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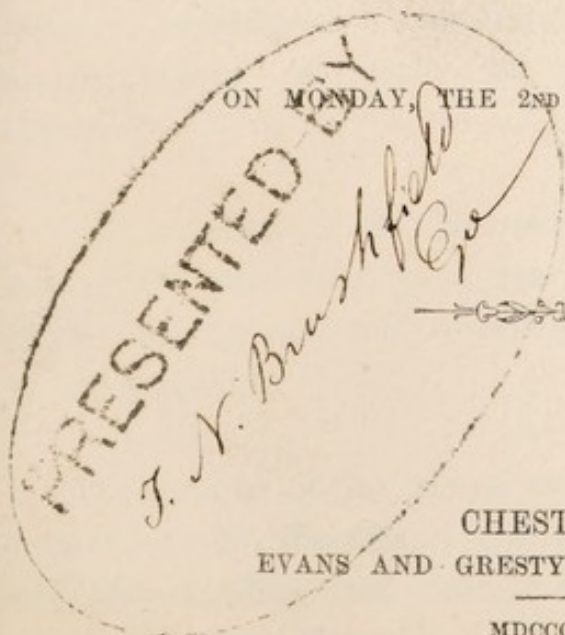


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THE
REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS & SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE
CHESHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM,
MADE TO THE
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REPORT
OF
THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

THE Committee of Visitors, in presenting their Annual Report, have to state that the various alterations and additions to the buildings which were in progress at the commencement of 1854, and for which a grant of £6,500 was obtained in 1853, have, during the past year, been completed satisfactorily.

The kitchens and domestic offices have been enlarged; a laundry, washhouse, workshops, stable, &c., erected, and an ample supply of water for the use of the establishment obtained.

The attention of the Committee of Visitors has been directed, during the past year, to a general revision in the management of the Institution; and considerable alterations have taken place in consequence.

The number of the nurses and attendants have been increased from 15 to 23, the dietary and clothing of the patients improved, and the bedding and furniture throughout the establishment rendered more efficient.

A Resident Steward has been appointed, and a Matron elected in the room of Mrs. Grierson, who resigned her situation in March last, which she had held for upwards of 15 years, and to whom a retiring pension of £10 per annum was granted.

A House Surgeon has also been appointed in the stead of Mr. T. N. Brushfield, the present superintendent.

A pension of £200 a-year has been granted to Dr. Ll. Jones, the late medical Superintendent, who had been connected with the Asylum for a period of 25 years; also a pension of £20 a-year to Mr. Wm. Wright, who had been head attendant for upwards of 20 years, and who resigned in consequence of ill health.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the commencement of the year 1854, amounting to £1,145 2s. 1d., having, in consequence of the great increase in the price of provisions and the improved dietary given to the patients, been absorbed, it was found necessary to raise the rate of maintenance for the quarter ending 29th September, 1854, from 5s. 9d. to 7s. 7d. per week; and for the quarter ending 25th December, to 8s. 2d. per week, which sum it now remains at.

The number of patients admitted during the year has been—Males, 52; Females, 50; total, 102.

The number discharged as cured—Males, 19; Females, 20. Not cured—Males, 13; Females, 11; total, 63.

The number of deaths—Males, 16; Females 14; total 30.

The daily average number of patients for the past year was 255, being an increase of 12 over the previous year. The highest number at one time in the House was 266.

This number being more than the Asylum was capable of accommodating, the Committee of Visitors found that it would be necessary to enlarge the building, as well as to erect a new chapel, the present one having become unsafe, and too small for the number of patients who are able to attend.

In consequence, also, of the present Lunacy Act requiring that the Medical Superintendent should be resident, and the Asylum not being adapted for this purpose, it was determined to erect a Superintendent's house on the grounds near to the main building.

The cost of these alterations, including the additional furniture that will be required, will be about £12,000, for which a grant has been obtained from the Quarter Sessions.

These works are now in progress, and when complete, which will probably be in the course of the present year, accommodation will be provided for about 300 patients, and the Asylum made equal to most of the modern Institutions in the kingdom.

In June last, two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum, and entered the following report in the minute book :—

“ Chester County Asylum,

“ June, 2, 1854.

“ We, the undersigned, Commissioners in Lunacy, have this day visited the Cheshire County Lunatic Asylum.

“ We have had much pleasure in observing that various improvements have taken place in the Establishment since our last visit, and in learning that others are in progress. The condition and appearance of the patients, (which are evidently much improved), we are disposed to refer to the alterations

“that have recently taken place in the Asylum; and we are
“gratified to learn that the Visiting Magistrates are using every
“exertion to place the Establishment on the best footing.

(Signed)

“B. W. PROCTER.

“S. GASKELL.”

Appended is a General Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the past year, for the care and maintenance of the patients; and also of the sums expended on account of the building.

(Signed)

W. TOMKINSON,

CHAIRMAN.

20th March, 1855.

REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,
FOR THE YEAR 1854.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to your notice the following Report of the Asylum and its inmates, during the year 1854. On January 1st, 1854, there were in the Asylum 245 patients (104 males and 141 females); during the year 102 have been admitted; 39 have been discharged as cured, 13 as relieved, and 12 as unimproved, and 30 have died.

ADMISSIONS.—The number of admissions was fewer than during the preceding year; and, contrary to the usual rule, there were a greater number of males than females. In nine cases the disease was complicated, with general paralysis; and in eight with epilepsy. In many the mental derangement was so far advanced as to leave but faint hopes of any cure being effected. In the early stages the disease, when uncomplicated, is generally curable,—the chances of recovery diminishing in direct ratio to the length of time which may have elapsed before the patient is placed under proper medical treatment: hence the urgent necessity of early removal to an Asylum, the especial importance of which I have endeavoured to impress on the minds of relieving officers and others who are in the habit of bringing patients here.

More than one-third of the cases admitted were so greatly enfeebled in bodily condition as to require the liberal and prolonged use of stimulants and generous diet, to prevent the bodily energies from flagging; and in many of this class of cases, notwithstanding the restoration to bodily health, the mind remained in an impaired condition.

RECOVERIES.—The Recoveries will always bear a relative proportion to the number of curable (and consequently of recent) cases admitted, as calculated upon the admissions; the per centage of cures during the past year was about the same as in the neighbouring Asylums, and may be considered as a fair average proportion.

DEATHS.—The proportion of Deaths was 8.62 per cent. of the numbers under treatment; nearly one-third (nine out of thirty) occurred in cases of general paralysis.

GENERAL HEALTH.—With the exception of a few mild cases of diarrhœa, which occurred during the summer, the general health of the inmates has been tolerably good throughout the year.

SUICIDAL CASES.—Of the 102 admissions, 42 were reported to be subject to Suicidal impulses, of whom 26 were known to have made actual attempts, and in several instances the attempts were renewed. The proportion of this class of cases is much larger than the usual average; and, as shewn in table 11, the suicidal propensity was more strongly developed in the males than in the females. This class at all times causes great anxiety to the medical officers, as notwithstanding the greatest vigilance on the part of the attendants, fatal cases will sometimes occur; no instance of the kind has, however, happened during the past year.

GENERAL PARALYSIS.—To the disease termed General Paralysis of the insane, is due a large share of the mortality for the

past year. It appears to be greatly on the increase throughout the country, more especially in the manufacturing districts; and it is remarkable for being comparatively unfrequent amongst females: of the nine fatal cases, eight occurred in males. It usually passes through its various stages with great rapidity, and almost invariably tends to a fatal termination: with occasional exceptional instances, the experience of this Asylum would point out four years as being the maximum period a person may live after once having become the subject of this disease.

RESTRAINT.—All forms of Restraint have been entirely abolished, nor has there been the slightest reason to regret at such a step having been taken; it is certain that its disuse has had a beneficial effect on the minds of those patients who, at any time, had been the subjects of it.

The number restrained prior to their admission, or brought to the Asylum in restraining apparatus, is also certainly becoming fewer.

ESCAPES.—During the past year there have been several attempts at escape, and in all instances by male patients: the majority were brought back to the Asylum within a few hours; none were absent for a whole day. It may be a matter of surprise that the number was not greater, considering that the building and other operations, when in progress, offered increased facilities for escaping. To a certain extent, the greater the amount of liberty a patient enjoys, the less likely is he to abuse the confidence which may be reposed in him.

EMPLOYMENT.—In addition to the ordinary operations in the land and gardens, the male patients have been employed, during the greater portion of the summer and autumn, in laying out the front airing court, removing several large mounds of earth, and employing the materials in levelling the potato field, &c.; carting pebbles, assisting in the building operations, white-

washing and painting the corridors and rooms, the exterior stone-work, kitchen, &c.; some new sources of operation have been opened, since the engagement of several artizan attendants; and instead of all the male clothing, and the men's and women's boots and shoes having been, as heretofore, made and repaired by tradesmen, they have, during the last seven months, been entirely supplied from the Asylum workshops, the female clothing and male under-clothing, and all the bedding, have been made and repaired by the female patients.

AMUSEMENTS.—Next to occupation, Amusements of various kinds occupy a prominent position in the modern treatment of insanity; in fact it may be stated as an axiom, that everything within the boundaries of an Asylum which tends to create a cheerful impression on the minds of the inmates, is certain to have a highly salutary effect. One evening in each week about 40 of either sex have met in the large room in the centre of the building, and danced until half-past nine o'clock; and on every occasion they have behaved with the greatest propriety and decorum. One daily paper, and most of the cheap weekly periodicals, are in constant circulation through the building; and more books are from time to time added to the library.

EXERCISE BEYOND BOUNDARIES.—During favourable weather, small parties of orderly patients, accompanied by proper attendants, have made excursions into the lanes and roads of the adjoining neighbourhood, and on no occasion has there been the slightest impropriety of behaviour.

DIET.—The Diet Table has been revised, and the food greatly altered in character, being of a less liquid nature than formerly. The females are now allowed to have beer as well as the males. Under the beneficial influence of a good diet (rendered absolutely necessary by the greatly depressing effect which the impaired mind has upon the bodily condition,) the general health

of the inmates has considerably improved; and several of the diseases to which they were formerly liable have either diminished or altogether disappeared.

DINNER AND SERVICES.—Earthenware plates, crockery cups, and metal spoons, knives and forks, have been supplied to the whole of the inmates, in place of the tin plates, horn cups, and wood spoons which were in use until the early part of the year. A sufficient quantity of table-cloths have also been given out to every ward.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING.—The clothing has been much altered in character, and made warmer and more cheerful looking. The bedding has been also considerably improved; the number of straw beds diminished; the straw pillows altogether disused, those stuffed with flock or coir having been substituted; and the use of stretchers entirely discontinued.

NIGHT ATTENDANTS.—A Night Watch has been established on the female side, in addition to that on the male side; and to the efficiency with which this has been carried out is mainly due the circumstance that the number of patients who were formerly of uncleanly habits by night, has been diminished by more than three-fourths; and, moreover, the attention necessary to be paid during the night to the epileptics, to those suffering from bodily disease, and to the class of suicidal cases, has been more prompt.

REMOVAL OF HEAVY GUARDS.—The corridors and rooms in the older portion of the buildings have been made somewhat less gloomy-looking, by the removal of all the heavy and cumbrous window and fire guards, lighter ones having been substituted in place of the latter.

In conclusion, I beg to state that, although much has been done to alter the internal arrangements of the building, and to

improve the condition of the inmates, yet, undoubtedly, much still remains to be accomplished, more especially in the departments of bedding and furnishing.

I cannot close my Report without acknowledging the active and valuable assistance I have at all times derived from my colleague, Mr. Rossiter; and also from our worthy Chaplain, the Rev. R. Congreve. To the praiseworthy exertions of the Matron, Mrs. Douglas, is entirely due the present effective management of the laundry, and also the great improvements manifested in the female wards. The Steward's department, in the able hands of Mr. Frith, promises all that can be desired.

With some slight exceptions, the conduct of the attendants has been very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedt. humble Servant,

(Signed)

T. N. BRUSHFIELD, M.R.C.S.

SUPERINTENDENT.

*To the Committee of Visitors of the
Chester County Lunatic Asylum.*

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1854.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Remaining in the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1854.....	104	141	245			
Admitted during the year	52	50	102			
Re-admitted, before expiration of month, on trial*	0	1	1			
				156	192	348
Discharged recovered	19	20	39			
do. relieved	6	7	13			
do. unimproved	7	5	12			
Died	16	14	30			
				48	46	94
Remaining in the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1855 .....	..	..	..	108	146	254

Per centage of recoveries on the numbers under treatment	11.2
" " on admissions during the year	38.23
" " deaths on the numbers under treatment	8.62
Average daily number resident during the year	254.75
Greatest number resident at one time	266
Least	240

* This patient was discharged (Dec. 20th, 1853), "on trial" for a month, previous to the expiration of which she was re-admitted (Jan. 3, 1854); so that her case does not fall under the head of ordinary admissions.

TABLE II.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, RELATIVE TO THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1854.

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES. Cured & relieved.			DEATHS.		
	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.
January	2	5		2	2		2	1	
February	3	5		0	2		0	3	
March	2	4	21	0	1	7	2	0	8
April	11	4		1	3		3	1	
May	5	4		1	5		0	1	
June	4	5	33	3	2	15	1	2	8
July	9	5		1	0		1	0	
August	1	2		2	1		1	1	
September	6	2	25	5	2	11	1	2	6
October	4	3		2	5		2	1	
November	4	5		3	2		0	1	
December	1	6	23	5	2	19	3	1	8
	52	50	102	25	27	52	16	14	30

TABLE III.

CIVIL STATE.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Single	28	23	51
Married	22	23	45
Widowed	2	4	6
	52	50	102

TABLE IV.

AGES AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Between 5 and 10 years	2	0	2
" 10 20 "	1	3	4
" 20 30 "	13	14	27
" 30 40 "	17	13	30
" 40 50 "	12	10	22
" 50 60 "	3	6	9
" 60 70 "	3	2	5
Above 70	0	2	2
Unknown	1	0	1
	52	50	102

TABLE V.
DURATION OF INSANITY PRIOR TO ADMISSION.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Less than 2 weeks	12	5	17
Between 2 weeks and 1 month	15	17	32
" 1 month and 3 months	5	12	17
" 3 " " 6 "	4	4	8
" 6 " " 12 "	0	2	2
" 1 year " 2 years	4	2	6
" 2 " " 5 "	0	2	2
" 5 " " 10 "	2	1	3
" 10 " " 20 "	0	1	1
More than 20	0	1	1
From birth	3	1	4
Unknown	7	2	9
	52	50	102

TABLE VI.
OCCUPATIONS OF THOSE ADMITTED.

MALES.			
Book-keeper	1	Mason	1
Brazier	1	Painter	1
Bricklayer	1	Pensioner	1
Brushmaker	1	Sailor	1
Butcher	1	Shoemakers	4
Carpenter	1	Staymaker	1
Clogmaker	1	Stoker	1
Coachman	1	Tailors	2
Coal-miner	1	Tanner	1
Factory Hands	3	Warehouseman	1
Gamekeeper	1	Wheelwright	1
Gardener	1	Valet	1
Hatter	1	No occupation	4
Hawker	1		
Labourers	15	Total	52
FEMALES.			
Bonnetmaker	1	Schoolmistress	1
Factory Hands	13	Servants	10
Fustian-cutter	1	Shoebinder	1
Household duties	18	No occupation	3
Lodging-house keeper	1		
Nurse	1		50

TABLE VII.

RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Church of England	26	28	54
Protestant Dissent	15	14	29
Roman Catholic	4	4	8
None, or unknown	7	4	11
	52	50	102

TABLE VIII.

BODILY CONDITION.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Good	16	8	24
Moderate	17	20	37
Weakly	9	11	20
Bad.....	10	11	21
	52	50	102

TABLE IX.

FORM OF MENTAL DISORDER.—ADMISSIONS.

	TOTAL.		COMPLICATIONS.					
	M.	F.	With Epilepsy.		With General Paralysis.		With Suicidal Propensity.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Mania	33	28	3	3	4	0	6	13
Melancholia	7	20	0	0	0	0	6	12
Dementia	6	0	1	0	5	0	2	0
Amentia } Idiocy.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
	52	50	5	3	9	0	16	26

TABLE X.

SUPPOSED CAUSE.—ADMISSIONS.

MORAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Anxiety	1	2	3			
Illness or death of relatives	1	3	4			
Poverty and distress	2	1	3			
Disappointed affections	0	2	2			
Domestic troubles	1	5	6			
Religious anxiety and excitement	2	4	6			
Grief	1	2	3			
Dread of poverty—reverse of fortune.....	0	4	4			
Political excitement	1	0	1			
Imprisonment of husband.....	0	1	1			
				9	24	33
PHYSICAL.						
Hereditary influences.....	2	6	8			
Disorders of menstruation.....	0	6	6			
Organic disease of brain.....	2	1	3			
Epilepsy	3	2	5			
Childbirth	0	4	4			
Fever and febrile diseases	3	1	4			
Intemperance	11	1	12			
Injury of head	3	0	3			
Debility from phthisis	1	0	1			
Coup de soleil.....	1	0	1			
				26	21	47
Congenital cases .....	..	..	..	6	2	8
Unknown .....	..	..	..	11	3	14
				52	50	102

TABLE XI.

ANALYSIS OF SUICIDAL CASES.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Attempted to commit suicide	8	18	26
Threatened	4	5	9
Unknown	4	3	7
	16	26	42

TABLE XII.
SUICIDAL ATTEMPTS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
By Drowning	3	2	5
Hanging	2	3	5
Strangulation	0	1	1
Cutting throat	1	2	3
Poison	0	1	1
Burning	1	3	4
Jumping through window	0	3	3
Refusal of food	1	1	2
Unknown	0	2	2
	8	18	26

TABLE XIII.
DURATION OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE DISCHARGED CURED, AND RELIEVED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 3 months	9	5	14
Between 3 and 6 months	6	8	14
" 6 " 1 year	3	8	11
" 1 year 3 " 	4	4	8
" 3 " 6 " 	3	1	4
" 6 " 10 " 	0	0	0
More than 10 years	0	1	1
	25	27	52

TABLE XIV.
CAUSES OF DEATH.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Chronic emphysema of lungs	0	1	1
Disease of brain	1	0	1
" with partial paralysis	0	1	1
Dysentery	0	1	1
Epilepsy	1	2	3
Exhaustion after acute mania	1	1	2
" " melancholia	1	0	1
Gangrene of lungs	0	1	1
General debility	0	2	2
" paralysis	6	1	7
" " (asphyxia from choking).	1	0	1
" " (phlegmonous erysipelas)	1	0	1
Hydrothorax	1	0	1
Phthisis	1	3	4
Pneumonia and empyema	1	0	1
Scrofulous disease of mesentery	0	1	1
Serous apoplexy	1	0	1
	16	14	30

TABLE XV.

AGES OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 15 years.....	0	1	1
Between 15 „ and 20 years.....	0	0	0
„ 20 „ 30 „.....	2	3	5
„ 30 „ 40 „.....	6	1	7
„ 40 „ 50 „.....	5	5	10
„ 50 „ 60 „.....	2	1	3
„ 60 „ 70 „.....	1	1	2
More than 70.....	0	2	2
	16	14	30

TABLE XVI.

DURATION OF TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 2 weeks.....	2	2	4
Between 2 „ and 1 month.....	3	0	3
„ 1 month „ 3 „.....	3	0	3
„ 3 „ „ 6 „.....	3	1	4
„ 6 „ „ 1 year.....	0	0	0
„ 1 year „ 2 „.....	0	1	1
„ 2 „ „ 5 „.....	4	7	11
„ 5 „ „ 10 „.....	0	3	3
More than 10.....	1	0	1
	16	14	30

TABLE XVII.

LIST OF ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, &c., MADE AND REPAIRED DURING
THE YEAR 1854.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN TAILORS' SHOP, (FROM MAY 25.)—		
Braces (pairs).....	341	0
Caps.....	190	0
Carpet for Matron's room.....	1	0
Jackets.....	80	121
Stocks.....	29	52
Suits (vests and trowsers in one).....	1	4

TABLE XVII. CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN TAILOR'S SHOP, (FROM MAY 25.)—		
Trowsers	80	190
Waistcoats	16	204
IN SHOEMAKERS' SHOP, (FROM JULY 25.)—		
Boots, mens' pairs	53	197
„ womens' „	47	24
Shoes, mens' „	1	16
„ womens' „	17	28
Slippers	3	0
IN FEMALE WARDS, (FROM MARCH 17.)—		
Aprons	246	0
Bed ticks	72	42
Blankets, over-cast and marked	298	93
„ quilted	0	9
Blinds, roller	8	0
„ muslin	10	0
Bolster-ticks	40	0
Bonnets, trimmed	104	0
Carpets (bedside)	21	0
Cloth caps (men's)	16	0
Comb bags	20	0
Counterpanes, overcast, &c.	186	20
Day caps (females)	198	64
Dusters	48	0
Flannel bags	3	0
„ drawers	0	10
„ petticoats	154	0
„ vests	44	0
Gowns	12	0
Handkerchiefs	360	0
Iron-holders	102	0
Linen bed-gowns	18	113
Linsey „	154	0
„ petticoats	50	52
Mattresses	86	0
Neckerchiefs	450	0
Night caps	130	0
Pillow cases	206	0
„ ticks	206	0
Pinafores	12	0
Rugs, altered	14	10
Sheets	204	56
Shifts	226	273
Shirts	259	365
Stays	10	0
Stockings, pairs	61	944

TABLE XVII. CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN FEMALE WARDS, (FROM MARCH 17.)—		
Stockings, bags for	6	0
Table cloths	51	0
Toilet covers	12	0
Towels	149	16
Tray cloths.....	4	0
Window curtains	4	0

TABLE XVIII.

EXTRACT FROM DAILY ACCOUNT OF PATIENTS.

MALES EMPLOYED.	Thursday, Dec. 7th, 1854.		Friday, Dec. 8th, 1854.		Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1854.	
	Mornng.	Aftern.	Mornng.	Aftern.	Mornng.	Aftern.
Working in land and garden....	8	8	10	10	10	10
Assisting joiner	2	2	2	3	3	3
„ engineer	1	1	1	1	1	1
„ plumber and painter ..	4	4	6	6	6	6
„ shoemaker	4	4	4	4	4	4
„ tailor	6	6	6	6	6	6
In kitchen	4	5	5	5	6	6
Carrying coals and cinders.....	5	9	10	10	11	1
Cleaning wards	16	14	15	10	16	12
Working at pump	46	42	0	0	0	25
Picking coir.....	0	0	25	18	29	0
Tinsmith	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total employed.....	97	96	75	74	93	75
UNEMPLOYED.						
Excitement with seclusion.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
„ without seclusion ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sick	2	2	2	2	2	2
Quiet	14	15	26	37	18	36
Total unemployed.....	16	17	28	39	20	38
Admissions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discharges and deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	113	113	113	113	113	113
At prayers	62	65	81	60	60	0

TABLE XVIII. CONTINUED.

EXTRACT FROM DAILY ACCOUNT OF PATIENTS.

FEMALES EMPLOYED.	Thursday. Dec. 7th, 1854.		Friday. Dec. 8th, 1854.		Saturday Dec. 9th, 1854.	
	Mornng.	Aftern.	Mornng.	Aftern.	Mornng.	Aftern.
Cleaning wards	19	9	19	12	19	12
Assisting in the kitchen	6	6	6	6	7	8
" laundry	17	17	17	17	14	14
Making men's clothing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Binding boots and shoes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Making hats and bonnets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mending stockings	10	8	13	5	5	1
Knitting and netting	8	6	9	7	10	9
Sewing and quilting	35	22	40	40	45	38
Picking flocks, coir, &c.	13	12	13	13	15	15
Total employed.....	108	80	117	100	115	97
UNEMPLOYED.						
Excitement with seclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0
" without seclusion ..	1	2	1	2	2	1
Sick	5	5	6	6	7	7
Quiet	29	56	19	35	19	38
Total unemployed.....	35	63	26	43	28	46
Admissions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discharges and deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	143	143	143	143	143	143
At prayers	54	59	62	58	52	0

S T A T E M E N T

OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM BUILDING FUND, FOR SUMS EXPENDED IN ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS,
DURING THE YEARS 1853 AND 1854.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount received from County Treasurer, being Grant made by Quarter Sessions..	6500	0	0				
Balance carried forward	505	13	8		5932	9	11
				By amount paid Mr. Burroughs, Contractor for the erection of laundry, wash-house, workshops, stable, steam-engine, and for enlargement of domestic offices, &c....	546	13	9
				Ditto Architect's commission, plans, and sundries	138	3	1
				Sundry alterations, repairs. and fittings ..	388	6	11
				Furniture	7005	13	8
	7005	13	8				
				By Balance brought forward	505	13	8
				20th March, 1855, Examined and approved. (Signed) W. TOMKINSON, Chairman. W. ATKINSON.			

DETAILED PARTICULARS OF PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY
LUNATIC ASYLUM, BETWEEN THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, AND THE 31ST
DAY OF DECEMBER, 1854.

SALARIES AND WAGES.	£	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
OFFICERS.						
Superintendent—£300 and £200	225	0	0			
Chaplain £90	90	0	0			
House-surgeon £100 and £70	73	1	0			
Clerk to visitors £70	70	0	0			
Treasurer £30	30	0	0			
Matron £60	51	19	6			
Steward	41	9	6			
MEN SERVANTS.						
One head attendant	26	9	3			
Eight ordinary do.	129	0	4			
Tailor do.	16	16	7			
Joiner do.	17	5	0			
Shoemaker do.	10	17	6			
Gardener do.	26	16	0			
Plumber do.	15	12	0			
Engineer do.	42	8	0			
FEMALE SERVANTS.						
Ten attendants	112	18	1			
One laundress	11	0	4			
Cook	13	12	3			
Housemaid	10	5	3			
Average numbr. of patients for 12 months	255					
Cost each per week, 1s. 6.36.						
PROVISIONS.						
Ale and porter, 630 gallons, at 1s 9d. 1-16.	55	6	0	1014	10	7
Beer, 8,222 gallons, at 7d. 7-8.	269	15	0			
Bread, 111,896 lbs. at 8d. 5-6 & 4 lbs. loaf.	969	8	1			
Flour, oatmeal, &c.	73	16	6			
Butter, 4,330 lbs. at 11d. 7-16	206	7	2 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Cheese, 4,582 lbs. at 5d. 13-16.	110	19	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Milk, 4,862 gallons, at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	151	18	8			
Buttermilk	0	12	8			
Butchers' meat, 15,652 lbs. at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.						
„ 29,230 lbs. at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	1000	1	1			
„ fed and consumed, 2,144 lbs. at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	49	2	8			
Currants and raisins	4	14	9			
Treacle	7	18	8			
Vinegar, salt, &c.	16	9	6			
Peas	8	9	0			
Pigs bought, &c.	10	2	6			
Fish and fruit	3	15	7			
Potatoes, 337 measures, at 5s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	86	6	4			
do. grown on land, 500 do. at 5s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	128	2	6			
Turnips, carrots, onions, & do.	40	0	0			
Eggs and poultry	10	14	5			

DETAILED PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHESHIRE
LUNATIC ASYLUM, ETC., CONTINUED.

PROVISIONS.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Tea, 709 at 3s. 2½d.	113	14	3			
Coffee, 840 at 14	49	0	0			
Cocoa, 50 cwt. at 42 10½.	107	4	0			
Chicory, 198 lbs. at 5½.	4	9	6			
Moist sugar, 70 at 13, 41 4¾.	144	18	4			
Lump do. 209¾ lbs. at 6.	5	4	11			
Rice, 56 cwt. at 17s. 4¾.	48	14	0			
	3677	5	7			
Deduct amount of farming expenses.....	29	1	0	3648	4	7
Provisions, £3,677. 5. 7.						
Cost per head per week, 5. 6.56.						
NECESSARIES.						
Candles, &c.	9	3	5½			
Coals, &c., 454¼ tons at 12. 2.	276	18	10			
Coke	26	8	11			
Soap, 24 l. 1 at 36. 8.	44	9	8			
Soda, starch, &c.	22	0	0			
Gas	63	13	0			
Do. fittings	2	15	11			
Cost per head per week, 8d.06.				445	9	9
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY.						
Drugs	12	3	0			
Wine and spirits	29	17	0			
Occasional medical attendance	6	6	0			
Cost per head per week, 0.87.				48	6	0
FUNERAL EXPENSES.						
Coffins and shrouds	30	0	0			
Burial fees	8	0	0			
Cost per head per week, 0.69.				38	0	0
CLOTHING.						
Tailor, &c.	106	13	3			
Shoes and leather	96	10	1			
Dresses	50	5	2			
Calico	74	12	10½			
Linen, &c.	39	5	6½			
Flannel and vests	35	16	11			
Handkerchiefs	11	0	1			
Hats, bonnets, and shawls	6	10	0			
Worsted for stockings	51	1	0			
Tape, needles, &c.	29	16	5			
Cost per head per week, 9d.08.				501	11	4
FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c.						
Blankets	17	11	9			

DETAILED PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHESHIRE
LUNATIC ASYLUM, ETC., CONTINUED.

FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c.	£.	s.	D.	£.	s.	D.
Mattresses, &c.....	4	19	8			
Straw for ditto	18	5	1			
Quilts	11	11	0			
Sheeting	30	11	3½			
Brushes, &c.	47	13	7			
Earthenware	19	3	10			
Ironmongery, cutlery, &c.	35	7	8			
Cabinetmaker, &c.	8	4	0½			
Wheelwright, &c.	16	19	0			
Table cloths, towelling, &c.	17	15	0			
Cost per head per week 4d.13.				228	1	11
GARDEN AND FARM EXPENSES.						
Seeds	15	9	4			
Manure	7	4	7			
Oats, barley, &c.....	6	7	1			
				29	1	0
BUILDING AND REPAIRS.						
Oil and paint	27	4	11			
Plumber and glazier	12	17	0			
Blacksmith	13	19	6			
Cost per head per week, 0d.98.				54	1	5
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Stationery, printing, and advertising	60	7	8			
Library, books, and periodicals	10	19	4			
Postages, carriage, &c.	15	1	3			
Insurance, rates, and taxes	35	8	3			
Removal and re-capture of patients	4	14	5			
Snuff and tobacco	20	0	2			
Travelling expenses	7	12	4			
Bankers' commission and interest.....	10	0	4			
Incidentals	7	6	6			
Cost per head per week, 3d.104.				171	9	11
				6178	16	10

RECAPITULATION

	£.	s.	D.
Salaries and Wages.....	0	1	6.36
Provisions	0	5	6.56
Necessaries, Fuel, and Lighting	0	0	8.06
Surgery and Dispensary.....	0	0	0.87
Funeral Expenses	0	0	0.69
Clothing	0	0	9.08
Furniture and Bedding	0	0	4.13
Building and Repairs	0	0	0.98
Miscellaneous	0	0	3.10
Total cost per head per week of 255 patients	£0	9	3.83

BALANCE SHEET

OR GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,
BETWEEN THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY AND THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1854.

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