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THE County Asylum has, during the past year, continued under the able management of Mr. SYMES, and on all occasions when visited by members of the Committee, has been found in a most satisfactory state in all respects.

The Officers and Servants appear to act with kindness and attention to the patients under their charge, and no complaint of any kind has been made against them, or in regard to the food, clothes, or lodging provided for the inmates.

The present building is inadequate, as appears recorded on the minutes of the Court, to the requirements of the County, but by the appropriation of the reading-room at the end of the upper male ward and the gallery leading thereto, to the use of dormitories, additional accommodation has been provided for fifteen male patients. As soon as the necessary preparations were completed, ten males were removed back to Forston from the asylum at Fisherton. In consequence of

this addition to the numbers, the upper male ward is somewhat overcrowded, and in the event of any epidemic or infectious disease occurring, the difficulty of dealing with it would be very great; but the Committee are of opinion that it is desirable to retain as large a portion of patients as possible in the County Asylum, even with the risk, and under the disadvantages above-mentioned. Some addition has also been made to the number of the female patients, to which the same observation will in some degree apply.

The number of patients at the close of the year 1859, was :—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In the Asylum ... ..	77	91	168
At Fisherton ... ..	28	40	68
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Total ... ..	105	131	236
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At the close of the year 1860 :—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In the Asylum ... ..	88	93	181
At Fisherton ... ..	19	52	71
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Total ... ..	107	145	252
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Showing a total increase in the year of 16 patients—2 males and 14 females.

The general health of the patients during the past year has been good.

The number of deaths has been :—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In the Asylum ... ..	3	6	9
At Fisherton ... ..	4	4	8
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Total ... ..	7	10	17
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The number of discharges has been :—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
From the Asylum ... ..	11	13	24
From Fisherton ... ..	0	1	1
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Total ... ..	11	14	25
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The vacancy in the Chaplain's Office has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. F. J. MOULE.

The number of Trustees of the several sums of money invested in the Public Securities, and known as "Brown's Benefaction Fund," and the "Contingent Fund," having been reduced to one by death, at the suggestion of Lord PORTMAN, the survivor, four new Trustees, the Rt. Hon. Lord DIGBY, the Hon. W. H. B. PORTMAN, M.P., R. B. SHERIDAN, Esq., M.P., and H. FRAMPTON, Esq., have been appointed.

The Asylum was visited on the 5th of Oct. last by two of the Commissioners in Lunacy, who, in their Report, expressed themselves well satisfied with the careful and judicious management of the institution.

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### THE NEW SITE AND BUILDINGS.

At the close of 1859 negotiations had been entered upon with MICHAEL MILLER, Esq., for the purchase of about 56 acres of land at Herrison, in the parish of Charminster, as a site for a new Asylum. The contract was subsequently approved by the Commissioners in Lunacy, and by the Court, and the purchase was completed in November last;—the quantity of land being 55A. 3R. 23P., and the purchase money, including interest, £5,710 7s. 10d.



The sum of £36,000 has been borrowed of the Sun Insurance Office, at the rate of four-and-half per cent. interest, upon mortgage of the County Rates; the first instalment of £12,000 has been received and disposed of, as detailed in the Quarterly Report.

A contract was made in July last with Messrs. HABGOOD and EATON, of Wimborne, builders, for the erection of a new Asylum, for the sum of £26,000. The only works of any importance hitherto effected, besides the cartage of materials, are the excavation of the foundations for the buildings, two roads connecting the site with the upper and lower turnpike roads, leading from Dorchester to Sherborne, and the sinking of the well to the depth of 148 feet, with a depth of water in it of 39 feet; the water is reported to be of excellent quality.

About two acres of land have been planted, with a view to shelter the grounds and buildings from the North and East winds; a greater portion of the work, the trenching of the land, and the planting the trees, was done by the patients.

JOHN FLOYER,

*Chairman.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

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*To the Chairman and Visitors of the Dorset County Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to lay before you the usual Statistical Tables, with a short Report of the Asylum and its inmates.

On the 1st of January, 1860, there were in the asylum 168 patients, *viz.*, 77 males, and 91 females. During the year 25 males and 29 females have been admitted, 11 males and 21 females discharged, and 3 males and 6 females died. The whole number now belonging to the County, including 19 males and 52 females at Fisherton, is 252, *viz.*, 107 males and 145 females, showing an increase on the year of 15 patients. No particular reason can be assigned for this large increase.

The admissions have been of the usual character; many received with broken-down constitutions, and some sent merely to be taken care of till death removed them, requiring, in point of fact, simply care, cleanliness, and good liberal dietary.

Amongst the admissions were 10 males removed from Fisherton, and 3 females from other asylums. The majority of these patients have been insane for many years. their recovery therefore cannot be anticipated; this additional number of chronic cases render the per centage of recoveries rather less than usual.



The alteration in the male gallery No. 2, was made in November last, and by converting the reading-room and corridor approaching into dormitories, 15 additional patients were readily accommodated. Up to this time the change has worked well ; should however any epidemic disease break out, it would, beyond doubt, induce a serious mortality ; but as the asylum has ever been free from such visitations, this immunity may fairly be anticipated for the future.

In consequence of the number on the female side being in excess, 8 were sent to Fisherton, there was no possibility of accommodating them here, all the available space being made use of.

The patients throughout the year have been remarkably free from bodily ailments, and their general health and condition very good. Nine deaths have occurred, rather over 5 per cent. on the average daily resident numbers. Three of the above died from general paralysis, in which state they were received from other asylums in the year 1858, and two others wholly, or partially, in that state on admission ; the causes of death in the remaining four were—two from Epilepsy, one from Bronchitis, and one from Apoplexy.

The extreme severity of the past winter was a severe trial to many of our inmates, especially those who are past the time of vigorous manhood, and rapidly falling into old age and decrepitude. Their health and condition were very materially maintained by the constant and uniformly comfortable temperature we are enabled to keep up, by means of the numerous steam-pipes passing through the various galleries, rooms, &c. ; and I cannot help fearing that no system of open fires, however numerous, would have been so useful, and generally so appreciable in warmth and comfort.



The average weekly charge to the parishes for the past year has been 7s. 3½d., showing an increase of 5¼d. per head per week ; this is readily accounted for by the great increase in the price of provisions, &c.

The unusually wet season tended materially to spoil our potatoes—a crop of which we generally have a great abundance, our yield this season was only 20 sacks per acre, and those very small. Several times in various reports of Quarter Sessions in other Counties, have remarks been made at the low price charged for the maintenance, &c. of patients in this County, and that of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. One gentleman went so far as to say, “ He feared there must be great stinting of the patients’ comforts,” but I feel it only necessary to refer to the constant entries of our Committee, and that of the Commissioners in Lunacy, entirely to repudiate such an idea ; I trust and believe our patients are as well cared for, in all particulars, as those of any other county, and if the cost be rather less so much the better.

The temporary Chapel was opened in June last, and the average daily attendance at morning prayers is between 80 and 90, and on Sundays it is filled, about 100 being present, as many as it will conveniently accommodate. Divine Service is regularly performed every Sunday morning, at a quarter to eleven by our Chaplain, the Rev. F. J. MOULE, who was appointed in August last ; a weekly visit to the patients in their several wards is also made by him, and thus far, found to act beneficially.

The amusements, occupation, &c., remain much as usual. The constant and regular receipt of Newspapers\* mentioned in

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\* The *Record* (thrice a week), *Dorset County Chronicle*, *Sherborne Journal*, *Poole Herald*, and *Western Flying Post*, one copy weekly—all gratuitous.



several reports, still continue, and these, with a liberal supply of periodicals, &c., keep the reading-room well stocked ; a constant source of information and amusement is thus afforded all those inclined to avail themselves of it.

The keeping in hand our new farm at Herrison has made us more than usually busy in agricultural work ; this has been cheerfully performed by the patients, and there is every reason for anticipating a fair profit from its produce. Many alterations will be found necessary, but must be deferred till the new Asylum is built. The distance for our patients to walk there and back to work, the want of suitable accommodation for them for meals, or when overtaken with wet weather, &c., is much felt, but when the site is fixed on for the farm buildings, these little discomforts may readily be avoided.

With great pleasure I have to notice the uniformly good conduct, &c., of all the attendants, nurses, and servants ; not one serious fault have I had occasion to remark during the past year, and when it is remembered how much is entrusted to them, and how greatly the patients' recovery, under their care may be accelerated or retarded by their kindness or otherwise, I cannot help expressing my earnest wish that nothing may prevent their continuing in the service of the county, some of whom have already lived here 3, 6, 7, 10, and several upwards of 14 years.

In conclusion, I beg you to accept my grateful thanks for the constant and uniform kindness and assistance ever afforded me.

I am, with sincere respect,

Your faithful and obliged servant,

J. GUSTAVUS SYMES.

REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

*Dated October 5th, 1860.*

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SINCE the last Commissioners' visit, on the 29th July, 1859, the changes in the patients have been as follows:—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Admitted	14	32	46
Discharged	9	28	37
Of whom Recovered	7	21	28
Died	3	5	8

Of the female patients discharged not recovered, 8 were removed to Fisherton House.

With one exception the deaths were from ordinary causes; the exception was in the case of a male patient, who cut his throat with his shoemaker's knife.



The patients are now 169 in number, viz.—77 males and 92 females. One woman was secluded in a state of acute mania; the remaining patients of both sexes—all of whom we saw—were remarkably tranquil and orderly, and their personal condition as to clothing and otherwise was most satisfactory.

The patients generally appeared to be in good bodily health; the numbers registered as under medical treatment are at present five in the male, and six in the female division; two of each sex being under treatment for bodily disorders, and the remainder for their mental affection.

As respects occupation we were informed by Mr. SYMES that not more than 20 patients of both sexes, are, on an average, wholly unoccupied; the most infirm of the male patients pick flock for the beds, which are thereby kept constantly in a proper state. Amongst other useful occupations, the male patients, in doors, make rush mats, and the females plait straw.

All articles of clothing and shoes are made in the asylum.

A room has been constructed in a convenient position, and suitably fitted up, temporarily, for the purposes of a Chapel, which was much needed; the room is capable of containing comfortably 100 patients and attendants. Divine Service is performed by the Chaplain on Sundays, and he visits the Asylum and converses with the patients in the several wards on Wednesdays.

There has not been, since the last visit, any instance of the use of mechanical restraint; during that period one male and five female patients have been placed in seclusion, for reasons set forth in the *Medical Journal*, each upon one occasion.

The female patients are frequently taken out, in parties of 20 or 30, to walk in the neighbourhood.



We found the several wards and rooms, and the beds and bedding throughout clean, and in the best order.

We were much pleased by the demeanour and appearance of the attendants of both sexes, who are kind in their manner towards the patients, and the majority of whom have been for many years in the service of the institution; we are glad to learn that their remuneration has very recently been increased by an allowance of tea and sugar.

The weekly charge is at present 7s. For the Dorsetshire patients at Fisherton House, the weekly sum paid for each is 13s., of which 6s. is contributed by the county, and 7s. only charged to unions and parishes.

Since the last visit a site of about 57 acres has been purchased, 3 miles from Dorchester, and plans approved for a new asylum for 320 patients. The work has been commenced, so far as the excavations and levelling for the foundations, and it is expected the asylum will be ready for occupation at midsummer 1862. A well is in course of being sunk, to the depth of 150 feet.

The present asylum is now full on both sides, so far as respects the actual number of beds. We submit, for the consideration of the Committee, whether advantage might not be taken of the surplus day accommodation on the male side, to add to the beds in that division. With reference to this suggestion, we have specially inspected the corridors and day rooms, and intimated our views to Mr. SYMES.

We have had some conversation with Mr. SYMES respecting the internal arrangement of the proposed new asylum, and we think it well to suggest, that if any of the details are deemed susceptible of material improvement in order to the

convenient working of the institution, not involving any substantial alterations in the plans, due consideration should be given to the subject.

We have been well satisfied with our visit, and the evidences we have observed of the continued efficient management of the Asylum.

(Signed)

R. W. S. LUTWIDGE,

S. GASKELL,

*Commissioners in Lunacy.*



## STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.—THE ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES,  
AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1860.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
Remaining in the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1860		77	91	168
Admitted during the Year .. ..		15	29	44
		92	120	212
Removed from Fisherton House ..		10	0	0
Total under treatment .. ..		102	120	222
Discharged:				
	Male.	Fem.	Total.	
Recovered .. ..	9	13	22	
Relieved .. ..	2	0	2	
To Fisherton .. ..	0	8	8	
Died .. ..	3	6	9	
			14	27
			41	
In the Asylum Dec. 31st, 1860 ..		88	93	181

TABLE II.—PATIENTS AT FISHERTON HOUSE ASYLUM,  
SALISBURY, BELONGING TO THIS COUNTY.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
In the House, Jan. 1st, 1860 .. ..		29	40	69
Admitted during the Year .. ..		5	17	22
		34	57	91
Discharged:				
	Male	Fem.	Total.	
Removed to Forston ..	10	0	10	
"    London ..	1	0	1	
Recovered .. ..	0	1	1	
Died .. ..	4	4	8	
	15	5	20	
			15	5
			20	
In the House, Dec. 31st, 1860 ..		19	52	71

TABLE III.—THE AUTHORITY OF ADMISSION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under order of Justice of the Peace..	17	19	36
Under orders of Officiating Clergyman and Relieving Officer or Overseer	8	10	18
Total ... ..	25	29	54

TABLE IV.—THE RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.

Religious Profession.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Church of England ... ..	16	27	43
Independents ... ..	3	1	4
Wesleyan ... ..	3	1	4
Baptists ... ..	2	0	2
Roman Catholics ... ..	1	0	1
	25	29	54

TABLE V.—THE EDUCATION.

Education.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Of Good Education ... ..	6	4	10
Read and Write ... ..	5	16	21
Read ... ..	9	7	16
Neither ... ..	5	2	7
	25	29	54

TABLE VI.—THE CIVIL CONDITION.

Civil Condition.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Married ... ..	12	11	23
Single ... ..	11	15	26
Widowed ... ..	2	3	5
	25	29	54



TABLE VII.—THE OCCUPATION.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Baker . . . . .	1	Wives, Daughters, or	
Cattle Dealer . . . .	1	Widows of—	
Carrier . . . . .	1	Butler . . . . .	1
Clerk . . . . .	1	Carpenter . . . . .	2
Farmer . . . . .	3	Exciseman . . . . .	1
Gardener . . . . .	1	Gamekeeper . . . . .	1
Groom . . . . .	1	Labourers . . . . .	11
Innkeeper . . . . .	1	Tailor . . . . .	2
Labourers . . . . .	11	Servants . . . . .	6
Shoemakers . . . . .	2	Seampstresses . . . .	3
Vagrant . . . . .	1	Shop Keeper . . . . .	1
None . . . . .	1	None . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	25	Total . . . . .	29

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

AGE.	On Admission.			At First Attack.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
From Birth to 5 Years.	...	...	..	1	..	1
„ 5 „ 10 „	...	..	..	..	..	..
„ 10 „ 20 „	2	2	4	1	3	4
„ 20 „ 30 „	1	9	10	3	11	14
„ 30 „ 40 „	11	4	15	8	3	11
„ 40 „ 50 „	5	6	11	6	6	12
„ 50 „ 60 „	3	3	6	2	2	4
„ 60 „ 70 „	3	5	8	4	4	8
„ 70 and upwards	...	..	..	..	..	..
Total . . . . .	25	29	54	25	29	54

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

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Apoplexy .. .. .	1	..	1
Disease of Brain .. ..	2	2	4
Domestic Unhappiness .. ..	..	3	3
Excitement and Anxiety on Religion .. ..	..	3	3
Epilepsy .. .. ..	3	1	4
General Ill-health .. ..	3	4	7
Grief:—			
Death of Relatives .. ..	..	3	3
Losses in Business, &c. .. ..	4	1	5
Disappointed Love .. ..	1	1	2
Intemperance, &c. .. ..	6	1	7
Parturition .. .. ..	..	4	4
Sunstroke .. .. ..	..	1	1
Unknown .. .. ..	5	5	10
Total .. .. ..	25	29	54

TABLE X.—FORM OF DISEASE ON ADMISSION.

Disease.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Mania—Acute .. .. ..	3	4	7
Chronic .. .. ..	7	10	17
With Epilepsy .. .. ..	4	2	6
Puerperal .. .. ..	..	3	3
Melancholia— .. .. ..	3	5	8
Suicidal .. .. ..	3	3	6
Dementia .. .. ..	2	1	3
With Paralysis .. .. ..	3	1	4
Total .. .. ..	25	29	54



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

Nature of Employment.	No.
In the House .. .. .	2
„ Kitchen .. .	3
„ Laundry .. .	18
„ Wards .. .	16
Needlework .. .	31
Knitting, &c. .. .	4
Plaiting Straw, Hat and Bonnet Making .. .	4
Total .. .	78

TABLE XII.—THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1860.

Articles.	Made.	Repaired.	Stock in Hand, Dec. 31, 1860.
Aprons .. .	155	125	192
Ditto—coarse .. .	36	...	13
Bed Ticks .. .	38	65	3
Blankets .. .	....	29	35
Caps—day .. .	189	1038	215
Dusters .. .	104	....	42
Gowns .. .	95	422	77
Handkerchiefs .. .	216	425	97
Matrass Cases .. .	65	17	8
Neckerchiefs .. .	270	....	176
Pillow Cases—tick .. .	51	....	21
Ditto—linen .. .	104	224	11
Petticoats—stuff .. .	41	145	39
Ditto—flannel .. .	39	41	27
Rugs—patchwork .. .	....	24	....
Shifts .. .	143	712	103
Shirts .. .	191	723	66
Sheets .. .	104	384	14
Slop Frocks .. .	66	161	56
Stays .. .	53	63	68
Stockings (male) .. .	101	2781	37
Ditto (female) .. .	15	1699	26
Straw Hats .. .	105	....	43
Ditto Bonnets .. .	....	....	47
Ditto Mats .. .	63	....	....
Table Cloths .. .	26	75	....
Tea ditto .. .	36	29	24
Towels .. .	32	....	41
Vests—flannel .. .	93	166	7

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

Nature of Employment.					No.
On the Farm	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
In the House	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
„ Tailors' Shop	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
„ Shoemakers' ditto	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
„ Painters' ditto	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
„ Carpenters' ditto	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
„ Engineers' department	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
„ Wards and Airing Courts	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
„ „ Picking Flock, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Total					71

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 .....	5	8	43	58	15	15	7	13
Second Quarter .....	..	11	31	48	15	18	6	19
Third Quarter .....	..	9	37	54	19	20	5	14
Fourth Quarter .....	9	16	30	54	23	7	7	18
Total .....	14	44	141	214	72	60	25	64

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

ADDITIONAL STOCK IN HAND FROM TAILORS' SHOP, DECEMBER 31, 1860.

Jackets	...	...	...	...	91
Waistcoats	...	...	...	...	113
Trousers	...	...	...	...	150

FROM SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.

Shoes (Men)	...	...	...	...	14 pairs.
Boots	„	...	...	...	18
Shoes (Women)	...	...	...	...	62
Boots	„	...	...	...	18



TABLE XV.—DISCHARGES.

No. in Register.	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.
1158	39 years — Married	Male	Y. 0 M. 3 D. 0	Y. 0 M. 0 D. 20	Not stated	Mania
1123	" " Ditto	Male	0 8 0	0 11 19	Losses in business	Mania
1155	" " Ditto	Female	0 0 14	0 3 16	Confinement	Mania (Puerperal)
1146	" " Widow	Female	0 2 7	0 5 26	Loss of husband & 2 children	Melancholia
1118	" " Single	Male	3 6 0	1 3 16	Epilepsy	Mania
1150	" " Married	Female	0 1 14	0 5 26	Loss of child	Mania (much depressed)
1145	" " Single	Female	0 0 7	0 7 21	Disappointed love	Mania (acute)
1151	" " Married	Male	0 0 7	0 7 2	Intemperance, &c.	Mania (acute)
1156	" " Ditto	Female	0 0 14	0 7 6	Domestic troubles	Melancholia
1114	" " Ditto	Female	0 2 0	1 8 25	Disease of brain	Mania
*1161	" " Single.	Male	0 3 0	0 4 24	Intemperance—(fever)	Mania
1131	" " Ditto	Male	0 0 7	1 3 3	Fits	Mania (Epileptic)
1163	" " Married	Female	0 0 7	0 4 9	Domestic troubles	Mania (much depressed)
1174	" " Ditto	Female	0 0 7	0 2 7	Sunstroke	Mania (acute)
1164	" " Ditto	Female	0 1 0	0 4 2	Confinement	Mania (Puerperal)
1173	" " Ditto	Male	0 0 7	0 2 17	Not known	Mania
1179	" " Single	Male	0 0 14	0 1 25	Severe illness	Mania
1167	" " Ditto	Female	0 11 0	0 4 11	Disease of brain	Dementia
982	" " Widow	Female	0 11 21	4 3 18	Unknown	Mania
393	" " Married	Female	1 2 0	17 4 3	Not stated	Dementia
1147	" " Single	Female	0 1 1	1 1 28	Death of friend	Melancholia
1113	" " Married	Male	0 0 21	2 0 24	Infidelity of wife	Mania (suicidal)
1133	" " Ditto	Male	0 6 0	1 6 10	Loss of situation	Mania
1157	" " Single	Male	7 0 0	0 10 27	Not known	Mania

\* 1161—A Criminal Patient discharged recovered, by order of the Secretary of State. N.B.—Eight 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.	Form of Mental Disease and Bodily Condition on Admission.	Apparent Cause of Death.
			Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.		
1109	47 Years: Single	Male	1 1 0	1 3 6	Dementia . . . .	Apoplexy
1102	42 Years: Married	Fem.	1 4 0	1 6 23	Mania . . . .	General Paralysis
1149	74 Years: Widow	Fem.	0 3 0	0 6 0	Dementia . . . .	Natural Decay
1116	33 Years: Single	Male	0 2 14	1 6 22	Mania . . . .	Serous Apoplexy
1110	46 Years: Married	Fem.	3 6 0	1 11 12	Dementia . . . .	General Paralysis
1095	47 Years: Married	Fem.	1 1 0	2 3 11	Dementia . . . .	General Paralysis
963	74 Years: Widower	Male	0 0 7	4 9 11	Mania . . . .	Epilepsy
688	73 Years: Married	Fem.	14 0 0	11 1 13	Dementia . . . .	Exhaustion after Bronchitis
649	56 Years: Single	Fem.	6 0 0	12 0 22	Melancholia . . .	Exhaustion from Epilepsy



*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	6	9	15	...	...	...	6	11	17	46	53	99
1833	21	15	36	8	10	18	...	...	...	3	4	7	45	55	100
1834	16	18	34	6	9	15	...	...	...	3	7	10	47	56	103
1835	13	18	31	3	9	12	...	...	...	3	4	7	50	59	109
1836	18	24	42	11	9	20	...	...	...	6	15	21	44	55	99
1837	12	23	35	7	7	14	...	...	...	14	7	21	44	57	101
1838	10	16	26	11	11	22	...	...	...	7	6	13	45	60	105
1839	11	17	28	7	19	26	...	...	...	4	6	10	50	64	114
1840	9	16	25	12	6	18	...	...	...	5	4	9	52	82	134
1841	11	20	31	10	6	16	...	...	...	9	17	26	62	86	148
1842	21	16	37	9	14	23	...	...	...	12	9	21	66	83	149
1843	19	20	39	15	15	30	...	...	...	5	7	12	64	83	147
1844	15	29	44	7	19	26	...	...	...	11	7	18	67	83	155
1845	19	28	47	12	6	18	...	...	...	7	6	13	68	95	163
1846	27	29	56	10	6	16	...	...	...	10	9	19	68	88	156
1847	24	20	44	9	14	23	...	...	...	10	9	19	67	87	154
1848	18	30	48	15	15	30	...	...	...	0	3	3	71	82	153
1849	21	23	44	7	11	18	...	...	...	3	8	11	70	83	153
1850	23	28	51	15	15	30	...	...	...	6	9	15	66	82	148
1851	18	17	35	4	9	13	...	...	...	7	4	11	67	83	150
1852	20	17	37	8	6	14	...	...	...	4	4	8	71	88	159
1853	15	12	27	3	4	7	...	...	...	5	5	10	70	83	153
1854	22	18	40	12	8	20	...	...	...	6	6	12	66	82	148
1855	23	24	47	14	19	33	...	...	...	7	4	11	67	83	150
1856	26	38	64	18	20	38	...	...	...	3	8	11	71	88	159
1857	23	28	51	10	16	26	...	...	...	1	7	8	72	89	161
1858	20	32	52	12	18	30	...	...	...	4	7	11	77	91	168
1859	15	24	39	5	19	24	...	...	...	...	5	8	13	88	161
1860	*25	29	54	11	13	24	...	...	...	...	3	6	9	93	181

\* Ten were Chronic Patients removed here from Fisherton Asylum.

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
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
1859	1	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	8
1860	..	1	4	1	1	2	..	..	9
	8	17	22	18	28	16	7	..	116

Total number of Deaths as above—116, shewing a per centage of Deaths of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  on the average number of Patients resident.



TABLE XIX.—THE AGES OF THOSE NOW RESIDENT.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 20 years ... ..	1	...	1
20 and under 30 years ... ..	11	13	24
30 and under 40 years ... ..	17	13	30
40 and under 50 years ... ..	13	17	30
50 and under 60 years ... ..	23	24	47
60 and under 70 years ... ..	11	20	31
70 and under 80 years ... ..	10	6	16
80 years and upwards ... ..	2	..	2
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>181</b>

TABLE XX. — NUMBER OF IDIOTS CHARGEABLE TO THE DIFFERENT UNIONS OF THE COUNTY—NOT IN ANY ASYLUM ON JANUARY 1ST, 1861.

Union	No.
Axminster ... ..	17
Beaminster ... ..	13
Blandford ... ..	8
Bridport ... ..	15
Cerne ... ..	6
Dorchester ... ..	8
Mere ... ..	7
Poole ... ..	4
Sherborne ... ..	4
Shaftesbury ... ..	12
Sturminster ... ..	5
Wareham ... ..	16
Weymouth ... ..	25
Wimborne ... ..	7
<b>Total at large ... ..</b>	<b>147</b>

## DIETARY FOR PATIENTS.

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	BREAKFAST.						DINNER.										SUPPER.											
	Males.			Females.			Males.					Females.					Males.			Females.								
	Bread.	Milk Gruel (1).	oz	Bread.	oz	pt	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.	Cheese or Butter.	Beer.	Bread.	Cheese or Butter.	Tea or Coffee.				
	oz	pt	oz	oz	oz	pt	oz	oz	oz	oz	oz	oz	pt	oz	oz	oz	oz	pt	oz	oz	oz	oz	oz	oz	pt			
Sunday.....	6	2	5	16	4	2	1	16	16	4	2	1	18	24	92	16	3	4	2	18	20	72	16	3½	42	14	3½	7
Monday.....	6	2	5	12	...	...	5	12	...	...	...	1	5	...	12	...	...	...	...	5	...	12	...	...	6	2	1	1
Tuesday.....	6	2	5	16	...	...	5	16	...	...	...	1	5	10	12	...	...	...	...	5	10	12	...	...	6	2	1	1
Wednesday.....	6	2	5	16	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	1	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	6	2	1	1
Thursday.....	6	2	5	16	...	...	3	16	...	...	...	1	3	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	6	2	1	1
Friday.....	6	2	5	16	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	1	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	6	2	1	1
Saturday.....	6	2	5	16	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	1	...	10	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	6	2	1	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10½</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>7</b>				

**EXTRA DIET:**—Lunch: Bread and cheese and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint beer is allowed for those at work, both males and females, with  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

**SICK DIET:**—As ordered by the Medical Superintendent.

Attendants and Nurses are all allowed 7 lbs. bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. butter,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. tea, and 8 oz. sugar—in addition, they dine in the Servants' Hall, without restriction as to quantity of meat, vegetables, &c.; and for Supper, bread and cheese *ad libitum*. **MALES:** 2 pints ale. **FEMALES:** 1 pint daily.

(1). The Milk Gruel is made with oatmeal and milk.

(2). Meat pie contains 3 ozs. of meat without bone.



## PRODUCE OF FARM AND GARDEN—1860.

Milk	.....	.....	.....	4,110 gallons
Butter	.....	.....	.....	1,054 lbs.
Cheese	.....	.....	.....	494 lbs.
Beef	.....	.....	.....	312 lbs.
Pork	.....	.....	.....	3,972 lbs.
Veal	.....	.....	.....	603 lbs.
Mutton	.....	.....	.....	97 lbs.
Eggs	.....	.....	.....	227 dozen
Potatoes	.....	.....	.....	180 bushels
Ditto (small)	.....	.....	.....	234 ditto
Carrots	.....	.....	.....	374 ditto
Parsnips	.....	.....	.....	136 ditto
Swedes	.....	.....	.....	640 ditto
Cabbage	.....	.....	.....	320 ditto
Broad Beans	.....	.....	.....	50 ditto
French Beans	.....	.....	.....	40 ditto
Onions	.....	.....	.....	26 ditto
Peas	.....	.....	.....	22 ditto
Mangold Wurtzel	.....	.....	.....	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons
Vetches	.....	.....	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ -acre
Hay	.....	.....	.....	28 tons (about)

Quantity of Land in occupation— 15 acres; and since Lady-day, 1860,  
about 48 acres at Herrison.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

OF THE

## Receipts and Payments

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1860.

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance 31st December, 1859 ..				12	8	5
FROM INTEREST ON MONIES INVESTED:						
To One Year's Interest on £4,500, £3 per cent. Consols .. .. .	135	0	0			
FROM PARISHES:						
To amount received from Parishes for Pauper Patients .. .. .	4,599	11	9			
From County Treasurer, ditto	156	1	2			
	—————			4,755	12	11
Sir R. P. Glyn, Bart., Donation (2 years)	10	10	0			
	—————			4,901	2	11
Total	—————			£4,913	11	4



## PAYMENTS.

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>SALARIES AND WAGES :</b>											
Officers	...	...	...	...	...	366	11	11			
Attendants and Servants	...	...	...	...	...	420	11	2			
						<hr/>			787	3	1
<b>PROVISIONS :</b>											
20,426 lbs. Meat	...	...	...	...	...	551	13	0			
62,208 lbs. Bread	...	...	...	...	...	392	9	5			
8,508 lbs. Flour	...	...	...	...	...	64	9	0			
2,008 lbs. Rice	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	0			
4,004 lbs. Oatmeal	...	...	...	...	...	35	11	0			
8,980 lbs. Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	161	7	11			
52 lbs. Tobacco and Snuff	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	0			
119 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Lump Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	4	19	8			
896 lbs. Moist Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	18	13	4			
564 Tea, Coffee, and Chicory	...	...	...	...	...	70	3	1			
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, Spices, Currants, Raisins, Arrowroot, and miscellaneous Grocery	...	...	...	...	...	23	1	8			
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	6			
9,147 gallons Ale and Porter	...	...	...	...	...	331	3	8			
						<hr/>			1,688	12	3
<b>SURGERY AND DISPENSARY :</b>											
Drugs, Surgery, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	17	12	2			
Wine and Spirits	...	...	...	...	...	27	12	0			
						<hr/>			45	4	2
<b>NECESSARIES :</b>											
3,756 lbs. Soap and Soda	...	...	...	...	...	44	2	4			
88 lbs. Starch and Blue	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	0			
801 lbs. Candles	...	...	...	...	...	27	6	0			
238 tons 16 cwt. Coals	...	...	...	...	...	199	4	10			
Blacklead and Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	4			
						<hr/>			286	9	6
Hay, Straw, and Corn	...	...	...	...	...				140	14	7
Paint, &c.	...	...	...	...	...				3	4	3
Brooms and Cooperage	...	...	...	...	...				18	15	3
Linen and Clothing	...	...	...	...	...				204	12	4
Furniture and Bedding	...	...	...	...	...				76	2	11
Ironmongery, Tin, and Earthenware	...	...	...	...	...				47	6	11
Printing, Carriage, Postage, and Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...				63	18	6
House Furniture	...	...	...	...	...				14	11	7
Garden and Farm	...	...	...	...	...				14	8	6
Dr. Finch, for Patients at Fisherton (paid by Parishes)	...	...	...	...	...				1,464	2	2
Expenses removing Patients to their Homes	...	...	...	...	...				16	0	4
Recapturing Patients	...	...	...	...	...				3	1	9
Journey to Fisherton to see Patients	...	...	...	...	...				1	6	6
Funeral Expenses	...	...	...	...	...				10	17	6
Surgeon's Fees	...	...	...	...	...				5	12	0
						<hr/>					
Total Payments									£4,892	4	1
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Total Receipts brought forward						4,913	11	4			
Total Payments						4,892	4	1			
						<hr/>					
Balance in hand						£21	7	3			
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**BILLS PAID FROM THE COUNTY RATES.** *Cr.*

**RECEIPTS.**

To Cash received from County Treasurer ... *£ s. d.*  
 ... 1,376 10 11

£1,376 10 11

**PAYMENTS.**

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Dr. Finch — Charge for Patients over the weekly rate ...	1,161	5	7
Rent of Land ...	19	4	2
Taxes and Tithes ...	11	5	10
Rev. Dacre Clemetson, Half-year's Super-annuation, due 29th September ...	16	13	4
Repairs, &c. ...	59	6	0

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*Miscellaneous:*

Removal of Patients to and from Fisherton ...	16	4	10
Printing and Advertising ...	39	3	6
Surveyors' Bills ...	20	2	0
Law Charges ...	33	5	8

£1,376 10 11









Dr.

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Cr.

£ s. d.

To Cash received of the Directors of the  
*Sun Life Insurance* Office—one-third  
of £36,000, agreed to be advanced on  
Mortgage of the County Rates .. 12,000 0 0

£ s. d. £ s. d.

By Cash Paid Mr. George Pratt,  
Clerk of the Works, 16 weeks  
Salary, from 27th August to  
17th Dec., at £3 3s. per week  
Mr. H. E. Kendall, jun.,  
Architect, on Account .. 50 8 0  
Michael Miller, Esq., Purchase  
Money for the Land at  
Herrison .. 300 0 0  
Paid for Trenching and  
Planting Trees .. 5,710 7 10  
Paid for Trees .. 13 14 7  
Wire Fencing .. 10 0 1  
Measuring and Mapping the Land  
Solicitors to *Sun Life* Office for  
Mortgage .. 80 9 3  
Clerk of Peace Bill, relative to  
the Contract with Builders .. 5 10 0  
Ditto, as to the Purchase of the  
Land of Mr. Miller .. 59 8 2  
Ditto, as to the Mortgage .. 50 14 1  
78 18 1  
9 14 11

Balance—viz., Exchequer Bills 5,046 17 6  
In Bank .. 633 17 6

£12,000 0 0

£12,000 0 0

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## SUMMARY OF THE RECEIPTS

*Dr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Balances in hand, 31st December, 1859, viz.:-								
In Maintenance Account ... ..		12	8	5				
In Contingent Account ... ..		597	12	10				
In Charity Account ... ..		337	16	8				
In Farm Account ... ..		15	15	0				
Dividends on £1,041 13s. 4d.—Sir R. P. Glyn's Donation		30	1	7				
						993	14	6
To Cash received Dividends on £4,500 Consols—Browne's Benefaction ... ..		135	0	0				
To Cash received on £1,138 8s. 6d., £3 per Cent. reduced		33	8	10				
,, received on £1,041 13s. 4d., Consols ...		14	19	6				
,, received on Charity Account ... ..		10	0	2				
,, received on Farm Account ... ..		142	9	0				
Miss Grace Strong's Legacy ... ..		31	10	0				
Received on Building Account ... ..	12,000	0	0					
Sir R. P. Glyn's Annual Donations (2 years) ... ..		10	10	0				
From Parishes for Patients ... ..		4,599	11	9				
,, County Treasurer, ditto ... ..		156	1	2				
,, County Treasurer for County Bills ... ..		1,376	10	11				
						18,510	1	4
Total Receipts ... ..						18,510	1	4

£19,503 15 10



# PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR.

				<i>Cr.</i>	
				£	s. d.
By Cash paid Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	787	3 1
"    Ditto from Contingent Fund	...	...	...	20	0 0
"    Provisions	...	...	...	1,688	12 3
"    Wine and Spirits	...	...	...	27	12 0
"    Drugs and Dispensary	...	...	...	17	12 2
"    Necessaries, Fuel, Lighting, and Washing	...	...	...	286	9 6
"    Hay, Straw, and Corn	...	...	...	140	14 7
"    Paint, &c.	...	...	...	3	4 3
"    Brooms and Cooperage	...	...	...	18	15 3
"    Linen and Clothing	...	...	...	204	12 4
"    Furniture and Bedding	...	...	...	76	2 11
"    Ironmongery, Tin, and Earthenware	...	...	...	47	6 11
"    Printing, Carriage, and Postage	...	...	...	63	18 6
"    House Furniture	...	...	...	14	11 7
"    Garden and Farm	...	...	...	14	8 6
"    Patients at Fisherton charged to Parishes	...	...	...	1,464	2 2
"    Expenses removing Patients	...	...	...	16	0 4
"    Recapturing Patients	...	...	...	3	1 9
"    Journey to Fisherton	...	...	...	1	6 6
"    Funeral Expenses	...	...	...	10	17 6
"    Surgeons' Fees	...	...	...	5	12 0
				—————	4,912 4 1
"    County Bills	...	...	...	215	5 4
"    Ditto Dr. Finch	...	...	...	1,161	5 7
				—————	1,376 10 11
Paid as per Contingent Fund Account	...	...	...		101 16 6
"    Charity Account	...	...	...		15 0 0
"    Farm Account	...	...	...		172 8 5
"    Building Account	...	...	...		6,319 5 0
Balance in hand on Maintenance Account	...	...	...	21	7 3
"    Contingent Fund Account	...	...	...	420	1 6
"    Charity Account	...	...	...	332	16 10
"    Farm Account	...	...	...	106	9 3
"    Building Account	...	...	...	5680	15 0
Dividends on Sir R. P. Glyn's Donation	...	...	...	45	1 1
				—————	6,606 10 11
					—————
					£19,503 15 19
					—————

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST OF MAINTENANCE, MEDICINE, CLOTHING,  
AND CARE OF PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1860.

				<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Provisions	.....	.....	.....	3	9½
Clothing	.....	.....	.....	0	5½
Salaries and Wages	.....	.....	.....	1	9½
Necessaries ( <i>e.g.</i> ) Fuel, Light, Washing, &c.	.....		.....	0	7½
Surgery and Dispensary		.....	.....	0	0½
Wine, Spirits, and Porter	.....		.....	0	1
Furniture and Bedding		.....	.....	0	2½
Garden and Farm	.....		.....	0	8½
Miscellaneous, <i>viz.</i> , Printing, Carriage, Brooms, Earthenware, &c.				0	6¾
				<hr/>	
				8	3
Less Monies received for Articles, Goods, and Produce sold (exclusive of those consumed in the Asylum)	.....		.....	0	5
				<hr/>	
Total average cost per head			.....	7	10
				<hr/>	
AVERAGE COST PER HEAD PAID BY PARISHES			.....	7	3½

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RESIDENT—171.

JNO. BROWN,

*Clerk to the Asylum and to the Visitors.*





