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REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

Bedford Lunatic Asylum,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

THE 31ST OF DECEMBER, 1850.

WITH APPENDIX.

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THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
REPORT

FOR THE COUNTY OF BIRMINGHAM

The Commissioners of the County of Birmingham, in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made, have the honor to report to the Committee of Visitors, that they have had the pleasure of receiving from the Committee of Visitors, a copy of the Minutes of the Commissioners in Lunacy, on their recent visit to the County of Birmingham, and that they have had the pleasure of reading the same, and that they have no objection to their being inserted in this Report.

**** The Minute of the Commissioners in Lunacy on their recent visit has been inserted at Page 12, although made since the Annual Meeting of the Visitors. The various matters contained in it have not been taken into consideration, but it is intended they should be discussed at the next Quarterly Meeting, (May 13th.)**

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THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS,

FOR THE YEAR, 1851.

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R E P O R T
 OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
 OF THE
BEDFORD LUNATIC ASYLUM,
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1850.

THE period having arrived when a Report of the Committee of Visitors upon the state of the Institution is usually made, the Committee have again to express their general satisfaction with its condition.

The number of Patients admitted during the year has been large compared with the numbers in the returns of the two previous years, when it is considered that a considerable number of removals from Licensed Houses was included in those returns. The Committee, however, have no reason to suppose, that there is an increase of persons afflicted with Lunacy, but rather that the Union and Parochial Authorities have more readily availed themselves of the benefits of the Institution than formerly. This course of proceeding is not only highly beneficial to the Patients, but advantageous to the Rate-payers in an economical point of view.

The following statement will shew the admissions, discharges, and deaths during the year:—

Admissions.	M.	F.	Total.
The number of Patients in the Asylum December 31st, 1849	118	134	252
Admissions during the year	45	57	102
Totals	163	191	354

Discharges and Deaths.	M.	F.	Total.
The number of Patients who have been discharged during the year	19	32	51
The number of Patients who have died during the year	9	25	34
Remaining December 31st, 1850	135	134	269
Totals	163	191	354

Of the Patients in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1850, there were from—

Name of County, &c.	M.	F.	Total.
Bedfordshire	51	45	96
Hertfordshire	58	63	121
Huntingdonshire	23	23	46
Borough of Bedford	2	3	5
Oxfordshire	1	..	1
Total	135	134	269

The daily average number of Patients during the year has been 258.

The Committee, at their last Monthly Meeting, received a Report from the Superintendent, recommending the discharge of certain Patients whom he considered might be properly taken care of, either in Workhouses or by their Friends; and a communication was directed to be made to the Boards of Guardians

from which the Patients were sent, enquiring whether either of the arrangements suggested could be made for their reception. The Committee are happy to state that in most of the cases, such arrangements have been made, and consequently, additional accommodation secured to the Asylum for curable cases.

The Committee have been compelled to notice several irregularities in orders for the admission of Patients by the authority of officiating Clergymen, acting under the powers given to them in certain cases, by the proviso to the 48 section of Stat. 8 & 9 Vict. cap. 126, which is as follows—" Provided always, " that if any person deemed to be lunatic, cannot on account of " his health or other cause, be safely taken before any Justice, " such person may be examined at his own abode or elsewhere, " by one Justice, or by an officiating Clergyman of the parish " in which he shall be resident, together with an Overseer of " such parish, or the Relieving Officer of the Union to which the " same shall belong."

The Committee cannot doubt that according to the plain grammatical construction of this proviso, a Clergyman can only act in certain cases, and then only in the parish of which he is actually the officiating Minister. The Committee have met with great practical difficulties arising from these irregularities in making orders of maintenance under section 61 of Stat. 8 & 9 Vict., cap. 126. These orders are provided by the Statute to enable the Visitors to recover money for the maintenance of Patients; and to show the difficulty which parishes might be placed in through such a circumstance, the Committee need only cite the 57th section of the same Statute which enacts—" That when any pauper Lunatic shall be confined under the " provisions of this act, he shall for the purposes of this act, be " deemed to belong to, and continue chargeable to the parish " from which, or at the instance of some Officer or officiating " Clergyman of which, he shall have been sent, until such parish " shall in due course of law, as in the case of any other pauper, " have established that such Lunatic is settled in some other " parish, or that it cannot be ascertained in what parish such " Lunatic is settled."

Another irregularity, and of more frequent occurrence, is in cases where the officiating Clergyman of the parish in which the Workhouse of a Union is situate, makes an order for the admission of a Patient who is not chargeable to the said parish, The Committee consider they need only extract the 56th section of Stat. 7 & 8 Vict. Cap. 101, to show that the Clergymen last referred to cannot act in these cases. The words are as follows, —“ That for the purposes of Relief, Settlement, and Removal of
 “ Poor Persons, and the burial of the Poor, the Workhouse of
 “ any Union or parish, shall be considered as situated in the
 “ parish, to which each poor person respectively to be relieved,
 “ removed, or buried, or otherwise concerned in any such pur-
 “ pose is, or has been chargeable.”

The extension of the Farm, alluded to in last year's Report, has proved, as was anticipated, highly beneficial to the Institution, in affording additional employment and recreation to the Patients, and the yearly account annexed to the Report shows that it has not been altogether unproductive.

The Committee have felt it their duty to make a communication to the Chairmen of the Boards of Guardians, in the three Counties, complaining of the neglect of almost all the Medical Officers, to make the quarterly Returns, required by section 55 of Stat. 8 & 9 Vict. Cap. 126, Schedule F. of all Chargeable Lunatics and Idiots residing in their respective Districts, and requesting the Boards of Guardians to urge upon their Officers the importance of a strict compliance with the provisions of the Statute. If it were intended by the Legislature that the Visitors should be periodically informed of the state of this frequently neglected Class, it should be made known that so far as the District, for which this Asylum is provided, the Law is comparatively speaking, a dead Letter.

The Committee regret that they have to report the death of Mr. William Pither, House Steward of the Asylum during the past year. He was for many years an Officer of the Institution. His widow, who filled the office of Matron during the same period, shortly afterwards resigned, and the Committee in

consideration of her long and faithful services, agreed to consider Mrs. Pither a supernumerary officer, and to make her an annual allowance of £26.

The Committee have appointed Mr. Robert Upston as Mr. Pither's successor, who was selected from a numerous list of Candidates, with high testimonials. Miss Pither, daughter of the late Steward, who had been long accustomed to assist her mother, was appointed Matron. Mr. Upston and Miss Pither have since inter-married.

In consequence of the increased number of Patients admitted into the Asylum, the present arrangements for the performance of Divine Service have been found both inconvenient and insufficient, and the Wash-house and Laundry from the same cause, are also very incommodious. The subject had been frequently under the consideration of the Committee, and the Commissioners in Lunacy having at their last visit, especially called the attention of the Visitors to it, the Committee instructed their Surveyor to confer with the Superintendent, and to prepare plans and estimates for providing a new Chapel and a new Wash-house and Laundry; and accordingly such plans were prepared and submitted to the Visitors at an adjourned Quarterly Meeting specially summoned for the purpose, on the 28th of June last, the estimated cost being £750. These plans having been reported to the Commissioners in Lunacy, were approved, pursuant to the Statute 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126, by Secretary Sir George Grey, Bart. The Committee, however, not having funds at their disposal to meet this expenditure, applied to the Justices of the three Counties for contribution, according to the terms stipulated in their respective contracts for Union, and the Justices of all the Counties agreed to bear their proportions of the expences in the manner proposed, viz.—

Bedfordshire	£223	8	0
Bedford Borough..	22	6	9
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	£245	14	9
Hertfordshire	368	12	1
Huntingdonshire.....	135	13	2
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Total.....	£750	0	0
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And the Justices of Huntingdonshire at the same time made a proposition to increase the number of Patients which may be received from that County on certain terms which were agreed to; and the Committee having entered into a contract with Mr. Twelvetrees, of Biggleswade, to complete the works for the sum of £699 : 7 : 0, an agreement has been entered into between the united Counties and Borough, for altering and amending the terms of Union to the effect following—

1. That the Contract is to be subject and without prejudice to the existing agreements for Union, except as the same are varied or altered by it.

2. That the new Chapel, Wash-house, and Laundry, are to be erected according to the plans approved by the Secretary of State.

3. That from and after the 25th Dec. 1850, the provision that the Rent to be paid by the County of Huntingdon for the joint use of the Asylum, according to the agreement, dated Sept. 28th, 1847, is repealed.

4. That from and after Dec. 25th, 1850, the rent stipulated to be paid by the County of Huntingdon, for the exclusive use of the County of Bedford, during the residue of the term of ten years computed from Sept. 29th 1847, is to be increased from £210. to £230. and that after the expiration of that term the yearly rent then to be paid is to be £180. instead of £160. viz.—£150. to be considered as for the joint use of the Asylum, and £30. as the fixed contribution from the County of Huntingdon, for the repairs mentioned in the 5th clause, of the agreement. The said respective sums to be paid quarterly by equal portions, free from all deductions.

5. That the sum of £750. being the estimated cost of the intended additions and alterations, are to be borne and contributed by the several Counties and Borough, in the proportions above mentioned; and that the County of

Bedford is to raise the sum required for the County of Hertford, and to be repaid by instalments in 30 years, with interest at £5. per cent.

6. The 8th Article of the Huntingdonshire agreement dated Sept. 28th, 1847, limiting the number of Patients to be received, is repealed.

7. That from and after Dec. 25th, 1850, the number of Patients to be received from the County of Huntingdon at any one time, is not to exceed 48, unless other provision be made for the reception of a greater number.

The Committee have made arrangements for the works to be commenced early in the Spring, the completion of which will greatly improve the arrangements of the Asylum.

The Committee have also to report that they have agreed upon terms with the Bedford Gas Light Company, by which the Asylum has been supplied with gas at a moderate price, the company having incurred a considerable expense in laying down the mains at their own cost. A contract has been entered into with a London Gas Fitter for the necessary fittings, amounting to £115., and the Committee believe it will prove a great convenience to the Institution.

A set of commodious new Farm Buildings have been erected during the year, and a new Larder constructed at the expense of the County of Bedford, out of the proceeds of the Asylum Estate, which are also improvements.

The Committee feel that there is a most important addition to the Asylum still unsupplied, viz.—the enclosure by a wall in front of the Building, and a Porter's Lodge. A more complete custody of the Patients would be thus obtained, as well as a more intimate acquaintance with proceedings relating to the Institution by entries made at the Porter's Lodge.

The occasional, and in a few instances, constant restraint which is adopted towards some of the Patients, is at variance

with the system pursued at Hanwell. The Committee sanction the practice at this Asylum, under the decided recommendation of their Medical Superintendent, who has great experience and much forbearance in his usual conduct towards the Patients, (such restraint in each case being specified by medical authority and entered in the book kept for that purpose.) Whether any, or what modification, might be adopted were the Superintendent to reside within the Institution, is a subject for future consideration.

The Asylum has been regularly visited by the Committee during the year. *

* The Commissioners in Lunacy having made their usual Visitation since the Annual Meeting, their Report may be conveniently inserted here

February 11th, 1851.

“We have this day officially visited the County Asylum for Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Huntingdonshire, and have seen all the Patients under treatment in it. The various rooms occupied by the Patients were clean and free from offensive smell. The bedding, which we examined very minutely, was remarkably clean and sufficient in quantity. Since the last visit of the Commissioners, the Establishment has been lighted with Gas, the advantage of which is fully appreciated by the Officers and Patients. We are glad to learn that the Committee of Visiting Justices are about to erect a Chapel and new Laundry, an addition which will tend to promote the welfare of the Patients, by providing them with a more suitable place of Worship and a more enlarged Laundry and Wash-house. The present Laundry will be converted into an additional Day room, and will we trust, lead to the employment of an increased number of Female Patients.

“At the time of our visit, the Patients were well clad, but a number of them wore strong ticking dresses, and four were placed under mechanical restraint.

“It appears from the Medical Journal that eight Patients are subject to restraint at various times, but on enquiry we find, that in addition to this number, several Patients are restrained for short periods to prevent them falling forward from their seats. We think that every instance of this nature should be recorded in the Medical Journal, together with the reasons for adopting such coercion. With a view of diminishing the use of mechanical restraint in this Establishment we recommend—

“That all staples and rings be removed from the walls of the bed rooms, from the seats in the day rooms, and from the walls in the airing courts, and that all staples, chains, and rings be removed from the bedsteads.

“That the restraint chairs be converted into leaning chairs, suitable for the epileptic.

The accounts for the year have been made up and balanced, and an abstract is appended to this Report according to the Rules and Regulations. At the last Annual Meeting, the Committee directed the printed Quarterly Abstract to be discontinued, and a copy of the account of each County and Union

“ That the iron gates and strong bars be removed as far as possible.

“ That the instruments of restraint be taken in a great measure, if not entirely, out of the hands of the attendants, and brought to some central situation, under the charge of the Resident Medical Officer or Matron.

“ That in future no nurses or attendants be engaged unless they can read and write, and that instruction in reading and writing be forthwith given to such as need it.

“ That a complete code of Rules and Regulations be drawn up, calculated to instruct the attendants in their conduct towards the Patients, and as a guide to them in the performance of their duties.

“ That some system of night-watching be adopted, and that a record of the condition of the Patients during the night time be made by the individual entrusted with the duty of attending to the Patients throughout the night.

“ We further think that the condition of the Inmates would be improved, by the introduction of a few suitable leaning chairs for the aged, feeble, paralytic, epileptic, and sick—by the provision of better lavatories—by the diminution of mechanical restraint and the use of strong ticking dresses—by constant efforts to prevent the Patients from crouching in the day rooms and airing courts—and by encouraging them to enter on various occupations suited to their capacity and condition.

“ We think that each nurse and attendant should keep a daily record of the number of Patients employed, and that every Patient should be provided at dinner with either a spoon or knife and fork, and that each should have a vessel containing the beverage supplied at dinner time.

“ There are now 260 Patients in the house, of whom 132 are males and 128 are females, all of whom we have seen, and have found tranquil, with the exception of the female Patients in the distant ward.

“ Since the visit of the Commissioners on the 30th of January, 1850, 105 Patients have been admitted, 63 of whom are registered in the Admission Book, as having been in weak or bad health. Within the same period 62 have been discharged, of whom were recovered 32; relieved 25; not improved 5. Thirty-five deaths have occurred, 2 of these Patients were brought to the Asylum in a dying state. The certificates of the recent admissions have been laid before us.

“ We think that the female Patients should be employed in making Straw Bonnets for their use, and that they should be provided with Shawls, so that they may have the opportunity of taking exercise beyond the walls of the Institution.”

J. W. MYLNE, }
S. GASKELL, } *Commissioners in Lunacy.*

(together with the List of Patients and Circular Letter as heretofore,) to be transmitted in lieu thereof. This appears to be generally approved of. A Statement has been prepared, and is appended to this Report, which shews at one view, the monetary transactions of each County, &c., and Union during the year.

The Committee are happy to announce that they were enabled to reduce the weekly cost per head in May last, to seven shillings. Applications however have been received for a further reduction in consequence of the low price of provisions; but it should be remembered that the cost of the necessaries of life form only a small portion of the total weekly cost per head, and the Committee suggest that a decrease of sixpence is an equivalent reduction. They also venture to assert that the weekly rate of payment will bear comparison with any other Asylum in England similarly circumstanced: but in consequence of a balance in hand, the Committee have decided to reduce the payment to six shillings and sixpence for the ensuing quarter.

The total receipts and expenditure during the year have been as follows:—

Receipts—

On Maintenance account.....	£5000	15	9
On Building account	0	0	0
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Total...	£5000	15	9
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Payments—

On Maintenance account	£4647	9	1
On Building account.....	363	15	5
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Total...	£5011	4	6
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The balance in the Treasurer's hands is £47 : 17 : 0. There is owing to the maintenance account from the building account (which are kept quite distinct from each other) the sum of £704 : 7 : 8. for advances. This sum has increased from the circumstance that the Bedfordshire Committee have not been

enabled to repay the amount, for want of funds on the Asylum estate account. After the present year, however, they hope to accomplish this.

The balance due to the Asylum from Counties and Unions on the 31st December, 1850, amounted to £99 : 14 : 6 $\frac{3}{4}$, whilst the balance in hand was £56 : 8 : 5.

In conclusion, the Committee would venture to express a hope, that during the ensuing Session of Parliament, a measure may be introduced with the object of correcting the many defects in the Act 8 & 9 Vict. cap. 126, which from experience of its working, the Committee consider is essentially required; and they are gratified to observe, that the Commissioners in Lunacy in their last Annual Report, brought the subject under the especial notice of Her Majesty's Government.

The following Documents are appended to this Report, viz.—

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(Signed,)

THO. CHA. HIGGINS,
 OCTAVIUS DUNCOMBE,
 JOHN HARVEY,
 MARLBOROUGH PRYOR,
 WILLIAM FRANKS,
 JAMES RUST,
 BOTELER C. SMITH,
 HENRY LITTLEDALE.
 JAMES LINTON.
 ROBT. LINDSELL.

February 3rd, 1851.

APPENDIX

[A]

REPORT

OF THE

VISITING SURGEON AND SUPERINTENDENT,

AND THE

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

To the Committee of Visitors of the Bedford Lunatic Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

The period having arrived at which the Annual Report of the Medical Officers is required, we have the honour of submitting the following for the year 1850.

During the year 102 patients have been admitted, 45 males 57 females, many of advanced age, incurable, and in bad health.

The average number has been 260, the greatest number 272, and the total number under treatment 354.

We have much pleasure in stating that although there have been many admitted, and several are now in the Asylum with a strong propensity to suicide, yet no fatal case has occurred.

There have been discharged 51 patients, 19 males and 32 females, 26 of whom were recovered, 19 improved, and 6 unimproved. Some have been applied for by friends and removed in an improved state, and ultimately recovered; other patients in the same state, have been removed to Union Houses, which has relieved the crowded state of the Asylum.

There have died 34 patients, 9 males and 25 females, the mortality not being so great as in the previous year: the causes of death have been various, most cases have been in those patients of advanced years.

The mortality was very great during the early part of the year, but afterwards diminished considerably; a few accidents have occurred, but none of a serious nature.

* The classification, discipline, and dietary, are the same as the previous year.

Some few patients have been subjected to mechanical restraint: viz.—those that were dangerous to themselves or others, and such as were addicted to filthy or very destructive habits. We are convinced that mild restraint in such cases, is the most kind, efficient, and healthful mode of treatment.

About 100 Patients are usually employed in various occupations.

There are about 60 patients of dirty habits, and 30 Epileptics.

The number of Criminals confined is 8 males.

There are now 269 patients in the Asylum, 135 males and 134 females, a large majority of whom are incurable

The accompanying tables will give the particulars of the cases.

The introduction of Gas into the Asylum, has been very beneficial to the comforts, and well-being of the patients and household, and we trust that with care it will be found perfectly safe, and whilst vastly improving the the lighting of the Asylum, it will not be very expensive.

Since our last report we have sustained a severe loss in the death of Mr. Pither, late House Steward, and the resignation of Mrs. Pither, Matron, whose untiring zeal and kindness in the discharge of their arduous duties, have claimed our admiration.

We have every confidence that our present House Steward, and Matron, will prove worthy successors.

We look forward with satisfaction to the time when the contemplated erection of a Chapel, and Washhouse, with Laundry, will remedy the inconvenience that has been experienced

by the very imperfect means of celebrating Divine Service, and of carrying on one of the necessary departments of the Asylum duties.

During the past year there have been erected some Farm buildings, whereby the garden, (now of no inconsiderable size) can be properly cultivated, the Establishment supplied with vegetables, and a variety of employment found for the patients, a majority of whom have been brought up in Agricultural pursuits.

We have the honor to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient, humble Servants,

J. HARRIS,

Visiting-Surgeon and Superintendent,

BENJ. F. MATTHEWS,

Resident Medical Officer

Lunatic Asylum,
Jan. 31st, 1850.

APPENDIX

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REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

To the Committee of Visitors of the Bedford Lunatic Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

In laying before you my Report for the past year, I have the satisfaction of stating that in consequence of the view which you were pleased to take of a representation made by me some month's ago, Divine Service has ever since been performed every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. For the last 8 or 10 weeks it has been commenced at half-past ten, because the darkness of the morning prevented the servants finishing their work at an earlier hour. This change has I trust been attended with advantage. Every servant in the Establishment (with the exception I believe of the Cook) is now enabled to attend public worship every alternate Sunday at least, and some of them oftener.

I have also visited the Asylum once at least in every week, and have conversed with the patients and members of the household, and have read and prayed with such of the patients as desired it, or to whom I judged it would be beneficial or comforting.

The Committee would confer a favor upon me and a benefit upon others, if they would order a sovereign to be paid to me annually for the purchase of tracts. The greater part might be spent in cheap tracts which might be distributed with no expectation of being returned, and the rest in useful books that might be lent. There is no Library; nor can there be, until there be a room for the Chaplain, and convenient shelves. A book-case which may be under lock and key would be desirable.

I have already mentioned in a previous communication my hope that the Visiting Committee will provide a small service of Communion Plate; but as this request was not made in an Annual Report, I beg leave here to repeat it.

If the Visitors do not think it too expensive, the building of a Chapel seems to offer an opportunity for a good Clock to be placed in a conspicuous position, and attached externally to the new Chapel, or to some other part of the building.

During the year 1850, I have buried 40 persons in the ground adjoining the Asylum; of these, 9 were from the Infirmary, and 31 from the Asylum. The average number in future will probably be very little, if at all, less than 30. At this rate there seems no reason to suppose that the burial ground will be found too small for the next hundred years, especially if the graves are always dug with the same regularity, and for the first time over, at the same depth as they are at present, and if the whole of the ground which was consecrated be appropriated to the purpose.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD SWANN,

Chaplain.

Bedford,
Feb. 3rd, 1851.

APPENDIX

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STATISTICAL TABLES

BY THE

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

TABLE I.

GENERAL RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

Patients in the Asylum Dec. 31st, 1849.	M.	F.	Total.
Curable	15	25	40
Incurable	103	109	212
	118	134	252
Patients admitted during the year	45	57	102
Total under treatment	163	191	354
Removed during the year.	M.	F.	Total.
Recovered	13	13	26
Improved	5	14	19
Unimproved	1	5	6
	19	32	51
Died	9	25	34
Remaining in the Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1850	135	134	269

TABLE II.

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

Months.	Admissions.			Discharges.			Deaths.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
January	3	2	5	2	1	3	1	1	2
February	7	6	13	2		2		2	2
March	4	3	7		6	6	2	4	6
April	3	4	7	2	3	5	2	2	4
May	2	3	5	2	1	3	2	4	6
June	4	4	8	2	1	3		5	5
July	2	5	7	2		2		1	1
August	5	8	13		4	4		2	2
September	4	4	8		3	3			
October	3	4	7	5	5	10	1		1
November	4	9	13		4	4		1	1
December	4	5	9	2	4	6	1	3	4
Total	45	57	102	19	32	51	9	25	34

* * * The seven following Tables contain the particulars of 102 cases admitted during the year.

TABLE III.

Age.	M.	F.	Total.
From 10 to 20 years	3	2	5
„ 20 to 30 years	14	10	24
„ 30 to 40 years	11	15	26
„ 40 to 50 years	14	11	25
„ 50 to 60 years	1	10	11
„ 60 to 70 years	1	7	8
„ 70 to 80 years		2	2
„ 80 to 90 years	1		1
Total	45	57	102

TABLE IV.

Duration of Insanity previous to Admission.	M.	F.	T.
Not exceeding 1 week	2	1	3
" " 2 weeks	1	3	4
" " 1 month	5		5
" " 2 months	1	2	3
" " 3 months	5	3	8
" " 6 months	3	2	5
" " 1 year	3	9	12
" " 2 years	2	2	4
" " 4 years	1		1
Not ascertained	19	27	47
Congenital	3	5	8
Total	45	57	102

TABLE V.

Form of Insanity.	M.	F.	T.
Mania	3	4	7
" Suicidal	3		3
" with Epilepsy	4	5	9
" with Delusions	11	18	29
Melancholia		2	2
" with Delusions	7	11	18
" Suicidal	4	2	6
Dementia	5	8	13
Amentia	1	1	2
Imbecility	7	6	13
Total	45	57	102

TABLE VI.

Number of Attacks.	M.	F.	T.
First	24	35	59
Congenital	3	5	8
Not ascertained	18	17	35
Total	45	57	102

TABLE VII.

Social Condition.	M.	F.	T.
Married	17	14	31
Widowed	4	10	16
Single	24	33	57
Total	45	57	102

TABLE VIII.

State of Bodily Health.	M.	F.	T.
Good	16	12	28
Bad	29	45	74
Total	45	57	102

TABLE IX.

OCCUPATIONS.

MALES.	FEMALES.
Agricultural Labourers	Labourer's Wives
17	13
Hawker	Dressmakers
1	4
Horsedealer	Lacemakers
1	2
Grooms	Bonnet sewers
2	4
Water-cresser	Servants
1	6
Gamekeeper	Blacksmith's Wife
1	1
Painter	Shopkeepers
1	3
Servants	Straw-plaiters
2	2
Tailors	No Occupation
2	22
Shoemakers	
7	
Blockmaker	Total
1	57
Soldiers	
2	
Carpenter	
1	
Schoolmaster	
1	
Basket-maker	
1	
Farm Bailiff	
1	
No Occupation	
3	
Total	
45	

* * * The seven following Tables contain the particulars of 51 cases discharged during the year.

TABLE X.

Age.	M.	F.	Total.
From 20 to 30 years	2	9	11
„ 30 to 40 years	8	8	16
„ 40 to 50 years	6	5	11
„ 50 to 60 years	2	7	9
„ 60 to 90 years	1	3	4
Total	19	32	51

TABLE XI.

Form of Insanity.	M.	F.	T.
Mania with Delusions	3	8	11
„ Suicidal	5	3	8
Monomania	1	3	4
Melancholia with Delusions	6	10	16
„ Suicidal	4	4	8
Dementia		1	1
Imbecility		3	3
Total	19	32	51

TABLE XII.

Residence in the Asylum.	M.	F.	Total.
Not exceeding 2 months		1	1
„ „ 3 months	6	4	10
„ „ 6 months	4	6	10
„ „ 1 year	3	5	8
„ „ 2 years	3	7	10
„ „ 7 years	3	6	9
„ „ 13 years		3	3
Total	19	32	51

TABLE XIII.

Number of Attacks.	M.	F.	T
First	7	8	15
Not ascertained	12	24	36
Total	19	32	51

TABLE XIV.

Social Condition.	M.	F.	T.
Married	13	7	20
Widowed	1	8	9
Single	5	17	22
Total	19	32	51

TABLE XV.

OCCUPATIONS.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Labourers	7	Labourer's Wives	17
Shoemakers	1	Servants	6
Horsedealer	1	Dressmakers	3
Gardeners	2	Shopkeepers	3
Gamekeeper	1	Bonnet sewers	4
Carpenter	1	Nurse	1
Tailors	2	No Occupation	3
Blacksmith	1		
Hawker	1	Total	32
Postman	1		
Water-cresser	1		
Total	19		

*** The six following Tables contain particulars of 34 deaths during the year ending December 31st, 1850.*

TABLE XVI.

Age.	M.	F.	Total.
From 20 to 30 years	1	3	4
„ 30 to 40 years	2	5	7
„ 40 to 50 years	4	3	7
„ 50 to 60 years		5	5
„ 60 to 70 years	1	2	3
„ 70 to 80 years	1	7	8
Total	9	25	34

TABLE XVII.

Form of Insanity.	M.	F.	T.
Mania	2	4	6
Melancholia	2	3	5
Dementia	4	15	19
Amentia	1	3	4
Total	9	25	24

TABLE XVIII.

Length of Residence in Asylum.	M.	F.	T.
Not exceeding 2 days		1	1
„ „ 1 month		5	5
„ „ 3 months		1	1
„ „ 6 months		2	2
„ „ 1 year	6	2	8
„ „ 2 years	2	5	7
„ „ 3 years		3	3
„ „ 4 years	1	1	2
„ „ 6 years		1	1
„ „ 9 years		1	1
„ „ 13 years		2	2
„ „ 15 years		1	
Total	9	25	34

TABLE XIX.

Social Condition.	M.	F.	T.
Married	6	6	11
Widowed	1	10	11
Single	3	9	12
Total	9	25	34

TABLE XX.

Causes of Death.	M.	F.	T.
Old age and general decay		3	3
Emphysema of the lungs	1		1
Phthisis		2	2
Diarrhœa		4	4
Gradual exhaustion		3	3
General Paralysis	2		2
Marasmus		1	1
Erysipelas		1	1
Rupture of a vessel in the chest	1		1
Congestion of the brain		1	1
Paralysis	1		1
Low fever		1	1
Epilepsy ..	2	1	3
Apoplexy (Serous)	1	2	3
General dropsy		2	2
Disease of the stomach ..		1	1
Hydrothorax		1	1
Disease of the heart		1	1
Gangrene of the lungs	1		1
Disease of the brain		1	1
Total	9	25	34

* Post mortem examinations were made in 15 cases. One Coroner's Inquest has been held.

TABLE XXI.

OCCUPATIONS.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Labourers	5	Labourer's Wives	5
Waterman	1	Bonnet-sewer	1
Bricklayer	1	Servants	2
Higgler	1	Blacksmith's Wife	1
No occupations	1	No occupation	16
	—		—
	9		25
	—		—

*** The four following Tables contain particulars of 269 cases remaining in the Asylum December 31st, 1850.*

TABLE XXII.

Number.	M.	F.	T.
Curable	11	13	24
Incurable	124	121	245
Total	135	134	269

TABLE XXIII.

Age.	M.	F.	T.
From 10 to 20 years	13	9	22
„ 20 to 30 years	20	8	28
„ 30 to 40 years	27	27	54
„ 40 to 50 years	25	46	71
„ 50 to 60 years	22	28	50
„ 60 to 70 years	10	16	26
„ 70 to 80 years	2		2
Not ascertained	6		6
Total	135	134	269

TABLE XXIV.

Social Condition.	M.	F.	T.
Married	41	37	78
Widowed	6	17	23
Single	78	78	156
Not ascertained	10	2	2
Total	135	134	269

TABLE XXV.

Summary.	M.	F.	T.
Average number attending chapel	50	50	100
" " employed	50	50	100
Number of Epileptics	10	19	29
" " Dirty habits	32	34	66
" " Idiots and those totally demented	25	35	60

TABLE XVI.

General Table of Admissions, including all Re-admissions, from the Opening of the Asylum, in 1812, to Dec. 31st, 1850.

	1849.			1850.			Total.		Grand Total.
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	
Admissions, & re-admissions.	816	793	1609	45	57	102	861	850	1711
Deduct re-admissions	54	42	87	3	5	8	48	47	95
Total	771	751	1522	42	52	94	813	803	1616

THE DISCIPLINE AND DIETARY AS LAST YEAR.

BENJ. F. MATTHEWS,

Resident Medical Officer.

APPENDIX

[D]

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL RETURNS

8 & 9 VIC., CAP. 126.

Name of Union.	In County Asylum.		In Licensed Houses or other Asylums.		With Friends and in Workhouses.		Totals of both Sexes.	Persons not in confinement.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		Dangerous to self or others.		Of Dirty Habits.	
								M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Bedfordshire.</i>											
Ampthill	8	7	..	..	8	7	30	..	..	2	1
Bedford	14	18	..	..	7	6	45	1	..	..	..
Biggleswade	7	2	..	..	8	10	27	..	..	1	..
Hitchin, part of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leighton Buz. pt. of	..	2	..	..	2	1	5	..	..	2	..
Luton, part of	11	9	..	..	3	4	27	..	..	1	1
Neets St., part of..	..	4	..	..	1	3	8	..	..	..	..
Wellingboro' part of	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..
Woburn.....	6	7	..	..	2	3	18	..	..	..	..
Totals	46	49			34	34	163	1		6	2
<i>Hertfordshire.</i>											
Albans St.	4	6	..	..	9	20	39	..	..	..	..
Amersham, part of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Barnet, part of ...	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Berkhampstead pt. of	6	4	..	..	3	9	22	..	..	..	..
BishopStortford pt of	5	4	..	2	8	8	27	..	..	1	..
Buntingford	2	4	..	..	3	4	13	..	..	..	..
Edmonton, part of	1	2	..	..	1	1	5	..	..	..	..
Hatfield	4	7	..	..	2	2	15	..	..	..	..
Hemel Hempstead..	4	6	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..
Hertford	6	6	1	..	4	3	20	..	..	1	..
Hitchin, part of ..	9	10	..	..	10	9	38	..	..	..	..
Luton, part of .....	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..
Royston.....	..	..	..	..	5	4	9	..	..	..	1
Ware	7	7	..	..	6	7	27	..	..	..	..
Watford.....	8	6	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..
Welwyn.....	..	2	..	..	1	2	5	..	..	..	..
Totals	56	66	1	2	54	69	248			2	1
<i>Huntingdonshire.</i>											
Caxton, part of....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Huntingdon	5	11	..	..	5	1	22	..	..	1	..
Ives, St. part of ..	10	7	..	..	3	..	20	..	1	..	..
Neots, St. part of ..	7	1	..	..	3	9	20	..	..	..	1
Oundle, part of....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Peterboro,' part of	..	1	1	1	3	1	7	..	..	..	..
Stamford, part of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Thrapston, part of..	..	..	..	1	1	5	7	..	..	..	..
Totals	23	20	1	2	16	16	78		1	1	1
Grand Totals	125	135	2	4	104	119	489	1	1	9	4

APPENDIX

[E]

Receipts and Payments

ON ACCOUNT OF THE

BEDFORD LUNATIC ASYLUM,

IN THE YEAR ENDING 31st DEC., 1850.

RECEIPTS.

FROM SALES.	£.	s.	d.
Produce of Garden and Farm,	77	3	8

From Unions and Parishes in the United Counties of Bedford, Hertford, and Huntingdon, and the Borough of Bedford, viz:—

COUNTY OF BEDFORD.

	£.	s.	d.
Amphill Union	323	11	2
Bedford Union	520	2	0
Biggleswade Union	156	13	0
Leighton Buzzard Union.....	37	16	0
Luton Union	389	17	11
Wellingborough Union	2	7	2
Woburn Union.....	176	0	0

COUNTY OF HERTFORD.

Alban's St. Union	285	1	9
Barnet Union	51	17	6
Berkhamstead Union	175	3	11
Bishop Stortford Union	140	6	0
Buntingford Union	112	7	4

Carried over£2371 3 9 77 3 8

COUNTY OF HERTFORD, (*continued.*) £. s. d. £. s. d.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	2371	3	9	77	3	8
Edmonton Union.....	57	13	6			
Hatfield Union.....	164	1	7			
Hemel Hempstead Union	100	11	6			
Hertford Union	188	11	2			
Hitchin Union	425	1	1			
Royston Union.....	9	15	0			
Ware Union.....	253	17	8			
Watford Union	309	9	7			
Welwyn Union.....	47	11	2			

COUNTY OF HUNTINGDON.

Caxton Union	24	12	8			
Huntingdon Union	236	8	0			
St. Ives Union	289	8	7			
St. Neots Union	226	14	4			
Peterborough Union	43	19	11			
				4748	19	6

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

Bedford County	37	16	0			
Hertford County	22	16	0			
Huntingdon County	76	3	10			
				136	15	10

From out-Counties and non-contributory Districts.—

Oxford County.....				36	16	0
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From other Receipts.—

Discount on Bills.....				1	0	9
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Total Receipts..... £5000 15 9

PAYMENTS

PROVISIONS.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Arrowroot, ... 28 lb @ 1s. 6d.....	2	2	0			
Bacon, 61 lb. @ 4½d. and 7d.	1	13	11			
Baking,	0	17	4			
Beer, 12384 gals., @ 7d. viz.—						
Malt, 829 bus. @						
53s. 8d. p qr.	273	0	10			
Hops, ... 1100¾ lbs. @ 1s.						
and 1s. 6d. p lb.	66	12	3			
Sugar, ... 706 lbs. @ 4½d.	13	4	9			
Brewer, 75 days						
at 3s. p day	11	5	0			
	<hr/>			364	2	10
Bread, 30134 loaves @ 4d.						
and 4¼d. p loaf	515	13	3			
Butter, 1596 lb. @ 66s. and 68s. p						
cwt. and 10d. and 1s. p lb.	60	4	8			
Cheese, ... 8127 lb. @ 39s. and 40s. p						
cwt. and 7d. and 8d. p lb.	150	9	11			
Coffee, 112 lb. @ 1s. and 1s. 4d. p lb.	7	1	10			
Currants, 710 lb. @ 4½d. and 5d.	13	16	4			
Eggs, ... 46½ score, @ 10d. to 20d.						
p score.....	2	15	8			
Fish,	1	7	3			
Flour, 43 sacks @ 32s. 33s. and						
34s. p sack	71	18	0			
Fruit,.....	0	11	2			
Groceries Sundries,.....	0	8	11			
Meat, ... 35013 lb. @ 3½d. to 5d. p lb.	669	3	7			
Milk 4434 gals @ 6d. and 7d. p gal.	119	2	0			
Oatmeal, 21½ sacks, @ 31s. and						
31s. 6d. p sack.....	38	0	9			
Peas, 34 bus. @ 5s. 8d. and						
6s. 6d. p bus.	10	6	0			
Raisins,..... 161 lb @ 5d.	3	7	1			
Sugar, (loaf) 108¾ lb.						
@ 5½d.....	2	10	9			
,, (moist) 1714 lb. @						
39s. 8d. and 42s. p cwt	32	2	11			
	<hr/>			34	13	8
Tea, 275 lb. @ 3s. 8d.						
(carriage &c., 9s. 8d.).....	50	18	0			
Rice, 12 lb. @ 4½ and 5d.	0	5	4			
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Carried forward.....				£2112	19	6

PROVISIONS (<i>continued.</i>)	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	2112	19	6			
Vinegar, pepper, mustard, salt, and spices.....	7	16	4			
Wine,...4 doz. british @ 15s. Ψ doz.	3	0	0			
	<hr/>			2129	15	10

NECESSARIES.

Candles, .....912 lb. @ 4s. 4d. and 7s. Ψ doz.....	18	0	11			
Coals, .....223 tons, @ 22s. 7d. and 23s. 4d. Ψ ton	256	4	6			
Fuller's earth	0	5	4			
Oil, cotton, &c.....	2	5	2			
Soap, 45 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lb. @ 44s. and 46s. 8d. Ψ cwt.....	100	12	9			
Soda, 60 cwt. 18 lb. @ 7s. 6d. Ψ cwt.	22	5	0			
Starch and blue	2	15	7			
Sundries	1	5	10			
Washing	39	4	9			
Wood	2	8	0			
	<hr/>			445	7	10

CLOTHING.

Braces and Gloves	4	3	1			
Caps	9	1	0			
Calico	17	1	3			
Flannel	20	12	0			
Fustian	17	9	7			
Guernsey Waistcoats	11	0	0			
Handkerchiefs	6	2	3			
Jean	2	4	5			
Lindsey Wolsey	14	0	0			
Linen.....	28	17	2			
Muslin	3	4	10			
Pilot cloth.....	56	10	0			
Pocketing	5	11	7			
Print	16	8	10			
Shoemaker	101	16	6			
Stays	6	1	0			
Stockings	17	2	0			
Shirting Cloth	29	19	8			
Tailor.....	38	18	5			
Thread, tape, buttons, worsted, cotton, &c.....	22	5	6			
Wool Shawls.....	2	10	0			
Wrapping	13	2	10			
	<hr/>			444	1	11

Carried forward.....£3019 5 7

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	30	19	5	7		
DISPENSARY.						
Drugs	28	16	7			
Surgical instruments	3	2	0			
Water Cushions	4	12	0			
Wine and spirits	25	10	0			
				62	0	7
SALARIES AND WAGES,						
Superintendent.....	150	0	0			
Chaplain	80	0	0			
Clerk to Visitors	£80	0	0			
Also for extra Services... ..	15	0	0			
				95	0	0
Resident Medical Officer.....	86	5	0			
Mr. Pither, Steward.....	£11	19	7			
Ditto, Gratuity.....	25	0	0			
Mr. Upston, Steward.....	25	0	0			
				61	19	7
Matron	39	4	11			
Assistant Matron	17	10	0			
First Male Ward Attendant	22	10	0			
Second ditto.....	25	0	0			
Third ditto	24	10	0			
Fourth ditto.....	22	10	0			
Fifth ditto.....	23	5	0			
Sixth ditto.....	22	10	0			
First Female Ward Attendant	13	0	0			
Second ditto.....	9	10	6			
Third ditto	8	9	8			
Fourth ditto.....	12	7	0			
Fifth ditto.....	10	17	7			
Sixth ditto.....	8	16	0			
Laundress	11	2	6			
Assistant Laundress.....	9	8	4			
Housemaid	6	0	0			
Kitchen maid	8	0	0			
Cook	13	12	6			
Porter	11	19	0			
Sempstress	12	0	0			
Chapel Clerk.....	2	12	0			
Gardener	25	0	0			
Under Gardener	25	0	0			
Extra Nurses, Assistants, &c.....	5	11	0			
				863	10	7
<i>Carried forward</i>	£39	44	16	9		

SALARIES, ETC. (<i>continued.</i>)		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>					3944	16	9
Stoker		11	11	6			
Shaver		14	0	0			
Supernumerary		12	12	0			
Superannuation allowance to the late Matron Mrs. Pither, half-year.....		13	0	0			
		<hr/>			51	3	6
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Baskets, and mending same.....		11	14	0			
Belts, and repairing same.....		7	14	3			
Brushes, mops, &c.		39	6	9			
Cartage, and carriage		7	6	4			
Combs		3	10	0			
Cooper		35	10	0			
Chimney sweeper.....		4	11	0			
Clock repairing.....		0	3	6			
Earthenware		10	2	2			
Footballs		1	7	6			
Glazing and Plumbing.....		44	2	7			
Gravestone for late Steward		2	14	6			
Gutta percha Utensils.....		2	16	3			
Hearthstones		0	5	6			
Insurance		14	7	6			
Inventory		2	0	0			
Ironmonger		69	4	9			
Leathers		0	5	6			
Marking Ink.....		0	7	0			
Matches.....		0	12	4			
Postage, &c.		12	6	11			
Posting Bills.....		0	9	0			
Rates and taxes		11	3	6			
Repairing organ		1	5	0			
Retaking Patients		0	18	6			
Rope		0	18	9			
Sand		6	5	1			
Snuff and Tobacco.....		36	3	5			
Stationery, Printing, &c., &c.		75	8	7			
Spectacles		0	6	10			
Stone cutter		0	12	6			
Straw.....		53	8	0			
Sundries		4	1	1			
Travelling expenses to Candidates for Office of Steward.....		6	0	6			
Wheelwright.....		0	15	4			
		<hr/>			468	4	8
<i>Carried forward</i>					£4464	4	8

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	4164	4	8			
FUNERAL EXPENSES.						
Coffin boards		1	17	8		
REMOVAL OF PATIENTS.						
Expenses of removals		12	15	4		
GARDEN AND FARM.						
Peas and Barley Meal	15	10	0			
Pigs	8	7	4			
Rent	19	19	0			
Seeds	0	1	10			
Straw	0	10	0			
				44	8	2
FURNITURE AND BEDDING.						
Bed-furniture	4	1	5			
Bed-ticking	1	19	0			
Blankets	26	0	0			
Feathers	4	9	2			
Rugs	29	6	6			
Sheeting	30	5	7			
Upholsterer	28	1	7			
				124	3	3
BUILDING ACCOUNT.						
Barker, plumber	1	13	8			
Berrill, lime	0	3	6			
Brown, bricks	0	8	4			
Conquest, carpenter	44	12	0			
Ditto, timber	10	10	0			
Elger's Mr. executors, bricks & lime	0	14	6			
Francis, bricks	72	19	1			
Gibbins, oil and colours	4	12	2			
Green, timber	13	14	4			
Hinde, plumber	2	12	2			
Hull and Co., timber	62	5	0			
Millington, oil and colours	7	5	2			
Mitchell, lime	21	4	1			
Morton, ironmonger	48	1	4			
Newland, tiles	1	3	9			
Palgrave, colours	0	16	1			
Roberts, bricklayer	6	12	0			
Slater, ditto	18	18	7			
Shelton, paperhanger	2	7	0			
Williams, ironmonger	1	16	4			
Worrall, bricklayer	2	18	0			
Wing, stone and slates	37	8	7			
Sand, and use of scaffolding	0	19	9			
				363	15	5
Total Payments	£5011	4	6			

39] STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE BEDFORD LUNATIC ASYLUM,
Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December, 1850.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.		
	£. s. d.	PAGE.	£. s. d.	
To Balance in Treasurer's hands, Dec. 31st, 1849	59 5 9	34	By Provisions	2129 15 10
Ditto, Steward's ditto	50 0 0	35	Necessaries	445 7 10
		35	Clothing	444 1 11
<i>Receipts under the following heads, viz.—</i>		36	Surgery and Dispensary	62 0 7
		36	Salaries and Wages	914 14 1
		37	Miscellaneous	468 4 5
		38	Funeral Expenses	1 17 8
32 Sales—Produce of Garden and Farm and Sundries by Steward	77 3 8	38	Removal of Patients	12 15 4
33 Unions and Parishes in united Counties of Bedford, Hertford, and Huntingdon, and Borough of Bedford	4748 19 6	38	Garden and Farm	44 8 2
33 County, &c., Treasurers in united Counties and Borough	136 15 10	38	Furniture and Bedding	124 3 3
33 Out Counties & non-contributory Districts	36 16 0	38	Building and Repairs	363 15 5
33 Discount on Bills	1 0 9			
	£5110 1 6			
			Balance in Treasurers hands, 31st Dec., 1850,	£5011 4 6
			Balance in Steward's hands, ditto	48 17 0
				50 0 0
				£5110 1 6

SAML. WING,
Clerk to the Committee of Visitors.

Examined & allowed, } THO. CHA. HIGGINS,
February 3rd, 1851. } Chairman.

STATEMENT OF PATIENTS.
ADMITTED & DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.

ADMITTED.	DISCHARGED.
In the Asylum on the 1st Jan., 1850 252	Recovered 26
Received during the year 102	Relieved..... 19
	Not Improved 6
	Died 34
	Remaining Dec. 31, 1850 269
Total 354	Total 354

Daily Average of Patients,.....258.

Daily Average of Household,27.

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST OF PATIENTS.

Provisions	s. 2	d. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Clothing	0	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Necessaries	0	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Salaries and wages	1	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Surgery and Dispensary.....	0	1
Other expenses	1	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Total.....	7	3

Average weekly cost of Household..... 6s. 0d.