our work.

Visitors.

During a holiday ramble in Denmark I took the opportunity of visiting the two institutions which exist in the suburbs of Copenhagen for the care and training of Idiots and Imbeciles. The older institution, called the "Gamle Bakkehus," contains 132 patients or pupils, classified in four separate buildings, in (1) Nursery, (2) School, (3) Adult Males, and (4) Adult Females, Departments. The foundation was due to private benevolence, but the maintenance is

Danish
Institutions for
Imbeciles.

derived from payments made partly by the State, partly by the parishes, supplemented by the proceeds of an annual lottery sanctioned by the Government! The buildings are commodious, and the arrangements for education good. The second institution, or rather series of institutions, is directed by Dr. Johan Keller, and embraces a school for feeble-minded children, some of whom reside with their friends in town, a nursery or probationary house for younger cases, a house for working lads, and another for working girls—(these being detached houses in the country)—also a villa for epileptic children. We saw the classes under instruction in the town School, and there is no doubt of the practical character of the work, and of its meeting the case not only of imbeciles, but of the backward children who prove ineducable in ordinary schools.

Causation of
Idiocy.

At the Leeds Meeting of the British Medical Association I read before the section of Psychology a paper referring to the causation of Idiocy. As my conclusions were based mainly upon the experience gained in this Institution, it may perhaps be allowable briefly to refer in this place to the statistics brought forward. Out of 1,348 admissions, the history of about 1,200 cases may be said to be fairly well ascertained, and in these the percentages of factors concerned in the production of defective intellect may be stated as follows. In no less than 24·25 per cent. was there a family history of consumption; in about 20 per cent., of inherited mental weakness; and in 13·25 per cent., the existence of parental intemperance had been ascertained. Nearly 6·0 per cent. of the inmates are children of consanguineous marriages, rather more than half of these being children of *first* cousins. Depressing moral or physical influences affecting the mother were recorded in 21 per cent. of the cases, and abnormal circumstances affecting the child's birth in about 11 per cent. Altogether in about 65 per cent. of the cases imbecility existed from birth; in 35 per cent. it seemed due to an accidental cause, or had developed in early life. By far the most frequently assigned cause was the occurrence of infantile convulsions, alleged in 32·6 per cent. of our cases, but this was often probably a secondary manifestation, rather than a primary cause, of nervous and mental instability. In 6 per cent. there was an account of active brain disease in early life; in more than 8 per cent., of injury to the head; in nearly 10 per cent., of severe febrile illnesses; and in 2·25 per cent., of shock or fright to the child itself. It is remarkable that considering the out-cry that has been raised about over-pressure at school, this cause has been imputed only in 3 cases out of 1,200, *i. e.* in only ·25 per cent.

In thus marshalling the causes of Idiocy, it seemed to me more philosophical to state the comparative prevalence of the respective factors, than to attempt to assign an individual cause to an individual case. There would indeed appear to be but few cases in which one cause only could with probability be assigned. In the great majority we find not only the baneful heritage of morbid tendencies, but a combination of circumstances, in many cases avoidable by the parents, which seems to determine the actual occurrence of mental degeneracy in the offspring. If these circumstances can be defined with any degree of certainty, and pointed out for public information, it seems to me that one important *raison d'être* of such Institutions as the Royal Albert Asylum will have been established. It is only, however, by patient enquiry, extending over a long series of years, and corrected by mature observation, that trustworthy data can be secured.

In conclusion, I desire to acknowledge the efficient services of the Assistant Medical Officer (Mr. F. W. Nielsen, M.A., M.R.C.S.), and of the Matron (Miss Smith), in their respective departments.

Conclusion.

I have the honour to remain,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH, M.D.,

Medical Superintendent.

Royal Albert Asylum,

September, 27th, 1889.



CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

(Not previously reported.)

BOYS.

A. (1181). Admitted April, 1888, aged 14. Formerly a mischievous boy, fond of playing with fire, and with no idea of danger. Speech very imperfect; reading and writing almost *nil*; and seemed very unintelligent when admitted. Now improved in speech and in general knowledge; can write well in copy-book; understands the value of unit figures; is well conducted, and works well in the weeding-class.

B. (1192). Admitted April, 1888, aged 12. A nice-looking, well-conducted boy, with partial paralysis of left side. Could read only easy words in a stammering way, write a little, and understand the value of units. Now reads and speaks much better, writes a good letter, works addition sums, tells the time to a minute, and has much improved in general intelligence. He makes himself very useful, notwithstanding his paralysed hand, and does simple work in the garden.

C. (1207). Admitted April, 1888, aged 14. As he made no progress at school and had repeatedly run away, he was sent to the Imbecile Ward of Workhouse, and thence to the Royal Albert Asylum. Though comparatively intelligent in general matters, he could do scarcely anything at school, and no useful industrial work: has now become a steady worker, sews linings well in the Tailors' shop, and has improved at school, especially in writing, colour, and object lessons.

D. (1212). Admitted April, 1888, aged 11. An irritable, often passionate boy, more apt to quarrel with his companions than to give his attention to instruction. Could read easy words in a stammering way, write simple words indifferently, and work easy addition sums only. Now speaks and reads much better, writes a good letter, works easy sums in all the simple rules, and has much improved in temper and conduct. Does much useful work in the weeding-class.

GIRLS AND INFANTS.

E. (1295). Admitted March, 1889, aged 14. An undersized girl with remarkably small head (16 inches in circumference). When first admitted to school did nothing but run about the room, and if spoken to would take no notice, but pretend to cry. Could do nothing in the way of lessons, and would refuse to take a slate when offered to her. Now a cheerful child, sits nicely in her class, and takes great interest in all the lessons. Is very observant of pictures, and recognises the printed names of the objects they represent, distinguishing also some of the letters; counts a little, makes strokes, and tries to draw on the slate; and takes part in the drilling exercises.

F. (1325). Admitted March, 1889, aged 10. Knew two or three letters, could only make strokes on the slate and count a little; and had no idea of industrial work. Now names all the letters and spells short words; understands the value of units; and has made great progress in Kindergarten work. Is also useful in making beds, sweeping and dusting. Looks much brighter and is a promising pupil.

G. (1176). Admitted April, 1888, aged 9. A restless boy with abnormally large head, who could not do the work of Standard I., though he had attended a public elementary school. Can now read fairly, write well, work simple addition sums, and do chequer drawing very nicely. Is skilful in a variety of Kindergarten work, and knits woollen articles nicely.

H. (1081). Admitted September, 1886, aged 9. Then very indolent and slow. Educational attainments *nil*. Now reads a few words at sight, writes fairly on slate, understands the value of unit figures, and plaits and folds paper (in the Kindergarten lesson) with great precision. Very much improved in general intelligence, and in conduct.

I. (1250). Admitted August 1888, aged 9. Was a very restless inattentive boy, always teasing his school-fellows. Educational attainments *nil*. Now sharp and active, behaves well in school, knows some of the letters, counts a little, drills, and is fond of Kindergarten work.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1889.

At the completion of my Audit of the past year's accounts, I have pleasure in stating that the annexed Balance Sheets contain a true summary of all the transactions of the year. The Books have been kept with great neatness and accuracy and with a due regard to all the smaller matters of detail.

In the Maintenance Account the subscribers will notice that though there is a falling off of £245 12s. 3d. in Payments for Patients and of £44 10s. 1d. in Annual Subscriptions, the increase of £631 14s. 8d. in Donations, and small increases in several of the other sources of income, give the year a net increase of £557 2s. 4d. Expenditure is £554 15s. 7d. less than in the previous year, owing principally to reductions in the outlay for Clothing, Bedding, and Repairs.

The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account shows a further expenditure of £908 8s. 0d. on the Heating Apparatus and Laundry; and the balance remaining to be liquidated is £2,232 17s. 5d.

The Winmarleigh Hall Account has received further donations to the amount of £1,828 7s. 11d. Out of this sum the balances of the building and furnishing accounts have been paid, and a small sum remains which will be sufficient to close the account.

The Sustentation Fund Annual Account shows receipts from Legacies of £1,226 16s. 0d., and from Life Interest Payments of £1,680. In company with the Honorary Auditor, Mr. S. J. Harris, I examined the Deeds and Certificates representing Investments, and found them in proper order.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1888,

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888	... ..				278	6	5
„ Donations	... ..	1,228	4	8			
„ Legacy under Fifty Guineas	... ..	20	0	0			
„ Annual Subscriptions	... ..	4,454	19	8			
„ Payments for Patients	... ..	9,199	3	9			
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	... ..	3,983	1	5			
(Including £20 os. 10d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift")							
„ Interest on Bank Deposits	... ..	51	14	11			
„ Rent	... ..	133	13	0			
„ Sundries	... ..	508	15	11			
					19,579	13	4
„ Farm Produce sold	... ..	212	3	2			
„ Garden Produce sold	... ..	4	4	1			
					216	7	3
„ Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	3,799	0	1			
„ Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	186	3	2			
					3,985	3	3

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*Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—11th Sept., 1889.*

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL J. HARRIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1889.

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Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Halifax, Opening of the Winmarleigh Hall and the Quinquennial Festival at Lancaster, and of Local Committees, &c.	208	18	9			
„ Expenses of Election at Halifax	72	7	5			
„ Printing 5,000 Twenty-fourth Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	265	3	8			
„ General Advertising... ..	116	5	2			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Voting Papers, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.	86	0	2			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage and Petty Cash Sundries	135	2	9			
				883	17	11
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £778 5s. 5d. } Expenses { Asylum £5,454 9s. 11d. }	6,232	15	4			
„ Provisions ... { Purchased £2,596 7s. 6d. } { From Farm, Garden, &c. £3,985 3s. 3d. }	6,581	10	9			
„ Necessaries: Coals	804	9	11			
Gas	232	14	3			
Water... ..	207	6	8			
General	346	11	0			
„ Clothing	1,036	15	1			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	55	17	5			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery	26	11	3			
„ Asylum Postage	12	19	1			
„ Insurance	81	9	4			
„ Maintenance Sundries	388	18	1			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..	445	1	10			
„ Building Sundries	108	18	5			
„ Furniture: General	386	9	6			
Ironmongery	27	7	3			
Bedding... ..	75	4	0			
House Linen	22	14	9			
Crockery & Sundries	50	2	0			
				17,123	15	11
„ Property Expenses				89	5	1
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.				34	8	10
„ Farm (including Stock, Implements, Provender, &c.) ...	3,832	12	10			
„ Grounds and Garden	701	19	9			
				4,534	12	7
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account (cost of Stock, Implements, &c., for new Farm at Scotforth)...				732	0	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1889				661	9	11

£24,059 10 3

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1888,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Maintenance Account	732	0	0
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1889 ...	2 232	17	5

£2,964 17 5

Audited and found correct, 11th Sept., 1889.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL J. HARRIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

WINMARLEIGH

Dr.

From June 30th, 1888,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Donations				1,828	7	11
„ Bank Interest				0	4	5

£1,828 12 4

Audited and found correct.—11th Sept., 1889.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

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IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1889.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888 ...				1,280	19	4
„ Heating Apparatus	646	12	0			
„ Laundry Improvements	261	16	0			
„ Stock, Implements, &c , for new Farm at Scotforth ...	732	0	0			
				1,640	8	0
„ Bank Interest				43	10	1
				£2,964	17	5

HALL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1889.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888 ...				244	2	6
„ Masonry	167	16	0			
„ Woodwork	396	5	0			
„ Slating and Plastering	141	19	0			
„ Plumbing and Glazing	131	6	0			
„ Painting	56	4	9			
„ Heating Apparatus	84	10	0			
„ Gas Fittings	44	10	0			
„ Architect's Commission	296	12	0			
„ Sundries	8	8	0			
				1,327	10	9
„ Furnishing				203	19	4
„ Bank Interest and Commission				6	14	6
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1889				46	5	3
				£1,828	12	4

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1887,

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1887	... ..	886	5	4
„ Legacies...	... ..	1,100	0	0
„ Maintenance Account...	... ..	10	0	0

£1,996 5 4

Audited and found correct.—11th Sept., 1889.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL J. HARRIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1888,

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888	... ..	38	11	0
„ Legacies...	... ..	1,226	16	0
„ Life Interest Payments	.. ..	1,680	0	0
„ Difference in conversion of £2,165 Great Northern Railway 4½ per cent. Preference Stock into £2,435 Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Preference Stock	... ..		0	12 6
„ Brunton House Furniture (1884-5), charged to General Furniture in Maintenance Account, 1888-9	... ..	153	14	5
		£3,099	13	11

Audited and found correct.—11th Sept., 1889.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL J. HARRIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1888.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investments :—						
£500 Canadian Government Inscribed Stock ;						
Interest at 4 per cent. 	536	6	9			
£500 Victorian Government Inscribed Stock ;						
Interest at 4 per cent. 	556	7	9			
				1,092	14	6
„ Brunton House (Renovations, Alterations and						
Additions) 				864	19	10
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888 				38	11	0
				<u>£1,996</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1889.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Brunton House (Alterations and Additions)... 	54	3	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1889 	3,045	10	11

£3,099 13 11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	1887-88		1888-89		EXPENDITURE.	1887-88.		1888-89.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Average No. of Patients 543.	£ s. d.	Average No. of Patients 560.	£ s. d.		Average No. of Patients 543.	£ s. d.	Average No. of Patients 560.	£ s. d.		
Donations	596	10 0	1228	4 8	Expenses of General Annual Meeting, of Quinquennial Festival and Opening of the Winmarleigh Hall (1888-9), and of Local Committees	95	4 10	208	18 9	113	13 11
Legacies under Fifty Guineas	4499	9 9	4454	19 8	Election Expenses	63	16 4	72	7 5	8	11 1
Annual Subscriptions	9444	16 0	9199	3 9	Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, General Subscription Lists, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	305	17 4	265	3 8	40	13 8
Payments for Patients	3942	5 0	3983	1 5	General Advertising	86	10 4	116	5 2	29	14 10
Interest on Sustentation Fund	41	15 11	51	14 11	General Postage	90	8 9	86	0 2	4	8 7
Investments	480	19 7	508	15 11	Offices (Lancaster & Manchester)						
Interest on Bank Deposits	215	16 6	212	3 2	Rent, Rates, Gas, Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash						
Rent	3	16 3	4	4 1	Sundries	134	9 0	135	2 9	0	13 9
Sundries	3713	5 0	3799	0 1	Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	6172	9 9	6232	15 4	60	5 7
Farm Produce sold	191	0 6	156	3 2	Provisions	6481	9 1	6581	10 9	100	1 8
Garden Produce sold					NECESSARIES:—Coals	992	15 6	804	9 11		
Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum					Gas	257	12 11	232	14 3	188	5 7
Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum					Water	216	8 0	207	6 8	24	18 8
					General	340	0 11	346	11 0	9	1 4
					Clothing	1547	15 3	1036	15 1	6	10 1
					Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	87	4 4	55	17 5	511	0 2
					Insurance	89	18 0	81	9 4	31	6 11
					Sundries	408	10 2	428	8 5	8	8 8
					Workshops, Repairs, &c.	704	8 2	445	1 10	259	6 4
					Building Sundries	44	18 10	108	18 5	63	19 7
					FURNITURE:—General	202	9 7	386	9 6	183	19 11
					Ironmongery	81	19 1	27	7 3	54	11 10
					Bedding	340	4 4	75	4 0	265	0 4
					House Linen	18	7 1	22	14 9	4	7 8
					Crockery & Sundries	44	19 0	50	2 0	5	3 0
					Property Expenses	18	8 2	89	5 1	70	16 11
					Bank Interest, Commission, &c.	37	6 10	34	8 10	438	4 2
					Farm	3394	8 8	3832	12 10	17	4 1
					Grounds and Garden	684	15 8	701	19 9		
					Estate and Buildings Improvement Account	1000	0 0	732	0 0	268	0 0
					Sustentation Fund Account ..	10	0 0			10	0 0
					NET DECREASE £554 15s. 7d.	23952	15 11	23398	0 4	1123	4 6
					Balance at end of year	278	6 5	661	9 11		
						24231	2 4	24059	10 3		

Examined and certified to be correct.—11th Sept., 1889.
WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS,

Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds; and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND
PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD. Annual Sub-

	Donations.			scriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	17927	13	11	246	14	6
LIVERPOOL (2)	10672	15	1	215	11	6
MANCHESTER (3)	9555	19	3	521	17	6
BRADFORD (4)	9070	0	5	428	18	0
PRESTON (5)	9010	4	4	69	15	6
ROCHDALE (6)	6577	17	1	249	17	2
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &c.) (7)	5226	15	3	326	0	3
HALIFAX (8)	5058	19	11	403	19	2
LEEDS (9)	5010	14	3	211	0	6
WESTMORLAND (10)	4784	1	8	98	14	6
CHESHIRE	4551	10	10	506	4	4
SHEFFIELD (11)	2940	2	9	87	14	6
DURHAM (COUNTY)	2886	12	0	462	6	9
OLDHAM (12)	2836	2	0	25	4	0
YORK (13)	2591	11	7	99	5	6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.) ...	2407	4	7	20	9	6
BOLTON (14)	1809	13	0	38	6	6
BLACKBURN (15)	1361	0	0	25	4	6
NORTHUMBERLAND	1315	1	8	38	15	0
SETTLE	1282	7	11	33	12	6
HUDDERSFIELD	1259	3	6	50	3	0
SKIPTON	1226	0	7	19	19	0
WAKEFIELD (16)	968	10	7	9	19	6
BURY	923	9	4	19	1	6
BURNLEY	783	7	6	9	19	6
WARRINGTON	740	2	6	11	11	0
KEIGHLEY	738	11	0	19	19	0
SOUTHPORT	686	11	0	39	17	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	662	7	0	7	12	6
WIGAN	497	9	0	18	7	6
SCARBOROUGH	325	0	0	7	7	0
ROTHERHAM	304	17	6	7	7	0
ST. HELENS	295	12	6	15	4	6
HULL	262	9	2	17	6	0
DONCASTER	159	0	3	14	14	0

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1300 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.
- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq. and £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £625 from Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden.
- (7) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., (Cleator); and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; and £718 5s. from Hanson Ormerod, Esq.
- (9) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £525 from the late Mr. Arthur Lupton and Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (10) The Westmorland Donations include £675 from W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £560 10s. from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (11) The Sheffield Donations include £500 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.
- (12) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (13) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (14) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (15) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (16) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster,
Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	262	31	94	199	586
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	6	11	22	22	61
2. Make some attempt	8	7	22	27	64
3. Make a few articulate sounds	10	3	12	17	42
4. Speak indistinctly	48	3	12	30	93
5. Speak fairly	96	4	12	36	148
6. Speak well	94	3	14	67	178
					586
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	90	24	69	104	287
2. Know a few letters... ..	65	6	17	40	128
3. Know at sight a few words	9	1	3	9	22
4. Know all the letters	14	0	4	24	42
5. Read easy words and spell them	38	0	0	7	45
6. Read fairly*	46	0	1	15	62
<i>* 89 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>					586
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	44	24	45	61	174
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate	70	6	40	75	191
3. Do. do. in copy book	22	1	0	18	41
4. Form letters in copybook	19	0	5	19	43
5. Write easy words in copy book	58	0	2	12	72
6. Write fairly*	49	0	2	14	65
<i>*78 Patients write letters home with assistance and 28 without assistance.</i>					586
<i>616 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	85	23	58	79	245
2. Count a little	48	7	24	46	125
3. Count up to 30	13	1	6	27	47
4. Understand value of unit figures	44	0	4	24	72
5. Work simple addition sums	52	0	0	18	70
6. Work easy sums in simple rules*	20	0	2	5	27
<i>*8 Boys work sums in the compound rules.</i>					586

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON,	262	31	94	199	586
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	131	30	90	150	401
2. Know some of the hours	31	1	2	37	71
3. Know all the hours	27	0	1	6	34
4. Know the hours and quarters	13	0	1	4	18
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	21	0	0	0	21
6. Can tell the time to a minute	39	0	0	2	41
VI. SHOP LESSON.					586
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	100	23	77	117	317
2. Know a few coins	48	7	15	58	128
3. Do. do. and weights	31	1	1	10	43
4. Know all the coins and some weights	18	0	1	6	25
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	40	0	0	6	46
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly	25	0	0	2	27
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					586
1. Know no colours	71	19	69	99	258
2. Know black and white	43	2	14	27	86
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	31	3	5	29	68
4. Know all the simple colours	47	7	4	23	81
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	19	0	1	11	31
6. Know and can match most compound shades	51	0	1	10	62
VIII. MUSIC.					586
1. No interest in musical sounds	2	14	1	0	17
2. Attentive to do. do.	85	6	55	85	231
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	75	10	25	42	152
4. Do. do. with words	98	1	13	71	183
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	2	0	0	1	3
6. Sing from do. do.	0	0	0	0	0
IX. DRILL.					586
1. Have no idea of drill	2	14	29	28	73
2. Stand at attention when told	38	17	21	41	117
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	67	0	27	47	141
4. Go through extension movements fairly	96	0	8	22	126
5. Do. do. do. well and march	34	0	2	26	62
6. Do. do. do. to music	25	0	7	35	67
					586

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

August 31st, 1889.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
I. TAILORING.						
1. Preliminary Work	2	0	0	0	2	15 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings	0	1	2	0	3	
3. Do. Seams	0	0	2	0	2	
4. Felling	0	0	3	0	3	
5. Making Garments	0	0	4	0	4	
6. Machining	0	0	1	0	1	
II. SHOEMAKING.						
1. Preliminary Work	1	0	0	0	1	12 Shoemakers
2. Stitching Backs	0	2	3	0	5	
3. Closing Sides	0	1	2	0	3	
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Repairing	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Bottoming (making)	0	1	1	0	2	
III. JOINERY.						
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools)	0	5	15	0	20	28 Joiners.
2. Planing at Bench	0	1	0	0	1	
3. Making frames	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.)	0	1	2	1	4	
6. Making Furniture	0	0	2	1	3	
IV. GARDENING.						
1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...	7	40	21	3	* 71 (41)	Weed- ing Boys.
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	2	2	0	4	13 Gardeners.
3. Weeding amongst crops	0	0	2	0	2	
4. Picking peas, fruit, &c.	0	0	3	0	3	
5. Digging	1	1	0	0	2	
6. Potato setting, &c. (can also dig) ...	0	0	2	0	2	
V. OUT-DOOR WORK.						
Miscellaneous Work under Labour Master	3	7	12	4	+ 26 (8)	

+ 18 also otherwise employed.

* 30 also otherwise employed.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Grades of Work.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
V. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...	0	0	1	0	1	14 Farm Boys.
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c. ...	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Feeding stock ...	0	0	2	0	2	
4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe) ...	0	1	0	2	3	
5. Work with Horses and Carts ...	0	0	2	0	2	
6. Milking, &c ...	0	5	1	0	6	
VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c. ...	1	13	11	3	28	29 in Industrial Training Shop.
2. Plaiting Coir ...	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Mat Making ...	0	0	1	0	1	
4. Brush Filling ...	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Palliasse and Mattress Making ...	0	0	0	0	0	
6. Basket Making ...	0	0	0	0	0	
VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning ...	2	6	3	5	16	62 miscellaneous employed.
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work ...	0	2	6	0	8	
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c. ...	0	1	12	1	14	
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy ...	0	2	8	4	14	
5. Assisting Stoker ...	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Assisting Plumber ...	0	1	1	0	2	
7. Assisting Baker ...	0	1	3	2	6	
8. Employed in Office ...	0	0	*2	1	3(1)	

* Also otherwise employed.

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... 222.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

18 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above tabulation); 15 are taught needlework, and 10 do Kindergarten work.

Twelve Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
1. Preliminary work—Industrial Class ...	9	5	3	0	17	101
2. Sweeping, dusting, &c. ...	10	10	7	0	27	
3. Bed-making ...	2	8	5	1	16	
4. Scrubbing and general house work ...	0	6	6	4	16	
5. Laundry-work ...	1	2	5	6	14	
6. *Sewing and knitting ...	0	0	8	3	11	

*In School 58 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 21 hem, 12 sew fairly, 7 sew fairly and knit, and 20 sew fairly, knit, and do wool-work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 84, and 17 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making a total of 101 under Industrial Training.

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TABLE

Showing condition of Patients discharged during year.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved" {	Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
	Much improved	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	16
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	...	8	4	12
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
	Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
							25	15	40

TABLE

Showing ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's General Report.

AGES On 1st January, 1889.		NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...	40	19	59	1	0	1
10 ,, 15 ,,	...	146	89	235	3	0	3
15 ,, 20 ,,	...	142	78	220	6	2	8
20 and upwards	...	98	30	128	4	0	4
		426	216	642	14	2	16

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	172	...	Aprons	89	...
Overcoats	1	...	Chemises	9	1604
Trousers	356	...	Collars ... ..	...	1016
Vests	172	...	Drawers	20	2886
Knickerbockers	161	...	Dresses	16	3091
Combinations	6	...	Feeders ... ..	...	1213
			Flannel Petticoats	16	1596
			Flannel Vests	6	1537
	868	...	Hoods ... ..	...	443
			Jackets	6	77
			Nightdresses... ..	2	2929
			Nightshirts	17	...
TAILORESSES.			Pinafores	328	7105
Coats	6	3222	Shirts ... ..	...	2075
Overcoats	3	267	Skirts	28	611
Trousers	153	7123	Stays ... ..	...	232
Vests	8	1769	Ulsters	1	...
Combinations ... ..	...	101			
	170	12482		538	26415
			LINEN ROOM.		
SHOEMAKERS.			Bolster Slips... ..	150	1395
Boots (pairs)	657	2241	Blankets... ..	...	438
			Blinds	9	35
			Counterpanes ... ..	...	199
UPHOLSTERERS.			Dinner Napkins ... ..	...	11
Baskets ... ..	...	92	Pillow Slips	162	605
Bolsters ... ..	...	225	Rugs ... ..	...	39
Mats	11	1	Sheets	177	1203
Mattresses... ..	...	409	Table Cloths... ..	66	320
Palliassees ... ..	...	10	Toilet Covers	14	52
Wool Beds ... ..	...	6	Tea Cloths	108	3
			Towels	156	153
				842	4453
	11	743	PLUMBERS.		
BOYS' WARDROBE.			All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
Aprons ... ..	...	1109	CARPENTERS.		
Collars ... ..	...	1899	All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
Drawers ... ..	...	2541	PAINTER.		
Flannel Vests ... ..	...	1917	Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	762	LAUNDRY.		
Nightshirts ... ..	...	3130	Number of Pieces Washed :—		
Shirts ... ..	...	5916	Sheets	62,400	
Socks and Stockings ... ..	...	6332	Pinafores	32,134	
Jerseys ... ..	...	20	Nightshirts	29,117	
			Nightdresses	33,461	
			Other Articles	407,890	
	...	23626			565,002

JAMES DIGGENS, SECRETARY.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Dean of Llandaff, and Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Lord Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; also at St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. H. Barnacle, Parish Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
- Rev. P. Bartlett, Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellet, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, (Birmingham) High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Brighton), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. A. Christopherson, (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
- Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, M.A., at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Dothie, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw (the late), at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. J. Fleming, (the late), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Flood, (the late), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham Vicar.

- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. E. Green (the late), All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
 Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
 Rev. J. Hammersley, Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
 Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
 Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
 Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd
 Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe; also at
 Worsley Church, Manchester, the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave, Vicar; and at
 the Parish Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
 Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
 Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
 Rev. Thompson Hesk, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. Rowley Hill, (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man) Parish Church,
 Sheffield.
 Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
 Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham.
 Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
 Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
 Rev. Canon Hornby (the late), St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
 Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green,
 (the late), Vicar.
 Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
 Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster
 Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
 Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
 Rev. W. C. Kewish, (Darlington), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge,
 Manchester.
 Rev. P. C. Kidd (the late), Parish Church, Skipton.
 Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
 Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Bedford-Leigh, Manchester.
 Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
 Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at
 Christ Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
 Rev. Canon Maclure, (Rochdale), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves
 Burnley.
 Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
 Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
 Rev. R. W. Marriott, (Newark), Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
 Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
 Rev. Robert Martin, Irlam Church, near Manchester.
 Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
 Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness

- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. W. Mote (Henham, Essex), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
 Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
 Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
 Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. L. Pain, (Silverdale), at Warton Church; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
 Rev. T. H. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
 Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. E. Pryke, at the Parish Church, Lancaster,—Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar; at Warton Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Rev. T. H. Pain, Rector of Warton.
 Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. T. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. C. O. L. Riley, (Preston), Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar.
 Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
 Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.
 Rev. R. N. Sharpe, St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
 Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale; the Rev. Canon Ware, Vicar.
 Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
 Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Manchester.
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creaser, St. John Baptist's Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
 Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. T. B. Tylecote, Lowther Church, Penrith.
 Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
 Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
 Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
 Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
 Rev. P. J. Woodcock, St. Paul's Church, Chester.
 Rev. A. Woods, at Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands; Rev. J. Hammersley, Vicar.
 Rev. John Wordsworth, Gosforth Church, Gosforth.
 Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

- Winmarleigh, The Right Hon. Lord, £2 for Christmas Tree.
 A Friend, Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Ainley, Mrs., Selby, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous, Kildwick, a Parcel of Illustrated Papers.
 Anonymous, a Parcel of Music for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous, 2s. 10d. for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, Mrs. John, Hillside, Lancaster, a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Ashworth, T. A., Burnley, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Atkinson, Richard, Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bagnall & Wilcock, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. Wm., Lancaster, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Baumann, Captain, Bowerham Barracks, Lancaster, Boxes of Stationery for Christmas Tree.
 Butterworth, Benjn., Luddenden, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, a Parcel of Books for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Mrs., (Mayoress of Lancaster), a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Bolton, Miss Winnie, Birmingham, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Bond, Miss, Stonewell, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Bone, Mrs., St. Thomas' Vicarage, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Brash, Mrs. John, Dalton Square, Lancaster, Blotting Pads and Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
 Browne, G. Buckston, 12 Volumes for Library, &c.:—82 Volumes of Books for Library :
 40 Large Coloured Scripture Prints for Framing, Illuminated Texts, and a
 Cruden's Concordance : 40 Large Scriptural Cartoons, mounted on rollers.
 Cable, Joshua, Middleton, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Capstick, Mrs., Stonewell, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Mrs. G. C., Lancaster, Dresses, &c., for Entertainments.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, Oranges and Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Collected by Mr. James Robinson, Halifax, from a few friends, £4 14s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Cooper, Mrs., Wyresdale Park, Garstang, Box of Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, Henry, Liverpool, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Craven, Joseph, M.P., Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Crewdson, Mrs., Audlem, Nantwich, a Box of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Cross, Mrs., Liverpool, 10 Foreign Cage Birds and 6 Canaries.
 Crossley, Mrs. D. J., Hebden Bridge, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Diggins, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Edge, Wm., Bolton-le-Moors, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Eckersley, Mrs., Standish Hall, Wigan, Toys and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Edwards, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Ellison, E., Blackburn, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Elphick, Mrs., Croughton Lodge, Chester, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Fenwick, Mrs., Stanhope, Darlington, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Forster, Miss, The Towers, Durham, Dressed Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Foster, Miss, Durham (per Miss Hays), Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Foster, Major, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Gilchrist, W., Lancaster, 2 Second-hand Lamps for Fire Brigade Cart.
 Greenwood, Mrs., Bolton-le-Moors, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Gillow & Co., Lancaster, a Mahogany Exercising Horse.
 Gosselin, Mrs., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Ashfield, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hall, W., Market Street, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.

- Handley, H. J., Chester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Hartley, Mrs., Holme Garth, Morecambe, Six Framed Pictures for Christmas Tree.
- Harris, Mrs. S. J., Halton Park, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Hays, Miss, Durham, Scrap Books, Bags of Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hays, Miss M., Durham, Garden Hammock.
- Heawood, C., Heaton Norris, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Higgin, W. H., Q.C., Cloverley House, Timperley, a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Higgin, Mrs., Cloverley House, Timperley, Toys and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Hind, Mrs., Nottingham, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Holme, Mrs., Town View, Kendal, Woollen Petticoats, Scarves, and Jackets for Christmas Tree.
- Hunter, Mrs., Barrow, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Hurst, Richard, Spring Hill, Rochdale, 2 New Zealand Parrots, and a Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Hutchinson, Mrs., Manningham, Bradford, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Jeeves, Mrs., Malvern, Mounted Coloured Pictures, and £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Christopher, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, E., Market Street, Lancaster, Draught Table and Set of Draughts, and 12 Pairs of Small Bellows for painting for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Miss, Spital, Birkenhead, a Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Kennedy, Captain, Scarthwaite Hall, Lancaster, 50 Coloured Prints for Framing.
- Lancaster Athletic Association, per John Allen, Hon. Treasurer, 50 Tickets of Admission to the Whitsuntide Sports.
- Lonsdale, Alfred, Livesey, collected £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Longman, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, Books, Writing Cases, &c. for Christmas Tree.
- Manners, Mrs., Cheapside, Lancaster, Toys and Bon-bons for Christmas Tree.
- Mansergh & Son, Lancaster, Money Boxes, and Japanese Lanterns for Christmas Tree.
- Mason, C. E., Beaumont Hall, Lancaster, a Fancy Costume for Entertainment.
- Maxsted, Miss Gladys, Lancaster, Large Scrap Book for Christmas Tree.
- McRaith, A. & J., Lancaster, 6 Evening Costumes for Entertainments.
- Micklethwaite, Mrs., Wakefield, one dozen Knitted Woollen Balls.
- Moon, Mrs., Thorneycroft, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Moon, Mrs. G., Norwood, Surrey, 4 Scrap Books and a Picture Book.
- Morris, Miss, Chelsea, London. Pieces of Music.
- Nelstrop, Mrs., Ackworth Lodge, Pontefract, Scrap Books, Pictures, and Pieces of Music for Christmas Tree.
- Nickson, Mrs., Talbot Hotel, Blackpool, Two Boxes of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Page, Mrs., Lunecliffe, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Paley, E. G., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Paley, The Misses, Lancaster, Dresses, &c., for Entertainments.
- Preston, J., Bay Horse, near Lancaster, Box of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Radley, Mrs., Morecambe, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Ramsbotham, Dr., Leeds, Case of Toys, Sweets, Biscuits, Oranges, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, J. Selwyn, White Windows, Sowerby Bridge, Two Geese, and £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, F. Gerald S., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Ray, Miss, Claremont, Sheffield, an Illuminated text.
- Reekie, G., Manchester, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Religious Tract Society, Parcel of Books, Cards, Mottoes, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Reynolds & Branson, Leeds, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Richardson, Alfred (ex-pupil of the R. A. A.), Workington, Fifty Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Robson, Mrs. Wm., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Saul, Mrs. Wingate, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Saville, H. & Sons, Leeds, a Box of Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Saville, Mrs., Thornton, Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Seward, A., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Sharpe, Mrs. E., Halton Hall, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Mrs., Lancaster, Scrap Books and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Sherson, The Misses, Greenfield, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Simpson, Matthew, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers for Christmas Tree.
- Skene, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.

- Slinger, The Misses, White Cross Cottage, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls, Scarves, and Mitts for Christmas Tree.
- Smith, Robert, Keighley, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Starling, Mrs., Briggate, Leeds, Boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Stevenson, Mrs., Leamington, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Lady, Westfield, Lancaster, a large quantity of Illustrated Magazines. &c., and a Case of Toys for Christmas Tree ; also Box of Dresses for Entertainments.
- Storey Brothers & Co., Lancaster, 20 yards prepared Cloth for decorative painting for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Mrs. Edward, Crosslands, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Tatham, Mrs., Sunderland, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Thomas, Samuel (ex-pupil of the R. A. A.), Apperley Bridge, Christmas Cards and Framed Motto for Christmas Tree.
- Umpleby, Mrs. Snaith, Selby, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Waller, Charles, Morecambe, 3 Sets of Cricket Bats, Balls, and Wickets.
- Watson, George, Dewsbury, 2s. for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, Mr. Alderman, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- White, Miss A., Calton Cottage, Morecambe, Dolls and Reins for Christmas Tree.
- Welsby, Captain Hardy, Southport, 40 Boxes of Bon-bons for Christmas Tree.
- Wilson, Miss, West Bank, Kendal, Toys and Sweets, Christmas Cards, Album, Scrap Books, Pocket-handkerchiefs for Christmas Tree.
- Wrigley, Mr., Mrs., and The Misses, Holbeck, Windermere, Toys, Dolls, Christmas Cards, Album, Scrap Books, Pocket-handkerchiefs, for Christmas Tree.

CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders Schedules at the Census of 1881 :—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
16,105.	16,612.	32,717.

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE	1911	1798	3709
YORKSHIRE	1414	1489	2903
DURHAM	292	322	614
CHESHIRE... ..	376	382	758
NORTHUMBERLAND	258	228	486
CUMBERLAND... ..	106	103	209
WESTMORLAND	40	45	85
Total of the District	4397	4367	8764

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for various reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders' Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that at the Census of 1871 the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent. of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20, returned in the Seven Northern Counties at the Census of 1881 was 2422. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1881):—

Name.	Population	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots & Imbeciles per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND AND WALES	25,974,439	32717	794	25·2
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	8,627,156	8764	984	20·3
LANCASHIRE	3,485,819	3709	940	21·2
YORKSHIRE	2,894,759	2903	997	20·0
DURHAM... ..	875,166	614	1425	14·0
CHESHIRE	622,365	758	821	24·3
NORTHUMBERLAND	434,086	486	893	22·4
CUMBERLAND	250,647	209	1199	16·7
WESTMORLAND,	64,314	85	757	26·4

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Ashton-in-Makerfield	1	Mossley	1
Ashton-under-Lyne	1	Nelson, Burnley	1
Barrow-in-Furness	1	Newchurch, Warrington	1
Bedford-Leigh	6	Newton-le-Willows	1
Bolton-le-Moors	15	Oldham	19
Blackburn	9	Oswaldtwistle	1
Blundell Sands, Liverpool	1	Patricroft, Manchester	1
Burnley	9	Pemberton, Wigan	1
Bury	4	Penwortham, Preston	1
Clitheroe	1	Prescot, Liverpool	4
Dalton-in-Furness	1	Preston	12
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors... ..	4	Quernmore, Lancaster	1
Fazackerley, Liverpool... ..	1	Radcliffe	3
Formby, Liverpool	1	Ribchester, Preston	1
Garstang	2	Rochdale	6
Garston, Liverpool	1	Royton, Oldham	1
Grange-over-Sands	1	St. Helens	1
Harwood, Bolton-le-Moors	1	Southport	5
Haslingden	1	Stalybridge	3
Heysham, Lancaster	1	Standish, Wigan	1
Heywood, Rochdale	1	Stockport	2
Hindley, Wigan	1	Todmorden, Rochdale	2
Hornby	1	Ulverston	1
Lancaster	2	Walkden, Bolton-le-Moors	1
Liverpool	58	Warrington	2
Longridge, Preston	3	Werneth, Oldham	1
Lytham, Preston	1		
Manchester and Salford... ..	61		
Middleton, Manchester	2		266

CHESHIRE.

Alderley Edge	1	Lymm... ..	1
Alsager	1	Macclesfield	2
Altrincham	1	Marbury	1
Birkenhead	4	Mobberley... ..	1
Bunbury	1	Neston	1
Chester	16	Northwich	1
Disley	1	Sale	2
Dukinfield	1	Siddington... ..	1
Heaton Norris	1	Stalybridge	2
Knutsford	2		
Liscard	1		42

YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Addingham, Skipton	1	Leeds	35
Allerthorpe, Bedale	1	Lightcliffe, Halifax	2
Appersett, Hawes	1	Luddenden, Halifax	2
Baildon, Bradford	1	Marske-by-the-Sea	1
Barnoldswick, Skipton	1	Middleton, Leeds	1
Barnsley	5	Mirfield	2
Batley	1	Newlay, Leeds... ..	1
Bedale	1	Otley	1
Bell Busk, Skipton	1	Overton, Wakefield... ..	1
Bingley, Bradford	2	Owston, Doncaster	1
Boroughbridge	1	Pudsey	1
Bowes... ..	1	Queensbury, Bradford	1
Bradford	12	Rastrick, Halifax	1
Bramley, Leeds	1	Richmond	1
Brighouse, Halifax	4	Ripley... ..	1
Burley-in-Wharfedale, Bradford	1	Ripponden... ..	1
Clapham	1	Rodley, Leeds	2
Dewsbury	3	Rotherham	6
Doncaster	2	Saltaire, Bradford	1
Easingwold	1	Saltburn-by-the-Sea	1
East Keswick, Leeds	1	Scarborough	1
Farnley, Leeds... ..	1	Selby	1
Farsley, Leeds... ..	1	Shadwell, Leeds	1
Gomersal, Leeds	1	Sheffield	13
Goole	6	Shipley, Bradford	3
Green Hammerton, York	1	Skipton	2
Guisborough	2	Snaith, Selby	1
Halifax	9	Sowerby Bridge, Halifax	2
Harrogate	1	Thornton, Bradford	1
Hebden Bridge, Halifax... ..	2	Wakefield	1
Heptonstall, Halifax	1	West Vale, Halifax	1
Hessle, Hull	1	Wilberfoss, York	1
Huddersfield	4	Wortley, Sheffield	1
Hull	6	York	8
Keighley	5		
Knaresbro'	1		

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DURHAM.

Birtley	1	Hunstanworth	1
Bishop Auckland	1	New Seaham	1
Bishopwearmouth	1	New Shildon	2
Blackhill	1	Seaham Harbour	1
Crook	1	Seaton Carew	1
Croxdale	1	Sedgefield	1
Darlington... ..	4	South Shields	3
Durham	3	Stockton	1
Easington	1	Sunderland	2
Esh, Durham	1	West Hartlepool	1
Felling... ..	1	Whickham... ..	1
Gateshead	4	Wingate	1
Hartlepool... ..	1		
Heighington	1		
Hetton-le-Hole... ..	1		

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CUMBERLAND.

Aspatria	1	Moor Row	1
Bigrigg	1	Silloth... ..	1
Carlisle	6	Stapleton	1
Cockermouth	2	Whitehaven	1
Gilgarron	1	Wigton	2
Greystoke	1	Workington	1
Holm Rook	1		
Irthington	2		

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NORTHUMBERLAND.

Acklington...	1	Newcastle-on-Tyne...	6
Alnwick	2	North Shields	5
Beal	...	...	...	...	...	1	Tynemouth	...	...	...	...	3
Berwick	...	...	...	...	...	1						
Cramlington	1						20

WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside	1	Whale Lowther	1
Kendal	3		
Pooley Bridge	1		<hr/> 6

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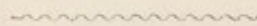
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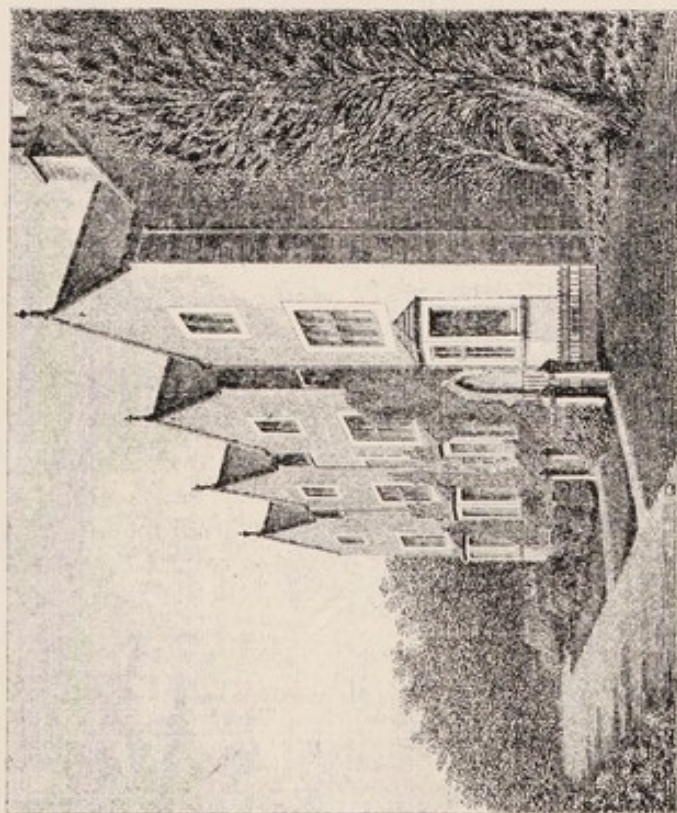


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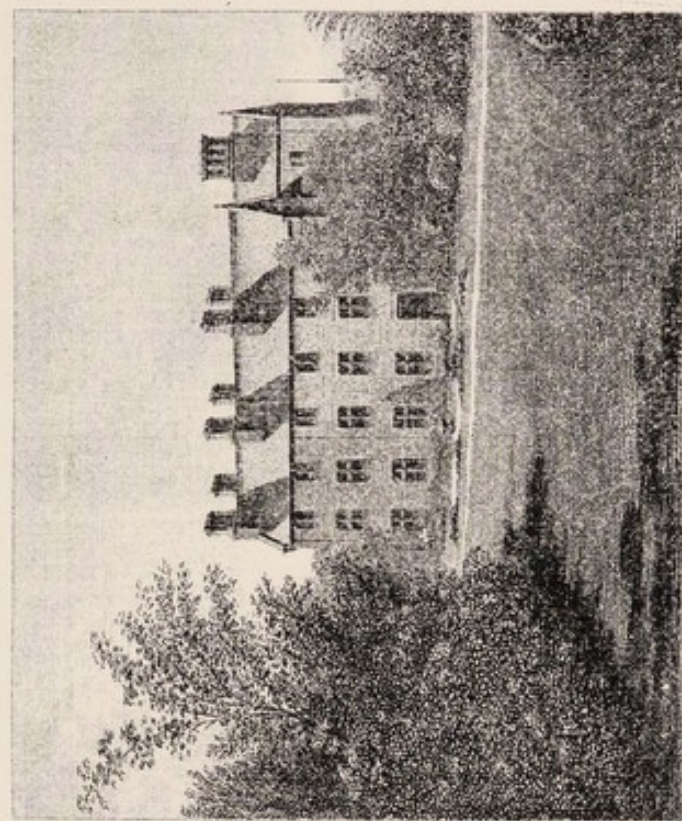
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