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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS,

PRESENTED AT THE EPIPHANY SESSIONS,

1857.

THE Act of Parliament requires that an Annual Report of the Asylum should be laid before the Quarter Sessions at this time, and then transmitted to the Commissioners in Lunacy in London. In obedience to this authority, and in addition to the usual Quarterly Statement we beg to record the result of our observations on the general state of the Asylum during the past year, 1856.

With regard to the last Quarter, the Visitors have to state that a meeting was held at the Asylum, December 30th, 1856, at which were present :—

REV. J. A. TEMPLER, *Chairman*,
H. N. MIDDLETON, Esq.,
JOHN FLOYER, Esq., M.P., and
WM. ELIOT, Esq.

When the Vouchers for the preceding Quarter were examined and found correct.

The Accounts of the present Quarter were examined, when it appeared that the expenditure was :—

Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
					1019	14	5
The amount to be received from Parishes at							
7s. 7d. per week	...	...	...	...	999	11	6
Leaving a balance to be taken from the							
Contingent Fund	...	...	...	...	£20	2	11

The Visitors not considering this balance large enough to justify an increased rate, ordered it to remain at 7s. 7d. per week.

The County Bills were :—

	£	s.	d.
Monday, Contract for new Chairs, &c. ...	22	10	0
Poor Rates	1	7	7
Expences of Mr. Symes, Medical Superintendent, to visit the Devon County Asylum ...	3	11	9
James Yearsley, Carriage of Patients to Fisherton Asylum, Salisbury	15	13	0
Dr. Finch, for a Criminal Lunatic sent by order of the Secretary of State	18	17	0
Dr. Finch, Bill for Patients now there ...	102	10	11
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	£164	10	3
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The Visitors went over the House, and saw all the Patients, who were clean and healthy ; the provisions were inspected and appeared of the best quality, and the Superintendent reported that he had no complaint to make of any of the contractors—the dinners were being served up, and appeared to be plentiful and good.

The numbers were as follows :—

	Males	Females	Total.
In the Asylum on the 30th September ...	71 ...	84 ...	155
Admitted since	5 ...	10 ...	15
Died	2 ...	3 ...	5
Discharged	4 ...	2 ...	6
Sent to Fisherton	3 ...	6 ...	9
Remaining in the House	67 ..	83 ...	150
Number of Patients now at Fisherton ...	21 ...	26 ...	47
Total on Books	88 ...	109 ...	197

The Visitors applied to Dr. Finch on the dissolution of the present Contract, December 28th, to know if he would continue ; it which was refused, except under the following terms :—If for two years at 13s. per week each Patient, if for one year at 14s. 6d. each, which last sum is the amount paid him by the Government for the care of the Criminal

Lunatics. The Visitors did not come to any decision on the matter until after the subject had been stated to the Court. At the present rate of 7*s.* 7*d.* per week: the difference to the County if the Contract be taken for two years would be 5*s.* 5*d.* per week each, or £661 19*s.* 2*d.* per annum. If the Contract be taken for one year at 14*s.* 6*d.*, then the charge on the County will be £845 5*s.* 2*d.* per annum—as there is no reason to suppose that the number of Patients at Fisherton will decrease, but rather the contrary.

The state of the Asylum for the year has been most satisfactory, no epidemic disease has occurred, and the general health of the Patients has been good: so that the salubrity of the situation after 19 years' trial, being well established, the Visitors feel assured that, on this account, no change of site would be attended with any material advantage. The ample supply of water for every purpose which can be obtained at Forston, may in some measure account for this—for this necessary of life is most particularly needed in a Lunatic Asylum.

The conduct of the Attendants also deserves much praise, they have done their duty with humanity to the Patients, and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, and when it is considered how arduous their duties are, and how much command of temper it requires, their conduct deserves the highest praise—only one case of improper conduct occurred in a nurse, whom the Visitors in consequence thought right to discharge.

The number of deaths during the year:—

First Quarter	...	...	..	...	4
Second Ditto	...	...	...	...	3
Third Ditto	...	...	...	...	3
Fourth Ditto	...	...	...	...	5
Total					<hr/> 15 <hr/>

This, considering the great number of aged Patients,

cannot be considered large, while the number of Discharges has been large, amounting to :—

First Quarter	4
Second Ditto	13
Third Ditto	15
Fourth Ditto	6
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Re-admissions 6	38
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The Visitors on the whole, therefore, may congratulate the County on the state of the Asylum, the condition of which reflects the greatest credit on the Superintendent, with whose conduct during the year they have every reason to be satisfied.

The great insufficiency of room to accommodate the number of lunatic patients in the County still continues. The number now at Dr. Finch's, at Fisherton, is 47, besides 20 who are in the upper part of the Superintendent's house, and as the Asylum was originally only intended to hold 130, this makes the number to be immediately provided for 67.

The subject of the enlargement of the house has been so often laid before the Sessions, that it will be only necessary to state, that two propositions and plans were laid on the table at the last Sessions, which were then ordered to be printed. The first, to build on Mr. Sturt's land, south side, at the cost, with the purchase of the land, of £29,596. The second, to build on Mr. Sheridan's land, north side, £26,960. To this may be added a third proposition, *viz*:—To build a new Asylum, for males only, on the land proposed to be purchased of Mr. Devenish; to this last plan are attached certain advantages—that the present buildings would not have to be meddled with, with the exception of the laundry; and secondly, that the male patients would then be on the same side of the turnpike road as their daily

work; and lastly, that the cost of the purchase of Mr. Sturt's land would be saved to the County amounting to £6,036.

But at the same time it is feared a small increase of the rate paid weekly by the Parishes would be incurred by the necessity of a larger staff.

The Visitors beg therefore to leave these three plans in the hands of the Court for their decision.

As the Commissioners in Lunacy, by their first letter, confirmed afterwards by The Right Honorable the Home Secretary, state, that 30 acres of land are required before the necessary buildings can be erected, and as no other land is to be had except that of Mr. Devenish, the Committee recommend that 30 acres, more or less, be purchased of Mr. Devenish, at the sum, formerly named, of £100 per acre, such land to be selected by the Visitors.

Moved:—That the following gentlemen be appointed Visitors for this year:—

REV. JAMES ACLAND TEMPLER
REV. GEORGE P. CAMBRIDGE
REV. HARRY FARR YEATMAN
AUGUSTUS FOSTER, Esq.
CHARLES PORCHER, Esq.
JOHN FLOYER, Esq., M.P.
LORD DIGBY
RD. B. SHERIDAN, Esq., M.P.

ROBERT WILLIAMS, Esq.
HERBERT WILLIAMS, Esq.
HASTINGS N. MIDDLETON, Esq.
HENRY CHARLES GOODDEN, Esq.
WILLIAM ELIOT, Esq.
JOHN HALES CALCRAFT, Esq.
JOHN EDWARD BRIDGE, Esq.
JAMES HENNING, Esq.

Moved:—

1st—That the Visitors be empowered to purchase the land on the north side of the Asylum, belonging to Mr. Sheridan, offered by him to the County.

2nd—That 30 acres of land, more or less, be purchased of Mr. Devenish, at the cost of £100 per acre, and the Suit in Chancery be terminated according to the offer made by Mr. Garland, on the part of Mr. Devenish.

3rd—That the land on the south side belonging to Mr. Sturt be also purchased, at the cost of £6,030.

That in consequence of the purchase of the above lands, that the Order of the Court for the purchase of Mr. Sturt's land, at £6,030, be discharged.

That this Report be taken into consideration at an Adjourned Sessions, to be held at the County Hall, Dorchester, on Saturday, the 31st January, at 12 o'Clock.

JAMES A. TEMPLER,

Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Chairman and Visitors of the Dorset County Asylum.

Gentlemen,

I beg very respectfully to lay before you a short report of the condition of the Asylum, &c., for the year 1856.

On January 1st, 1855, there were in the Asylum 148 patients, *viz.*—66 males and 82 females, since which time 26 males and 38 females have been admitted, 18 males and 20 females discharged, and 4 males and 11 females have died, and removed to Fisherton Asylum 3 males and 6 females. The number on the books now is 67 males and 83 females, and at Fisherton 21 males and 26 females, therefore the whole number belonging to the County and actually under treatment is 197, *viz.*—88 males and 109 females.

It will be observed that the number admitted this year is the largest ever recorded since the opening of the Asylum. In the year 1846 the admissions were 27 males and 29 females—total 56; whilst this year the numbers were 26 males and 38 females—total 64.

The admissions were about the ordinary character;—many were those of old broken-down constitutions, who must necessarily remain here the rest of their lives; many were complicated with epilepsy, and several very severely so.

In May last, a poor woman aged 23, lately confined of her first child, was brought here in a dying state, and the

relieving officer stated he feared she would die on the road. She only lived three days;—there was no opportunity of judging of her mental state. Another case very similar was nearly being brought. A clerk of one of the Unions applied for admission for a female patient. The Asylum being full I asked for some particulars of her case, saying if it were an urgent one I would provide room for her.—The answer, per return of post, was “that she died the next day.” A third case, a female, was brought here in December in a most exhausted state, and for several days there was every probability of her dying; she had been evidently very neglected. The probability of her ultimate recovery is very doubtful.

In consequence of this first case, I received orders to hold an inquest on any similar one that occurred, and had this last poor creature died, one would have been held. Surely it is not too much to ask, that means be taken for the removal of patients, before they become so exhausted and shattered as to leave little or no hope of recovery.

The manner in which patients are sometimes conveyed to and from asylums has been discussed by the Lunacy Commissioners as well as the Poor Law Board, and at the last quarterly meeting, in consequence of a communication from these Boards, the Committee gave me instructions in future to send all patients home in the charge of a responsible attendant.

Table XIV. will show the number of those discharged, distinguishing those recovered from those relieved. It was impossible to avoid the necessity of again sending more patients to Fisherton.

Table XV. shows that the deaths have been rather more numerous than last year. It was with deep regret I observed the first case of erysipelas, which terminated fatally in a few days. It occurred in a male, without any

known cause, and attacked the head, extending to the neck and throat. He had been a painter, and the effects of lead colic, and partial paralysis from which he was labouring had never left him, rendering him a very easy prey to this fresh disease.

The second fatal case was a woman employed in the under laundry, she had a little boil on her forehead which she rubbed whilst washing the clothes of the above patient, the next day inflammatory symptoms set in, and in spite of every care and treatment she sank on the fifth day, the disease extending all over the scalp, face, and neck. No other case appeared for nearly a fortnight, when a third was noticed in an old man 77 years of age, which also proved fatal. I am however thankful to add that no other case has appeared since ; several, which existed at the same time as the second case, recovered and did well.

The Table XV., at page 30, will shew the ages of those who have died. One was only 23 years of age, noticed at page 11; five averaged 45 years; two 51 years; six 65 years; and one poor woman had reached 91; she had been an inmate of this Asylum ever since its opening in 1832. No sudden death has occurred during the year, and the only accident to a patient was a dislocation of the shoulder; it happened to the same man mentioned in last Report, page 12, as having fractured his leg.

The chief accident to be noticed was the occurrence of two fires, either of which, had discovery not early taken place, would have been very lamentable; in the last case there is every probability, almost a certainty, that many lives must have been sacrificed.

The first occurred in the Superintendent's house. Some clothes were placed before a fire to air, but as it had, to all appearance gone out, the windows were opened previous to its being re-lit, the current of air threw the clothes-horse

against the chimney piece, thus causing a rapid draught, rekindling the fire, which extended to the clothes, hearth rug, chair, &c.

The second fire occurred in the male ward, No. 2. It is the rule when the patients retire to bed for all their clothes to be searched and removed out of the bed room, neatly tied up and placed close to the door outside. On the night in question a pipe, with some live ashes was overlooked and tied up in the bundle; about half an hour after the attendant smelt the smoke, and on trying to discover the cause saw this bundle in a flame, on taking it up the whole mass caught, and nothing but the quickest exertion prevented it spreading. The floor was nearly burnt through, the bench much scorched, the clothes consumed, several mats injured, and the whole gallery would doubtless have been consumed and the lives of many of the patients been sacrificed, had it not been providentially discovered, a few more moments and the dense smoke would totally have prevented anyone entering to open the doors to allow the patients egress. This accident has suggested the absolute necessity of each door being "*shut*" at night only, not locked, and new latches are ordered for every door, with a handle only on the outside, and there can be no doubt should a similar accident ever occur, any person might run through a gallery and unfasten each door, whilst with a key, as now in use, probably not more than one or two would be opened.

The necessity of a fire engine, with buckets and length of hose sufficient to meet such an emergency is here apparent; in truth, no Asylum, especially so far from a town, should be without one at least.

The brick floor, in No. 1, male gallery, has been removed and board substituted for it. The heating pipes which used to run along under the seats, have been placed against the wall of the single bed rooms, thus imparting to

them some degree of warmth, which was much needed. The old benches have all been done away with, and substantial and comfortable chairs substituted, adding to the appearance of the gallery and increasing the comfort of the patients. I fear, however, the new floor will have to be removed, as it is warped in every direction, and in some parts causing such a degree of unevenness as to be somewhat dangerous for the old patients to walk on. The lobbies leading to the gallery have had Keinton stone substituted for the bricks, it is a great improvement and much more easily kept clean.

The occupations and amusements of the patients have not varied. The large room at the extreme end of each male ward has been fitted up as a "reading room," where those who are quiet and wish to enjoy themselves by reading, &c. may do so without interruption from their more noisy or fidgetty companions. Some pictures and maps on the walls make the room much more cheerful and comfortable in appearance; and here I must acknowledge, with best thanks, the great kindness of the editors of the *Record* thrice a week, *Sherborne Journal* once a week (2 copies) *Dorset Chronicle* once a week, and the *Poole Herald* newspapers once a week, in *gratuitously* sending me their papers for the amusement and benefit of the patients. That they are fully appreciated by them there can be no question, and by their kindness I am enabled to keep up a tolerably good supply for their use.

On looking over an American Asylum Report, I see the medical officer acknowledged the receipt of (I think) more than thirty papers, and this it was that led me to ask the same favour of the editors of the above, amongst many others, who did not so liberally respond.

The galleries and day rooms on the female side have been rendered more cheerful by the addition of pictures—

more will be added from time to time. On reference to the Commissioners' Report, page 19, it will be observed that some of their recommendations have been carried out. Every lavatory always had a small glass for the sake of neatness, but I do not think any additional number of glasses in the galleries or bedrooms would be productive of any comfort or benefit to the patients.

The laundry is still felt to be a great source of inconvenience, and most especially from the entire want of soft water.

The chapel remains as heretofore, accommodating only a very small number of persons; it is earnestly to be desired that as soon as the plans for the new buildings are thoroughly decided upon, this evil will be one of the first to be removed. Our kind chaplain has been, as of old, regular in his attendance, and only twice prevented coming; his place was then ably supplied by the Rev. Mr. Ludlow, of Martin's Town.

I am happy in being able to report favourably of the general good conduct of the attendants and servants; no change worthy of mention has taken place.

The usual statistical tables are added, and as there has been much discussion concerning the gradual but steady increase in the number of the patients, I have added a table No. XVI. It will be observed at once that the number of admissions is not so much larger, but that the discharges are less, caused no doubt by the incurability of those admitted, afflicted as very many are by paralysis, epilepsy, idiotcy, &c.

In the returns just sent in, Table XVII., by the different Unions, I find there are no less a number than 111 *idiots* in this County, *vide* Table XVII., page 32, all chargeable to their respective Parishes, either in the workhouses or with their friends; the payment for whom varies from the low sum of 1s. 0½d. to 4s. 6d. weekly. There is great fear as has been proved in three cases this last year, that very many of these

poor creatures must be sent to the Asylum if they become unmanageable, dirty, or otherwise troublesome at home. Should, therefore, this unfortunately prove the case, or the increase continue in anything like the same ratio, the proposed additions will not by any means be too extensive.

The increase of lunacy is not confined to this County—far from it. There is scarcely a Report of any Asylum where the cry is not for “more room.”

A reference to the farm and garden account will be proof that no trouble has been spared to make them remunerative, in addition to the healthy recreation afforded to those employed therein.

The potatoe disease was very severe with us this year, vast quantities were perfectly useless even for pigs; not more than a third were fit for eating, fortunately those are exceedingly good and remain free from disease. We shall be obliged to buy before the new potatoes are fit—probably about 40 sacks, or else substitute bread; but this forming a greater portion of the present morning and evening meals, will be I think hardly desirable.

In conclusion, I would again very respectfully tender you my grateful thanks for the continued kindness and consideration experienced at your hands.

I remain,

Your faithful and obliged Servant,

J. GUSTAVUS SYMES

January, 1857.

that evidence must be given in the affirmative that the
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REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

Dated May 1st, 1856.

SINCE the last visit of the Commissioners, on the 17th March, 1855, 63 patients (31 males and 32 females) have been admitted, 47 (24 males and 23 females) have been discharged, and 12 (8 males and 4 females) have died. Of the patients discharged, 15 males and 14 females were recovered. The assigned causes of deaths were apoplexy, 2; exhaustion, 4; bronchitis, 1; hæmoptysis, 1; gangrene, 1; dropsy, 1; the twelfth patient, a male, died from a self-inflicted wound in the throat.

The present number of patients is 157, *viz.*:—69 males and 88 females, with the exception of one female patient absent on leave; we saw all the inmates. They were in a tranquil and comfortable state, suitably dressed, and clean in their persons.

We found one male and two female patients in bed from sickness, eight patients (2 males and 6 females) are recorded as at present under medical treatment.

One male and 14 female patients appear by the Medical Journal to have been secluded for short periods since the last visit.

No patient has been placed in restraint, which is never employed. The daily returns showed, that on the day

previous to our visit 42 male patients and 46 females were occupied in various ways, *viz.* :—

MALES.				FEMALES.			
In Wards	...	...	15	In Wards	...	...	7
Engineers' Shop	...	...	3	Laundry	...	...	15
Carpenters' ditto	...	...	1	Kitchen	...	...	4
Painters' ditto	...	...	1	Needlework	...	...	14
Shoemakers' ditto	...	...	2	Knitting, &c.	...	...	6
Tailors' ditto	...	...	1				—
Farm and Garden	...	...	19				46
			<hr/> 42				

It appears by the same returns that 12 male and 11 female patients on the same day took exercise beyond the boundaries of the Asylum.

The average attendance at chapel on Sundays is about 40, the largest number which the small room now appropriated to the purpose will accommodate.

We recommend the following improvements, *viz.* :—
1. The introduction into the galleries on the female side of some small tables and settees.

2. The more complete ventilation of the single bed rooms at the extremity of the female wing, by openings over the doors as in the other single rooms.

3. The suspension on the walls of the day-rooms and galleries of coloured prints.

4. Looking glasses in the day-rooms and associated dormitories of the better class of female patients.

5. The substitution of a boarded floor in male ward No. 1, for the present tiles, which are much worn and scarcely safe.

6. Ordinary sash windows in the dormitories, at present imperfectly lighted by circular openings near the ceiling.

We desire to record our satisfaction at the good order and management of the Institution, which we think very creditable to the Medical Superintendent.

We submit for the consideration of the Committee of Visitors whether a better arrangement might not be made

for the performance of divine worship, than at present exists in the confined room to which we have referred, which is of very inadequate dimensions, and the atmosphere of which is, as we are informed, sometimes very offensive.

We were well satisfied with the cleanliness of the wards, galleries, and rooms generally, and with the excellent order and state of the beds and bedding throughout the Asylum, which do credit to the attendants and nurses.

R. W. S. LUTWIDGE,
S. GASKELL,

Commissioners in Lunacy.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.—THE ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS,
DURING THE YEAR 1856.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Remaining in the Asylum, Jan. 1, 1856	66	82	148
Admitted during the Year	22	35	57
Re-admitted	4	3	7
Total admitted... ..	26	38	64
Total under care during the Year ...	92	120	212
Discharged :			
Recovered	14	17	31
Relieved	4	3	7
Died	4	11	15
Total Discharged and Died	22	31	53
Sent to Chronic Asylum at Fisherton	70	89	159
	3	6	9
Remaining in the Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1856	67	83	150

TABLE II.—THE AUTHORITY OF ADMISSION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under orders of Two Justices of the Peace	2	2	4
Under orders of Justice of the Peace and Relieving Officer	15	24	39
Under orders of Officiating Clergyman and Relieving Officer	9	12	21
Total	26	38	64

TABLE III.—THE RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.

Religious Profession.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Church of England	21	22	49
Independants	3	5	8
Wesleyan	1	3	4
Unitarian	1	2	3
Roman Catholic	0	0	0
	26	38	64

TABLE IV.—THE EDUCATION.

Education.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Of Good Education	4	3	7
Read and Write	8	17	25
Read	12	11	23
Neither	2	6	8
Unknown		1	1
	26	38	64

TABLE V.—THE CIVIL CONDITION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Married	14	17	31
Single	9	17	26
Widowed... ..	3	4	7
	26	38	64

TABLE VI.—THE OCCUPATION.

MALES.				FEMALES.			
Cabinet Maker	1			Wives, Daughters, or Wi-			
Errand Boy	1			dows of:—			
Glover	1			Cheesefactor... ..	1		
Labourers	13			Draper	1		
Pastrycook... ..	1			Footman	1		
Sailors	2			Labourers	13		
Sawyer	1			Sailor	1		
Shepherd... ..	1			Smith	1		
Soldiers	2			Miller	1		
Stone Masons	3			Post-boy	1		
				Servants	7		
				Seamstresses	5		
				Silk Winder	1		
				No occupation	5		
Total	26			Total	38		

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

AGE.	At First Attack.			On Admission or Re-admission.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	...	2	2	...	...	...
„ 10 „ 20 „ ...	3	11	14	3	7	10
„ 20 „ 30 „ ...	3	7	10	1	9	10
„ 30 „ 40 „ ...	6	7	13	6	10	16
„ 40 „ 50 „ ...	6	4	10	5	3	8
„ 50 „ 60 „ ...	4	3	7	5	5	10
„ 60 „ 70 „ ...	4	3	7	5	3	8
„ 70 „ 10 „ ...	...	1	1	1	1	2
Total	26	38	64	26	38	64

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

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Anxiety about Employment	4	...	4
Excitement on Religion	2	7	9
Fright	1	2	3
Intemperance	3	...	3
Destitution	2	...	2
Injury to Head	3	...	3
Grief.—Death of Son ... ..	...	1	1
Failure in Business	3	...	3
Jealousy	1	4	5
Misconduct of Wife or Husband	1	2	3
Disappointed Love ... ..	...	2	2
Poverty	1	2	3
Hereditary	1	3	4
Fever	1	2	3
— After Child-birth ... ..	...	4	4
Epilepsy	2	2	4
Unknown	1	7	8
Total	26	38	64

TABLE IX.—FORM OF DISEASE ON ADMISSION.

Disease.	Male.	Female.
Mania—Acute	4	7
Chronic	10	8
Hysterical	0	2
With Epilepsy	5	1
Remittent	0	1
Puerperal	0	5
Melancholia	5	8
Dementia	2	3
Idiotcy	0	3
Total.....	26	38

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

Nature of Employment.							No.
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Kitchen	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Laundry	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
„ Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Needlework	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Knitting, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Plaiting Straw, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Total.....							67

TABLE XI.—THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1855.

Description of Articles.							Made.	Repaired.
Aprons	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	292
Bed Ticks	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7
Flannel Vests	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	99
Caps	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	232
Blankets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Gowns	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	153
Slop Frocks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	205
Shirts	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	696
Shifts	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	596
Petticoats, stuff	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	108
Ditto flannel	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	102
Stays	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	13
Sheets	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	241
Pillow-cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	107
Mattress-cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	15
Rugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Table cloths	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	29
Stockings (male) pairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	2275
Ditto (female)	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	881
Neckerchiefs	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	91
Bonnets	...	...	...	...	...	...	159	
Hats...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Straw Mats...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	
Baskets	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Tea cloths	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	
Towels	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	

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

Nature of Employment.								No.
On the Farm	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Kitchen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Tailors' Shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Shoemakers' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Painters' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Carpenters' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Engineers' department	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Ward and Airing Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Total.....								46

TABLE XIII.—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	15	2	68	21	8	12	21	12
Second Quarter	16	4	68	28	12	11	13	14
Third Quarter.....	18	13	55	29	21	6	19	32
Fourth Quarter	21	2	66	38	14	15	23	30
Total.....	70	21	257	116	55	42	76	88

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

Register.	Reco.	Rel.	Admission.	Sex.	Admission. in Days.	Assigned cause of Insanity.	Form of Mental Disorder.
922	1	...	26 years—Single	Male	2 Weeks	Typhus Fever	Delirium (acute).
878	...	1	35 " Ditto	Male	4 Years	Epilepsy	Dementia.
924	2	...	50 " Ditto	Female	1 Week	Poverty	Mania.
933	3	...	46 " Married	Female	7 Weeks	Mental anxiety	Mania (acute).
936	4	...	51 " Ditto	Male	2 Months	Unknown	Mania.
886	5	...	45 " Widow	Female	1 Year	Loss of husband	Melancholia.
580	6	...	49 " Married	Male	3 Months	Pecuniary losses	Melancholia.
671	7	...	52 " Married	Female	1 Year	Fright	Melancholia (suicidal).
893	8	...	64 " Widower	Male	4 Months	Not stated	Mania.
955	9	...	40 " Single	Male	6 Weeks	Intemperance	Mania (acute).
932	...	...	42 " Ditto	Female	1 Week	Hereditary	Mania (chronic).
902	10	3	41 " Married	Female	6 Months	Ditto	Idiotcy
950	11	...	27 " Single	Female	1 Week	Prolonged Lactation	Mania (with great depression)
944	12	4	73 " Widower	Male	2 Years	Disappointed love	Mania.
912	13	...	48 " Ditto	Male	3 Weeks	Unknown	Dementia.
967	14	...	25 " Married	Female	3 Weeks	Intemperance	Mania (acute).
937	15	...	65 " Widower	Male	4 Months	Childbirth	Puerperal Mania.
917	16	...	61 " Ditto	Male	2 Months	Deranged liver	Dementia.
633	17	...	32 " Single	Female	1 Week	Loss of wife, &c.	Mania.
892	18	...	52 " Married	Male	2 Weeks	Prostitution	Mania.
951	19	...	24 " Single	Female	2 Months	Death of master	Mania (acute.)
968	20	...	17 " Ditto	Female	5 Weeks	Unknown	Mania (chronic)
964	21	...	50 " Married	Male	6 Weeks	Intense study	Melancholia (acute).
962	22	...	23 " Ditto	Female	2 Weeks	Trouble for losses	Mania (acute).
971	23	5	80 " Widow	Female	1 Week	Childbirth	Puerperal Mania.
923	24	...	56 " Single	Male	2 Weeks	Poverty	Dementia.
969	25	...	20 " Ditto	Female	2 Weeks	Injury to head	Mania.
974	26	6	18 " Ditto	Female	1 Week	Fright	Mania (acute).
894	...	7	73 " Married	Male	6 Months	Ditto	Mania.
960	27	...	53 " Single	Female	2 Weeks	Not known	Melancholia.
898	28	...	59 " Ditto	Female	1 Month	Diseased spine—trouble	Mania.
832	29	...	43 " Married	Male	6 Months	Not known	Mania (acute)
975	...	8	37 " Ditto	Female	3 Weeks	Intemperance	Mania.
866	...	9	Unknown	Male	Unknown	Religious excitement	Mania.
979	27	...	37 " Married	Male	1 Week	Unknown	Dementia (Criminal Patient)
981	28	...	41 " Single	Male	6 Months	Intemperance	Mania (acute).
977	29	...	21 " Ditto	Female	3 Weeks	Injury to head	Mania (with much depression)
978	...	...	...	Female	...	Religious depression	Melancholia (suicidal).
958	...	...	...	Male	...	...	...
910	...	...	...	Male	...	...	...
983	...	...	...	Female	...	...	...
989	...	...	...	Female	...	...	...
952	...	...	...	Female	...	...	...
907	...	...	...	Female	...	...	...
676	...	...	...	Female	...	...	...
807	...	...	...	Female	...	...	...

To Chronic Asylum, Fisherton House, Sarum.

TABLE XV.—OBITUARY.

No. in Admission Book.	Age at Death, and Civil State.	Sex.	Length of time Insane when admitted.	Duration of Residence in Asylum in Days.	Form of Mental Disease and Bodily Condition on Admission.	Apparent Cause of Death.
786	67 Years: Married	Female	1½ Year	1420	Dementia ...	Gangræna Senilis.
947	48 Years: Married	Male	2 Weeks	96	Mania ...	Phthisis.
937	42 Years: Married	Female	11 Months	202	Melancholia (suicidal)	Exhaustion.
903	61 Years: Single	Female	3 Months	438	Melancholia ...	General Dropsy.
972	23 Years: Married	Female	1 Week	3	Puerperal Mania	Exhaustion.
948	69 Years: Single	Female	2 Weeks	186	Mania (chronic)	General Dropsy.
760	50 Years: Married	Female	3 Months	1479	Melancholia (suicidal)	{ Disease of Heart— Hydropericardium.
160	65 Years: Unknown	Female	Some Years	7361	Mania ...	Apoplexy.
589	47 Years: Married	Female	3 Years	3243	Mania (acute)	Hydrops Ovarii.
897	61 Years: Married	Male	8 Months	647	Dementia ...	Paralysis.
909	44 Years: Married	Male	2 Weeks	546	Mania (recent)	Apoplexy (2nd attack).
277	68 Years: Single	Female	7½ Years	6163	Mania (chronic)	Apoplexy.
906	52 Years: Married	Male	3 Weeks	647	Dementia ...	{ Erysipelas of Head, Face, &c.
31	91 Years: Single	Female	24 Years	8850	Mania (chronic)	{ Gradual Exhaustion from Old Age.
573	48 Years: Single	Female	1 Year	3129	Mania ...	{ Erysipelas of Head, Neck, &c.

TABLE XVI.—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	} Not known.												
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													

TABLE XVII.—NUMBER OF IDIOTS CHARGEABLE TO THE DIFFERENT UNIONS
OF THE COUNTY—NOT IN ANY ASYLUM.

Union.									No.
Axminster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Beaminster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Blandford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bridport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Cerne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
*Dorchester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Sherborne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Shaftesbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sturminster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Wareham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Weymouth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
*Wimborne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Mere	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Total at large.....									111

* Dorchester has in addition two Lunatics, and Wimborne one.

DIETARY FOR PATIENTS.

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	BREAKFAST.				DINNER.								SUPPER.					
	Males.		Females.		Males.				Females.				Males.		Females.			
	Bread.		Bread.		Meat Pie (2).		Vegetables.		Suet or Rice Pudding.		Bread.		Cheese.		Butter.		Cheese.	
	oz.	pt.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pt.
Sunday	6	2	5	1½	5	12	16	16	16	16	3½	18	20	92	16	4	3½	18
Monday	6	2	5	1½	3	16	16	16	16	16	3½	3	16	16	16	4	3½	16
Tuesday	6	2	5	1½	5	16	16	16	16	16	3½	5	10	16	16	4	3½	16
Wednesday	6	2	5	1½	...	16	16	16	16	16	3½	...	10	16	16	4	3½	16
Thursday	6	2	5	1½	...	16	16	16	16	16	3½	...	10	16	16	4	3½	16
Friday	6	2	5	1½	5	16	16	16	16	16	3½	5	10	16	16	4	3½	16
Saturday	6	2	5	1½	...	16	16	16	16	16	3½	...	10	16	16	4	3½	16
Total	42	14	35	10½	18	20	92	16	16	16	3½	18	20	92	16	4	3½	16

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, 1856.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 31st December, 1855, £37. 13s. 8d. as per Browne's Benefaction Account.						
FROM INTEREST ON MONIES INVESTED:—						
To One Year's Dividends on £4,500, £3 per cent. Consols	135	0	0			
To One Year's Dividends on £1,138. 8s. 6d. £3 per cent. Reduced (Contingent Fund Account)	34	3	0			
				169	3	0
FROM FARM ACCOUNT				25	7	0
FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (Contingent Fund Account)				6	5	0
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT:—						
To Amount received from Parishes for Pauper Patients	3857	6	9			
From Parishes in other Counties	56	10	0			
From County Treasurer, for Vagrant Pau- pers and Criminal Lunatics	185	14	9			
				4099	11	6
From Parishes, for Funerals				27	15	0
FROM COUNTY TREASURER:—						
Particulars, <i>vide</i> page 36				678	1	5½
Total Receipts				£5,006	2	11½

PAYMENTS.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES AND WAGES:—									
Officers	...	...	...	250	0	0			
Attendants	...	...	...	241	3	1			
Servants	...	...	...	141	8	8			
				<hr/>			632	11	9

PROVISIONS, viz:—

20384 lbs. Meat	...	...	...	519	1	0			
57504 lbs. Bread	...	...	...	443	0	10			
5168 lbs. Flour	...	...	...	49	8	0			
4 pecks Peas	...	...	...	0	12	0			
1994 lbs. Rice	...	...	...	19	4	9			
4720 lbs. Oatmeal	...	...	...	49	12	0			
8683 lbs. Cheese	...	...	...	145	17	7			
69 lbs. Butter	...	...	...	3	13	10			
373 lbs. Tea, Coffee and Chicory	...	...	...	41	14	7			
139½ lbs. Lump Sugar	...	...	...	3	18	2			
748 lbs. Moist Sugar	...	...	...	15	12	10			
79 lbs. Tobacco and Snuff	...	...	...	19	4	0			
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, Spices, Currants, Raisins, Arrowroot, and Miscellaneous Grocery	...	...	...	30	9	9			
8279 gallons Ale and Porter	...	...	...	297	7	10			
				<hr/>			1,638	17	2

NECESSARIES:—

753 lbs. Candles	...	...	...	24	1	6			
Oil	...	...	...	1	10	2			
237 tons Coals	...	...	...	300	14	10			
3518 lbs. Soap and Soda	...	...	...	36	4	5			
116 lbs. Starch and Blue	...	...	...	3	7	11			
Blacklead, Whitening, and Miscellanies	...	...	...	17	1	6			
				<hr/>			383	0	4

SURGERY AND DISPENSARY:—

Drugs, Surgery, &c.	...	...	...	31	10	11			
Wine and Spirits	...	...	...	14	11	0			
				<hr/>			46	1	11

Carried forward £2,700 11 2

PAYMENTS.—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				2,700	11	2
Linen and Clothing				139	16	8
Furniture and Bedding				70	0	2
Repairs and Paint				28	15	1
Ironmongery, Tin and Earthenware ...				53	14	7
Brooms, Brushes and Cooperage ...				34	5	8
Garden and Farm Expences				20	18	7
Hay, Corn, &c.				180	8	6
Advertisements, Printing, Stationery, Postage and Carriage				67	18	10
Funeral Expences, Coffins, &c. repaid by Parishes				27	15	0
Amount paid by Parishes for Maintenance of Patients at Fisherton Asylum				908	4	0
Pictures for the Wards purchased from Con- tingent Fund	10	0	0			
Subscriptions to Godmanstone School ...	2	2	0			
				<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
				4,244	10	3

REPAIRS, RENT, TAXES, COST OF PATIENTS AT
FISHERTON HOUSE, &c.

(Repaid by County Treasurer):—

New Floor for Ward	68	7	3½
New Benches and Seats for Wards	22	10	0
Timber Merchant	12	4	7
Bricklayer	18	14	6
Plumber	10	13	4
Iron and Brass Work	19	8	7½
Rent of Field (less Property Tax) ...	18	13	4
Tithes, Rates, and Taxes	11	4	11½
Printing Report and Notices	9	10	6
Carriage of Patients to Fisherton ...	15	13	0
Ditto, sundry Carriage and Travelling Expenses, Visiting Patients, &c. ...	6	19	4
Dr. Finch, Remainder of the Cost of Maintenance of Patients at Fisherton House	414	2	0
Chaplain's Stipend	50	0	0
			<u>678</u>
Carried forward	£4,922	11	8½

PAYMENTS.—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	4922	11	8½			
Balance paid over to the Contingent Fund						
from Maintenance Account ...	49	18	3			
Ditto from other sources	8	6	0			
Ditto to Farm Account	25	7	0			
	<hr/>			83	11	3
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				£5006	2	11½
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DR. THE CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT to 31st December, 1856. CR.

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DR. CR.
BROWNE'S BENEFACTION ACCOUNT to 31st December, 1856.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 31st December, 1855	By Cash paid towards Officers' Salaries
To One Year's Dividends on £4500 £3 per cent.	" Balance in hand
Consols				
			135 0 0				135 0 0
							37 13 8
							£172 13 8

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DR. CR.
CHARITY ACCOUNT to 31st December, 1856.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1856.				1856.			
To Balance in Dorchester Savings' Bank,				Nov. 22. By Cash paid Superintendent, to be applied			
31st December, 1855	for the use of the Patients	...	...	...
May 20. " Half-year's Interest	" Balance in hand	...	...	...
Nov. 20. " Ditto				
			333 7 0				5 0 0
			5 0 0				338 8 6
			5 1 6				
							£343 8 6

FARM ACCOUNT.

Statement of the Receipts and Payments on this Account exclusively.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 31st December, 1855				29	15	5
To Cash received from Sale of Cows, Calves, and Pigs ...	44	7	10			
" " Plants ...	0	16	0			
" " Fat and Dripping	15	5	8½			
" " Sundries ...	11	15	2			
				72	4	8½
				£102	0	1½

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid for Live Stock ...	34	2	0			
" " Plants, Seeds, &c.	2	15	6			
" " Labour, Hedging, and Thrashing ...	4	2	10			
" " Veterinary Surgeon	3	1	6			
" " Sundries ...	2	15	10½			
				46	17	8½
Balance in Superintendent's hands ...				55	2	5
				£102	0	1½

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST FOR MAINTENANCE, MEDICINE, CLOTHING, AND
CARE OF PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1856.

					s.	d.
	Provisions	...	...	...	4	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Clothing	...	...	...	0	4 $\frac{1}{8}$
	Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	1	6 $\frac{5}{8}$
	Necessaries, (<i>e. g.</i>) Fuel, Light and Washing, &c.				0	11 $\frac{3}{8}$
	Surgery and Dispensary	...	...		0	1
	Wine, Spirits, and Porter	...	...	...	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Furniture and Bedding	...	...		0	3 $\frac{5}{8}$
CHARGED TO	Garden and Farm	...	...	...	0	6
MAINTENANCE	Repairs and Ironmongery	...	...		0	2
ACCOUNT	Miscellaneous, <i>viz.</i> , Advertisements, Printing, Stationery, Postage, and Carriage	..	...		0	2 $\frac{3}{8}$
					8	2 $\frac{1}{8}$
	Less Receipts from Sales of Produce, Labour, &c.				0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Total Average Weekly Cost per head	...			8	1 $\frac{3}{8}$

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RESIDENT	...	...	155 $\frac{1}{9}$
AVERAGE WEEKLY CHARGE TO THE PARISHES	7s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

JNO. BROWN,

Clerk to the Asylum and to the Visitors.

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