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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS,

PRESENTED AT THE EPIPHANY SESSIONS,

1859.

THE County Lunatic Asylum at Forston, has during the past year been conducted under the care of the Superintendent, J. G. SYMES, Esq., to the entire satisfaction of the Committee of Visitors.

The health of the patients has been very good; throughout the whole period, only ten deaths having taken place, and when the Asylum has been inspected, as it has been once in every two months, in compliance with the directions of the Act, and at other times, the patients have been found almost without exception in a tranquil and orderly state.

The Superintendent reports favourably of the conduct and attention of the officers and servants of the Establishment, and the Committee, as far as their observation extends, concur in the approbation expressed to them by the Superintendent.

The accommodation for patients remains as for a long time past, quite insufficient for the requirements of the

County, the number of patients at Fisherton Asylum being 66,—30 males and 36 females; besides 1 criminal lunatic; and the number in the Asylum, at the close of the year, being 72 males and 89 females—total 161; giving a gross total of 228 pauper lunatics now maintained from public sources in this county.

The number at the beginning of the year 1858 were:—

				Male.	Female.	Total.
At the County Asylum	...	...		71	88	159
At Fisherton	...	...	...	22	34	56
				93	122	215

At the present time:—

At the County Asylum	...	...		72	89	161
At Fisherton	...	...	...	30	36	66
				102	125	227

The want of a Chapel or proper place for the celebration of divine worship continues to be much felt; the room which heretofore has been used for that purpose being inadequate for the proper accommodation of the servants and the patients who are able to be present.

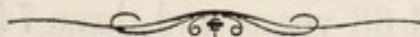
JOHN FLOYER,

Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.



To the Chairman and Visitors of the Dorset County Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to submit for your consideration a short Report of the condition of the Asylum, &c., with the usual Statistical Tables, for the year 1858.

On January 1st, 1858, there were in the Asylum 159 patients, *viz.*—71 males and 88 females: during the year 20 males and 32 females have been admitted, 12 males and 18 females discharged, 3 males and 7 females died, and 4 males and 6 females sent to the Asylum at Fisherton.

The number on the books now is 72 males and 89 females, and *at Fisherton 31 males and 36 females*; the whole number therefore belonging to the County, now in confinement and under treatment, is 228, making an *increase of 12* since the last Report.

The daily average resident number of patients was 158, and the rate of maintenance charged to the several Parishes has been 7s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per head per week, being 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per head per week *less* than in 1857.

There has been nothing particularly calling for observation amongst the admissions, except that the suicidal propensity has been more noticeable than for several years past; this has necessarily caused additional trouble and

anxiety, but I am thankful in being able to add that no attempt at suicide has been successful, although several have been made.

The Asylum has been remarkably free from accident and casualties; and the general conduct and behaviour of the patients, and their great freedom from irritability and excitement must not pass unnoticed. Their health generally has been very good, only 10 deaths having occurred, three of whom averaged 66 years, and three 74 years of age.

One other case of erysipelas occurred, and recovered; I mention this because a suggestion has been thrown out that the "frequent scouring of the boarded floors may be a cause of this disease:" I can hardly think such to have been the case here, great care being always taken when the floors, &c., are scrubbed, that the patients do not remain there, and for this reason all our galleries are never washed at one time—the patients therefore have an abundance of room, and not the least occasion for their returning until the floors are thoroughly dry.

Scarlet fever prevailed to a great extent in our immediate neighbourhood and on both sides of the Asylum, yet no case occurred here. Colds and slight attacks of quinzy were common for a few weeks; a little increase of diet, with a few ounces of port wine daily, soon restored that weakness which was the chief feature in the cases.

The amusements and occupations of the patients continue the same as heretofore. The great abundance of newspapers and periodicals, &c., regularly sent into the reading rooms, are a source of much comfort, and serve, somewhat profitably I hope, to relieve the otherwise wearisome hours which must of necessity be felt by many.

I must again acknowledge with best thanks the continued kindness of the editors of the *Record*, who sends *three copies*

weekly, Dorset Chronicle, Sherborne Journal, Poole Herald, and the *Western Flying Post*, each one copy ; and I feel sure each editor would be amply gratified if he saw the eagerness, &c., with which the papers are read, and the amusement they afforded : surely, in other counties, such an example might be followed with equal advantage, &c.

The farm and garden continue to be a means of profitable employment, &c., and productive of health to many.

The high wall between the two male airing courts has been pulled down, converting them into one good large and much more cheerful place for recreation. A bowling ground is now being formed at the end of this court.

The brewhouse being comparatively useless, now the beer is contracted for, has been converted into temporary workshops for shoemakers and tailors, and it is worthy of remark how much more work is done there compared with that formerly done in the wards. The patients are free from interruption, and work much more readily and cheerfully.

During the past year the Asylum has been more visited than usual ; and, without exception, the reports left in the committee book have been most satisfactory. It is with pride I refer to the visit of the Right Honorable the Earl of Shaftesbury, in April last, and the report he was pleased to leave in the book ; the remarks made at the Sessions will doubtless be remembered by many.

A reference to Table XVII. will shew that 10 additional patients were removed to Fisherton, owing to the crowded state of our Asylum ; the relief has been very temporary, not a vacant bed now remaining.

The inadequacy of the present Asylum is still more and more seriously felt ; every year brings with it an increasing number of insane poor ; and although the law wisely and humanely orders that every county shall provide sufficient

accommodation for this unhappy class of poor, yet there are difficulties existing in the case of this county which are great and harrassing, and preventing thus far, a new and suitable building being erected.

Situated as Forston is, between two hills, (the one behind being very steep and abrupt), the great lack of table land, from the narrowness of the valley, is seriously felt; and hitherto, every architect who has been here appears at a loss how to provide the necessary accommodation, although one gentleman proposed to dig into the hill more than 100 feet, thus completely burying the building to be placed there. Very much has been said against the situation, and grave complaints of its *unhealthiness* and otherwise unsuitability for an Asylum, but on looking over the Table XVIII. at page 26, it will there be seen that the rate of mortality for the last ten years has not exceeded $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the average daily number of *patients* resident, and during the whole of that time there has been no epidemic or fever of any kind, and the general health of the patients remarkably good. On looking over the table above referred to, and considering the great age of many of those who have died, it must be acknowledged that *health* at least is one of the great blessings of this situation. It must be admitted that the situation is not so *cheerful* as it should be, but if with sufficient additional land the new Asylum can be conveniently erected on the present site, there seems no reason why, by making it face more towards the south and south-east, or west, the effect should not be very materially lessened, and this too would be still advantaged when the airing grounds, gardens, &c., are much enlarged and suitably laid out. The simple fact of having a subsoil of chalk and gravel, and a quick and never-failing running river, must be always considered as of immense value. Of the many

sites offered for a new building, there was not one at all comparable with this, when all these desiderata are fully considered. The great, and I fear not to be remedied, fault here is a *want of space*. There should be at least twenty acres of good table land for the building, garden, &c., and if this could be obtained on somewhat higher ground it would add very greatly to the cheerfulness and comfort, and also assist towards the ultimate recovery of the patients.

The conduct of the great majority of the servants merits approbation, and I quite consider their duties have been cheerfully and properly fulfilled.

Two male attendants were summarily dismissed. In the first case the attendant was sitting up with a sick patient who was very troublesome; and no doubt, during a moment of irritation, the attendant struck him in the eye, leaving the marks of his violence for many days; no evil result followed to the patient. In the second case, there was much reason for believing the patient was violently struck or pushed by the attendant, causing him to stumble and fall with great force on his face on the brick floor, severely bruising his cheeks and knocking out several teeth, but the more serious effect was immediate insensibility from concussion of the brain, from which he never recovered.

A full and thorough investigation took place in both instances by the Committee, who would have prosecuted in either case had there been sufficient evidence to convict. In the latter instance a coroner's inquest was held, and after making every enquiry, they returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

Investigations into cases of this kind cannot be too strictly made, so as to satisfy the public that the patients are taken care of, and not allowed to be ill treated. Great jealousy exists amongst some, and open statements are made

that the inmates of Asylums are abused and knocked about; and I consider no care or trouble too great to take, so as to do away with such an unjust and unfounded suspicion. The two cases above alluded to will prove that such conduct can and may exist,—so much the greater necessity of guarding against it. In all cases of accident, however slight, I make it a practice to let the patient, if able, account for it; it gives him confidence in his Medical Superintendent, and shews the attendant that any unfair conduct may be known, and will not be passed over.

Whilst speaking of the conduct generally of the attendants and servants, I cannot help noticing a remark which has been made that the “servants of Asylums are paid upon strict principles of economy, and the class from which they are necessarily taken is one difficult of control.” Now that there is much truth in the above remark I willingly admit, but I do think very much might be done by the Medical Superintendent to raise the Asylum servants in their own estimation and that of those around them; and if their wages are somewhat economical, let their domestic comforts be fully considered; and I believe nothing more materially tends to make servants happy, cheerful, and *up* to their duties. The practice here, and one adopted for many years, is to allow every servant to dine in their own hall, males and females together, half dining at 1, and the other half at half-past 1,—their table neatly and carefully kept, and the joints various, well and nicely served. Two large and comfortable rooms well supplied with books, periodicals, and newspapers, are allowed for the male and female attendants after their work is done. Supper is served at 9; and at 10, immediately after evening prayers, they retire for the night.

I cannot help thinking these little changes are beneficial both to their health and minds. I know they are

appreciated; and when it is considered how very much depends on the faithful discharge of their duties, should not these little comforts, amongst others, be thoroughly minded?

In conclusion, I beg to offer my best thanks for your continued kindness, and the support invariably shown me in all matters connected with the management of the Institution.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your faithful and obliged Servant,

J. GUSTAVUS SYMES.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

Dated March 12th, 1858.

THE following changes, as respects the patients, have taken place since the last visit of the Commissioners, on the 1st of October, 1857:—

Admitted	...	18.
Discharged	...	14—of whom 12 were recovered.
Died	...	5.

The patients this day are 160 in number, *viz.*, 72 males and 88 females. We found them all in a tranquil, comfortable state, and the several wards and rooms, beds and bedding were remarkably clean, and in creditable order.

There has not, since the last visit, been any instance of seclusion. Mechanical restraint in any form, has not been employed in the Asylum for many years.

The health of the patients generally, appears to be good. One male and five female patients are at present registered as under medical treatment for bodily ailments.

The system adopted in reference to occupations and amusements, and the arrangements for out-door exercise remain the same as at the time of the last visit.

From 60 to 70 patients attend divine service in the male gallery No. 1, and daily prayers during the week.

The comfort and benefit of the male patients are much promoted by the appropriation of day rooms at the end of the galleries as reading rooms, which are sufficiently provided with entertaining books and periodicals.

Having regard to the consideration under question, of the extension of the Asylum, we forbear on this occasion from suggesting any improvements of a structural character, or the introduction at present of additional furniture.

We have much satisfaction in recording our opinion that the Asylum is under excellent management.

Attempts have, as we are informed, been made without success, to find premises suitable for the temporary accommodation of the surplus pauper lunatics of the county, as suggested by the last Visiting Commissioners.

R. W. S. LUTWIDGE,

JAMES WILKES,

Commissioners in Lunacy.

TABLE III.—THE AUTHORITY OF ADMISSION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under orders of Two Justices of the Peace	4	5	9
" Justice of the Peace and Relieving Officer	8	18	26
Under orders of Officiating Clergyman and Relieving Officer or Overseer ...	8	9	17
Total	20	32	52

TABLE IV.—THE RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.

Religious Profession.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Church of England	14	20	34
Independents	2	1	3
Wesleyan	1	4	5
Baptists	2	4	6
Unknown	1	3	4
	20	32	52

TABLE V.—THE EDUCATION.

Education.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Of Good Education	3	4	7
Read and Write	9	17	26
Read	7	8	15
Neither	1	3	4
	20	32	52

TABLE VI.—THE CIVIL CONDITION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Married	11	9	20
Single	7	17	24
Widowed... ..	2	6	8
	20	32	52

TABLE VII.—THE OCCUPATION.

MALES.				FEMALES.			
Excavator	...	...	1	Wives, Daughters, or Wi-			
Game Keeper	...	...	1	dows of:—			
Labourers	...	...	6	Asylum Attendant		1	
Miller	...	...	1	Butcher	...	1	
Organist	...	...	1	Groom	...	1	
Plumber	...	...	1	Shepherds	...	2	
Postman	...	...	1	Tailor	...	1	
Sailor	...	...	1	Labourers	...	6	
Shoemaker	...	...	1	Charwoman	...	1	
Soldiers	...	...	3	School Teacher	...	1	
Stone Masons	...	...	2	Servants	...	8	
Toll Collector	...	...	1	Seamstresses	...	3	
				Shoe Binder	...	1	
				Shop Keeper	...	1	
				Twine Braider...	...	2	
				No Occupation	...	3	
Total	...	...	20	Total	...	32	

TABLE VIII.—AGES AT FIRST ATTACK AND ON RE-ADMISSION.

AGE.	At First Attack.			On Admission or Re-admission.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
From Birth to 5 years	...	3	3	...	...	...
" 5 " 10 "	...	2	2	...	...	...
" 10 " 20 "	...	1	1	...	1	1
" 20 " 30 "	6	7	13	5	7	12
" 30 " 40 "	4	6	10	5	9	14
" 40 " 50 "	4	5	9	4	7	11
" 50 " 60 "	3	3	6	4	4	8
" 60 " 70 "	2	3	5	1	3	4
" 70 and upwards...	1	2	3	1	1	2
Total	20	32	52	20	32	52

TABLE IX.—ASSIGNED CAUSES OF MENTAL DISORDERS OF PATIENTS.

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Anxiety about Employment	2	1	3
Excitement and Anxiety on Religion ...	5	2	7
Fright ... ..	...	1	1
Destitution	1	1	2
Intemperance, &c.	2	1	3
Injury to Head	2	1	3
Disease of Brain	1	1	2
General Ill-health ... ..	...	4	4
Paralysis	1	1	2
Epilepsy	1	1	2
Grief :—			
Misconduct of Husband or Wife	2	4	6
Death of Relative ... ..	...	2	2
Failure in Business ... ..	...	1	1
Poverty	1	1	2
Disappointed Love ... ..	...	2	2
Fever, after Confinement ... ..	...	1	1
Hereditary Predisposition	2	4	6
Unknown ... ..	...	3	3
Total	20	32	52

TABLE X.—FORM OF DISEASE ON ADMISSION.

Disease.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Mania—Acute	4	3	7
Chronic	6	13	19
Hysterical ... ..	...	2	2
With Epilepsy	1	1	2
Remittent	2	...	2
Melancholia	1	4	5
„ Suicidal	3	3	6
Dementia ... ..	...	3	3
„ with Paralysis	3	...	3
Idiotcy ... ..	...	3	3
Total.....	20	32	52

TABLE XI.—GENERAL NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.	No.
In the House	2
„ Kitchen	3
„ Laundry	14
„ Ward	18
Needlework	27
Knitting, &c.	5
Plaiting Straw, Hat and Bonnet Making	3
Total.....	72

TABLE XII.—THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1858.

Description of Articles.	Made.	Repaired.
Aprons	66	216
Bed Ticks	14	42
Flannel Vests	26	220
Caps	64	465
Blankets ... ..	...	18
Gowns	41	405
Slop Frocks	43	129
Shirts	61	601
Shifts	47	648
Petticoats, stuff	6	222
Ditto flannel	12	74
Stays	13	27
Sheets	31	282
Pillow-cases	36	170
Matrass-cases	12	48
Rugs ... ..	...	26
Table cloths	12	54
Stockings (male) pairs	75	1409
Ditto (female)	9	1501
Neckerchiefs	196	119
Handkerchiefs	34	...
Bonnets	3	...
Straw Hats... ..	63	...
Straw Mats	14	...
Tea cloths	16	20
Towels	58	17

TABLE XIII.—GENERAL NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.								No.
On the Farm	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Tailors' Shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Shoemakers' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Painters' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Carpenters' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Engineers' department	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Ward and Airing Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
„ „ Picking Flock, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total.....								64

In addition to the above, *all the Male Clothing* is made and kept in repair *solely by the Patients.*

TABLE XIV.—BOOTS AND SHOES MADE AND REPAIRED BY MALE PATIENTS.

	MALES.				FEMALES.			
	New.		Repaired.		New.		Repaired.	
	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.
First Quarter	9	7	29	26	8	9	16	9
Second Quarter	8	4	33	14	23	17	24	23
Third Quarter.....	14	6	25	17	16	10	25	34
Fourth Quarter	6	18	31	40	12	14	10	15
Total.....	37	35	118	97	59	50	75	81

TABLE XV.—DISCHARGES.

No. in Register.	Recovered.	Relieved.	Age and Civil state on Admission.	Sex.	Length of time Insane on Admission.			Duration of Residence in Asylum.			Assigned cause of Insanity.	Form of Mental Disorder.
					Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.		
1049	1	...	19 years—Single	Male	0	0	10	0	6	27	Over study	Mania.
1061	2	...	48 " Married	Male	0	0	24	0	2	22	Fear of poverty	Melancholia.
966	...	1	66 " Ditto	Female	0	0	14	1	10	15	Ill-health—grief	Mania (recent)
1054	3	...	61 " Ditto	Male	0	3	0	0	6	2	Poverty, &c.	Mania (much depressed)
1063	4	...	31 " Ditto	Female	0	2	7	0	3	11	Not stated	Mania.
1060	5	...	29 " Ditto	Male	0	5	0	0	4	13	Intemperance, &c.	Mania (recent).
941	...	2	56 " Ditto	Male	0	4	0	2	6	28	Losses in business	Melancholia.
1057	6	...	55 " Ditto	Female	0	0	7	0	4	30	Misconduct of daughter	Mania.
1067	...	3	45 " Ditto	Female	0	0	7	0	4	29	Unknown	Mania (recurrent)
1035	7	...	22 " Single	Female	0	1	0	1	0	1	Seduction—ill-treatment	Melancholia (suicidal)
1077	...	4	40 " Ditto	Male	1	6	0	0	0	16	Religious excitement	Mania
1034	8	...	30 " Ditto	Female	0	0	14	1	1	0	Ill-health—hysteria	Mania (hysterical).
1051	9	...	58 " Married	Male	0	1	6	0	10	1	Poverty—intemperance	Mania (recent).
1052	10	...	55 " Ditto	Female	1	1	0	0	9	29	Grief—death of child	Melancholia (suicidal).
1053	11	...	28 " Widower	Male	0	4	0	0	9	16	Religious depression	Mania.
1024	12	...	22 " Single	Female	0	4	0	1	3	20	Religious depression, &c.	Mania (hysterical).
1073	13	...	54 " Ditto	Female	0	0	6	0	3	0	Death of uncle, &c.	Melancholia.
1058	14	...	47 " Married	Female	0	2	7	0	8	5	Poverty—fever	Mania (acute)
564	15	...	41 " Ditto	Female	0	0	14	11	5	20	Not stated	Mania.
1068	16	...	45 " Ditto	Male	0	1	0	0	5	10	Sun stroke—fever	Mania (acute).
1017	17	...	38 " Single	Female	0	2	0	0	5	16	Unknown	Mania (puerperal).
927	18	...	21 " Ditto	Female	2	0	0	2	1	4	Confinement, &c.	Mania (suicidal).
*1041	19	...	21 " Ditto	Female	Not known			1	2	25	Confinement in gaol	Melancholia.
742	20	...	55 " Widow	Female	0	1	0	7	8	13	Anxiety about relatives	Mania (a potu).
1084	21	...	39 " Married	Male	0	2	7	0	4	2	Intemperance, &c.	Mania (much depressed).
1014	...	5	25 " Ditto	Female	0	1	0	1	9	25	Domestic misery	Mania (suicidal).
1038	...	...	54 " Ditto	Male	0	3	0	1	5	7	Loss of work—want	Melancholia (suicidal).
959	...	9	58 " Ditto	Female	0	1	14	2	8	19	Fear of death, &c.	Mania.
1074	23	...	45 " Ditto	Male	0	1	0	0	7	25	Grief—fear of Poverty	Melancholia (suicidal).
1026	24	...	47 " Ditto	Female	0	1	0	1	9	0	Domestic troubles	Melancholia (suicidal)

* No. 1041, a criminal patient, was discharged, when recovered, by order of the Secretary of State.
 N.B.—Four males and six females were sent to the chronic asylum at Salisbury.

TABLE XVI.—OBITUARY.

No. in Admission Book.	Age at Death, and Civil State.	Sex.	Length of time Insane when admitted.	Duration of Residence in Asylum. Y. M. D.	Form of Mental Disease and Bodily Condition on Admission.	Apparent Cause of Death.
1062	74 Years: Married	Female	7 Years	0 2 2	Dementia	Bronchitis.
384	69 Years: Married	Female	15 Years	15 8 20	Mania	Disease of Liver and Kidneys.
772	32 Years: Married	Female	8 Months	6 9 9	Mania (acute)	Phthisis.
929	77 Years: Widow	Female	6 Months	2 8 19	Mania	Epilepsy.
1050	58 Years: Married	Male	3 Months	0 9 28	Mania	Mania—Exhaustion.
1065	45 Years: Single	Male	3 Weeks	0 4 1	Mania (acute)	{ Compression of the Brain, &c. from Accident—Inquest held—Verdict, Accidental Death.
58	72 Years: Single	Female	10 Years	24 11 13	Mania	Mania—Gradual Decay.
374	69 Years: Widow	Female	2 Years	15 3 19	Mania (4th attack)	General Paralysis.
867	31 Years: Single	Female	2 Years	4 5 10	Mania (epileptic)	Epilepsy—Exhaustion.
1082	61 Years: Widower	Male	2 Weeks	0 5 25	Melancholia (suicidal)	Spasmodic Asthma—Bronchitis.

TABLE XVII.—ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, DEATHS, &c.

Since the Opening of the Asylum in 1832.

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES.			REMOVED TO FISHERTON ASYLUM.			DEATHS.			In the Asylum at the end of each Year.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1832	22	21	43												
1833	21	15	36												
1834	16	18	34												
1835	13	18	31												
1836	18	24	42												
1837	12	23	35												
1838	10	16	26												
1839	11	17	28												
1840	9	16	25												
1841	11	20	31												
1842	21	16	37												
1843	19	20	39												
1844	15	29	44												
1845	19	28	47												
1846	27	29	56												
1847	24	20	44												
1848	18	30	48												
1849	21	23	44												
1850	23	28	51												
1851	18	17	35												
1852	20	17	37												
1853	15	12	27												
1854	22	18	40												
1855	23	24	47												
1856	26	38	64												
1857	23	28	51												
1858	20	32	52												

TABLE XVIII.—THE AGES OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS.

YEAR.	From 20 years to 30 years.	From 30 years to 40 years.	From 40 years to 50 years.	From 50 years to 60 years.	From 60 years to 70 years.	From 70 years to 80 years.	From 80 years to 90 years.	From 90 years and upwards.	TOTAL.
1849	...	2	4	5	3	3	1	...	18
1850	...	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	13
1851	2	3	2	5	4	1	2	...	19
1852	1	...	1	1	3	1	...	...	7
1853	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	7
1854	1	3	1	...	3	4	3	...	15
1855	2	3	1	1	3	1	...	...	11
1856	1	...	5	2	6	...	1	...	15
1857	...	2	3	4	2	4	...	...	15
1858	...	2	1	1	3	3	...	...	10
	7	19	24	23	29	18	9	1	130

Total number of Deaths as above—130, shewing a per centage of Deaths of $8\frac{1}{2}$ on the average number of Patients resident.

DIETARY FOR PATIENTS.

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	BREAKFAST.				DINNER.								SUPPER.			
	Males.		Females.		Males.				Females.				Males.		Females.	
	Males.		Females.		Cooked Meat, without bone.	Meat Pie (2).	Vegetables.	Suet or Rice Pudding.	Bread.	Cheese.	Beer.	Cooked Meat, without bone.	Meat Pie (2).	Vegetables.	Suet or Rice Pudding.	Beer.
	Bread.	Milk Gruel (1).	Bread.	Milk Gruel (1).												
Sunday	6	2	5	1½	5	...	12	...	...	...	½ pt.	5	...	12	...	½ pt.
Monday	6	2	5	1½	3	...	12	...	...	...	½ pt.	3	...	12	...	½ pt.
Tuesday	6	2	5	1½	5	...	12	...	...	...	½ pt.	5	...	12	...	½ pt.
Wednesday...	6	2	5	1½	...	10	16	16	...	...	½ pt.	...	10	12	16	½ pt.
Thursday	6	2	5	1½	...	...	16	...	4	2	½ pt.	...	...	12	...	½ pt.
Friday	6	2	5	1½	5	...	16	...	...	...	½ pt.	5	...	12	...	½ pt.
Saturday	6	2	5	1½	...	10	16	...	...	...	½ pt.	...	10	12	...	½ pt.
Total	42	14	35	10½	18	20	92	16	4	2	3½	18	20	72	16	3½

EXTRA DIET:—Lunch: Bread and cheese and ½ pint beer is allowed for those at work, both males and females, with ½ pint beer for men, and tea for women, every afternoon at Four o'clock. Tobacco and snuff are allowed as extras to many of the Patients.

The Attendants are allowed 7 lbs. bread, and ½ lb. butter weekly. MALES: 2 pints beer. FEMALES: 1 pint beer daily. They all dine in the Servants' Hall without restriction as to quantity of meat, vegetables, &c.; and are allowed bread and cheese for Supper.

- (1). The Milk Gruel is made with oatmeal and milk.
- (2). Meat pie contains 3 oz. of meat without bone.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

OF THE

Receipts and Payments

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1858.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
FROM INTEREST ON MONIES INVESTED:						
To One Year's Interest on £4,500 £3 per cent. Consols.				135	0	0
To Amount received from Parishes for Pauper Patients	3,999	13	0			
From County Treasurer	149	6	4			
	<hr/>			4,148	19	4
To Cash received from Sir R. P. Glyn, Bart., Donation				1,000	0	0
	<hr/>			£5,283	19	4
				<hr/>		

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES AND WAGES :						
Officers	317	10	0			
Attendants and Servants	381	11	9			
				699	1	9
PROVISIONS, viz:—						
19,740 lbs. Meat	464	18	5			
60,768 lbs. Bread	316	17	0			
4,904 lbs. Flour	29	7	0			
1,848 lbs. Rice	14	17	0			
4,424 lbs. Oatmeal	35	11	0			
8,212 lbs. Cheese	146	4	8			
Potatoes	14	3	0			
652 lbs. Tea, Coffee, and Chicory ...	77	1	9			
248½ lbs. Lump Sugar	7	5	1			
896 lbs. Moist Sugar	18	13	4			
61 lbs. Tobacco and Snuff	14	6	0			
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, Spices, Currants, Raisins, Arrowroot, and miscellaneous Grocery	24	17	8			
8,587 gals. Ale	309	10	9			
				1,473	12	8
NECESSARIES :—						
737 lbs. Candles	23	14	4			
218 tons 10 cwt. Coals	195	13	7			
3624 lbs. Soap and Soda	42	7	8			
128 lbs. Starch and Blue	3	14	6			
Blacklead, Whitening, and miscellaneous	17	1	8			
				282	11	9.
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY :—						
Drugs, Surgery, &c.	26	3	3			
Wine and Spirits	33	0	0			
108 gals. Porter	5	15	0			
				64	18	3
Linen, Clothing, and Bedding ...	185	7	6			
Repairs and Paint	3	19	0			
Ironmongery, Tin, and Earthenware	40	3	0			
Brooms, Brushes, and Cooperage ...	16	1	1			
Garden and Farm Expenses	16	14	8			
Hay, Corn, &c.	180	17	8			
Advertisements, Printing, Stationery, Postage, and Carriage	77	6	11			
Cost of removing Patients to their Homes and Journeys	47	14	0			
Funeral Expenses, Coffins, &c., repaid by Parishes	19	19	0			
Amount paid by Parishes for Maintenance of Patients at Fisherton Asylum ...	1,125	16	9			
Medical Fees	6	6	0			
Monies invested in Consols.	1,000	0	0			
Balance paid to Contingent Fund ...	43	9	4			
				£5,283	19	4

Dr.

BILLS CHARGED ON THE COUNTY.

Cr.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash received from County Treasurer

£ s. d.
... 1,215 13 11

PAYMENTS.

By Cash paid Timber Merchant	...	£	s.	d.
" Plumber	...	5	19	11
" Mason	...	30	10	1
" Ironwork	...	9	13	1
" Rent of Field (less Property Tax)	...	19	10	0
" Tithes, Rates, and Taxes	...	8	15	10
" Architects' Plans for new Buildings	..	125	0	0
" Advertisements for Sites of Land		4	16	8
" Surveying and Plan for turning the road		5	5	0
" Printing Report	...	8	10	0
" Dr. Finch—charge on the County for				
Patients at Fisherton	...	941	13	4
" Expenses of removing Patients to				
Fisherton	...	15	14	3
" Case and Counsel's Opinion as to				
charges made on the County	...	7	14	2

£1,215 13 11

£1,215 13 11

THE CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

DR.

CR.

		1858.			
		£	s. d.		
1858.				By Clerk, Gratuity	20 0 0
To Balance in hand 31st December, 1857	...	492	16 8	Balance in hand	550 9 0
„ One Year's Dividends on £1138 8s. 6d. £3 per cent. Reduced	... ..	34	3 0		
„ Cash Received from Maintenance Account	...	43	9 4		
		£570	9 0		£570 9 0

CHARITY ACCOUNT.

DR.

CR.

		1858.			
		£	s. d.		
1858.				By Cash to the Superintendent for the Patients	10 0 0
To Balance in Dorchester Savings' Bank, 31st December, 1857	...	338	12 0	„ Balance in hand	337 17 3
„ One Year's Interest on ditto	...	9	5 3		
		£347	17 3		£347 17 3

FARM ACCOUNT.

Statement of the Receipts and Payments on this Account exclusively.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand 31st December, 1857	...	36 5 8	By Cash paid for Live Stock	...	16 2 6
Cash received on Sale of Dead Stock	...	9 12 8	" Rent of Potatoe Land	...	6 0 0
" Fat and Dripping	...	14 1 3	" Batter	...	1 11 3
" Plants	...	1 17 9	" Lime, Thatching, Stickers,	...	
" Skins	...	1 17 6	and Hurdles	...	5 13 0
" Old Stores, Iron, Copper, &c.	...	5 15 0	" Veterinary Surgeon	...	1 11 6
" Sundries	...	0 2 0	" Sundries	...	1 13 0
Total Receipts	...	33 6 2	Total Payments	...	32 11 3
			Balance in hand	...	37 0 7
		£69 11 10			£69 11 10

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

Of the Receipts and Payments for the whole year.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Balance in Contingent Fund, 31st December, 1857	...	492	16	8	...	699	1	9	
" Ditto in Charity Account	...	338	12	0	...	20	0	0	
" Ditto in Farm Account	...	36	5	8	...	1473	12	8	
				867	14	4	282	11	9
" Cash received from Browne's Benefaction, Dividends on Consols	...	135	0	0	...	26	3	3	
" Dividends on £3 per Cent. Reduced (vide Contingent Fund Account)	...	34	3	0	...	38	15	0	
" Interest on the Charity Account from the Savings' Bank	...	9	5	3	...	185	7	6	
From Farm Account	...	33	6	2	...	3	19	0	
From Parishes for Maintenance of Patients	...	3999	13	0	...	40	3	0	
From County Treasurer, ditto	...	149	6	4	...	16	1	1	
From County Treasurer for County Bills	...	1215	13	11	...	16	14	8	
				5576	7	8	180	17	8
Sir R. P. Glyn's Donation	...	1000	0	0	...	77	6	11	
				6576	7	8	47	14	0
Total Receipts	6576	7	8	19	19	0	
				1125	16	9	
By Cash paid, Salaries and Wages from Contingent Fund	6	6	0	
" Provisions	10	0	0	
" Necessaries, Fuel, Lighting, and Washing	32	11	3	
" Surgery and Dispensary	1215	13	11	
" Wine, Spirits, and Porter	1000	0	0	
" Linen, Clothing, and Bedding	6518	15	2	
" Paint and Repairs	550	9	0	
" Ironmongery, Tin and Copper Ware, &c.	337	17	3	
" Brooms, Brushes, &c.	37	0	7	
" Garden and Farm expenses	925	6	10	
" Hay, Corn, and Provender for Cattle	
" Printing, Stationery, and Miscellaneous	
" Removal of Patients	
" Funeral expenses	
" Patients at Fisherton charged on the Parishes	
" Medical Fees	
" Sum paid from Charity Fund	
" Ditto Farm account	
" Ditto County Treasurer	
" Invested in Consols.	
				
Total Payments	
Balance in Contingent Fund	
Ditto Charity Fund	
Ditto Farm Account	
				
				£7,444	2	0	£7,444	2	0

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST FOR MAINTENANCE, MEDICINE, CLOTHING, AND
CARE OF PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1858.

					s.	d.
Provisions					3	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Clothing and Bedding					0	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Salaries and Wages					1	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Necessaries (<i>e. g.</i>) Fuel, Light, Washing, &c.					0	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Surgery and Dispensary					0	$\frac{3}{4}$
Wine, Spirits, and Porter					0	1
CHARGED TO MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.	{	Garden and Farm			0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
		Miscellaneous, <i>viz.</i> , Repairs, Ironmongery, Brooms, Printing, Carriage, Stationery, Postage, Stamps, &c.			0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
					<hr/>	
					7	6
Less Receipts from Farm Account, Sales of Produce, &c.					0	1
					<hr/>	
Total average cost per head					7	5
					<hr/>	
DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RESIDENT					158 $\frac{5}{8}$	
AVERAGE COST PER HEAD PAID BY PARISHES					7s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	

JNO. BROWN,

Clerk to the Asylum and to the Visitors.

