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OF THE
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OF THE
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TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX IN GENERAL
QUARTER SESSION ASSEMBLED.

*The SIXTY-NINTH REPORT of the VISITING
JUSTICES appointed to superintend the
Management of THE COUNTY LUNATIC
ASYLUM AT HANWELL.*

Connected with the ordinary routine of the system, now happily established in the Asylum, the Visiting Justices find that nothing has occurred during the last three months of sufficient importance to occupy the attention of the Court. But in the Government of the Asylum some changes of considerable importance have become necessary, and upon these the Visiting Justices consider it to be their duty to report. The Professional Reputation and experience of Dr. Conolly having called upon him to devote a large portion of his time to private practice, and this being found to be incompatible with the engagements which he had originally made with the

Visiting Justices, it became necessary to enter into different arrangements with him, and to remodel, in consequence, the Government of the Institution. The Visiting Justices are now preparing to carry out these Alterations, which they hope to make without weakening the efficiency of the system matured under the superintendance of Dr. Conolly, at the same time that they will be able to increase the controul which is required to be vigilantly exercised over its domestic management. By the arrangements which have been made with Dr. Conolly, the Asylum will still have the benefit of his valuable assistance as its Physician. Residing in the immediate neighbourhood, he will be able to give his attendance for two days in every week, and for six hours at each attendance. He will also attend on the Visiting Justices at their Meetings, that he may report to them the state of the Asylum, and suggest and advise such alterations and improvements as in his judgment may appear necessary. These, with his attendance at all times in cases of emergency, for which his residence near the Asylum offers peculiar facilities, will, it is to be hoped, in combination with the experience of the two resident House Surgeons, ensure a sufficiency of medical talent, to watch over and promote the health and comfort of the Patients, and to maintain unimpaired the present reputation of the Asylum.

The Visiting Justices have learnt, several of them by long experience, how important it is in an Establishment of such a vast magnitude as the Hanwell Asylum, which contains within its walls no fewer than 1,080 Inmates, that there should be one resident Officer, to whom all persons should be subordinate, and who, without trenching on the peculiar duties of the Medical Attendants, should be responsible to the Visiting Justices as their Executive Officer, that regularity be enforced in every department. By vesting such Powers in a Governor of the Asylum, the Visiting Justices entertain a confident Expectation that they shall be able to compensate for that which otherwise would appear to be indispensable,

their own very frequent Visits, or even the continual presence of one or other of their body in the Asylum. If they are fortunate enough to secure the services of a Gentleman, whose active talents, and methodical habits of life fit him for the Government of a great Institution, they feel assured that they shall have best discharged their duty to the Court and to the Public by most effectually providing that their respective duties shall be faithfully discharged by every officer and servant of the Establishment. The Governor, whom the Visiting Justices are about to select from such Gentlemen as may become candidates for the office, will, in his capacity of Supreme Officer of the Asylum, have to see that all the Accounts in every department be regularly and properly kept, that there be no waste, nor mis-management, nor dishonesty; and that all the officers and servants throughout the Establishment preserve the strictest propriety of moral conduct and demeanour. It will also be his duty to promote and preserve harmony among all persons who reside in the Asylum, and to report to the Visiting Justices any one violating the regulations, or neglecting his duties, or offending against good order and decorum; these will be among the general duties of his office. In regulating his particular duties, which will be both numerous and important, the Visiting Justices have endeavoured to reconcile his position as their officer, whom they will vest with paramount authority to enforce all their orders and regulations, with the distinct responsibility of the Medical Officers in all that concerns the moral management as well as the strictly medical treatment of the Patients. The Visiting Justices have endeavoured to effect this in the Regulations which they have drawn up; and though they are aware that experience alone can show how far they have altogether succeeded in their plans for the future Government of the Asylum, and whether other alterations may not still be required to bring their theory into harmony with what may be found expedient in practice, they entertain the confident hope that the plan will not only be found

generally successful but be a considerable improvement upon those, which have been heretofore adopted.

Those who are desirous of witnessing the powerful effects of kindness in the government of the insane, should visit the Asylum at about this season of the year, when a few little Entertainments are provided for such of the patients as are able to enjoy them. Two of these have been lately given, one to the female and another to the male Patients. For weeks previous they are observed to form the chief subjects of their conversation; they occupy themselves in assisting to decorate the Wards in which they are held, and all seem touched, for the time at least, by the anxiety of those around them to contribute to their harmless enjoyment. In the Entertainment lately given to more than three hundred and fifty of the female Patients, the two Convalescent Wards were prettily decorated with evergreens, principally by the Patients themselves. From five o'clock until nine they were engaged in various amusements, and during the whole of that time, so powerful was the influence of the kindness that provided for their amusements, such a good feeling did it diffuse among them, that not one instance of disagreement occurred, but all was cheerfulness and good humour. Nor did the soothing effect of the scene appear to terminate with the evening's enjoyment. Their sleep seemed to be influenced by it, and the night was remarkable for the profound silence which prevailed throughout the female part of the establishment.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS TULK,

16th January, 1844.

Chairman.

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PATIENTS ADMITTED, RE-ADMITTED, DISCHARGED, AND DEAD.

Quarter ending 31st December, 1843.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Patients in the Asylum on 30th September, 1843	412	563	975
Admitted during the Quarter	13	15	28
Re-admitted ...do..... do..... do.....	3	1	4
	428	579	1007
	Males.	Females.	
Cured	7	3	
Discharged Relieved	3	1	
Died.....	2	9	
	12	13	25
Remaining in the Asylum on 31st December, 1843	416	566	982
Daily Average Number of Patients			986

PATIENTS EMPLOYED,

Quarter ending 31st December, 1843.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Garden and Agriculture....	86	Garden	—
Helpers in the Wards	48	Laundry.....	54
Repicking Coir	6	Kitchen and Dairy	21
Store Room, Kitchen, and Engine-house.....	14	Helpers in the Wards	41
Tailors	9	Repicking Coir	23
Shoemakers	15	Needlework	159
Upholstery Room	6	Knitting.....	30
Bricklayers	2		
Painters	2		
Carpenters.....	8		
Employed	196	Employed	328
Unemployed ..	190	Unemployed	206
Sick	30	Sick	32
Total in Asylum (as above)	416	Total in Asylum (as above)	566
Males	416		
Females	566		
Total	982		

J. MORRISON, *Accountant.*

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Dr. QUARTERLY ACCOUNT from 1st October to 31st December, 1843. **Cr.**

1843.		1843.	
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Sept. 30. To Balance of Cash at this date	3,132 1 10	Dec. 31. By Cash paid sundry Tradesmen's Bills and other Disbursements to this date	4,713 9 0
Dec. 31. To Cash received from Parishes	£4,376 4 6	Balance—At Messrs. Twining ..	£3,182 12 0
To ditto from County Treasurer for Lunatic Vagrants.....	664 5 0	In hand.....	276 10 4
	<u>5,040 9 6</u>		<u>3,459 2 4</u>
	£8,172 11 4		£8,172 11 4
1843.		1843.	
Dec. 31. To Balance of Cash this day	£. s. d. 3,459 2 4	Dec. 31. By Amount of Tradesmen's Bills, Salaries of Officers, Wages of Servants, &c., due at this date.....	4,406 2 0
To amount due from Parishes..	£3,257 9 6	Surplus.....	2,927 17 6
To ditto from County Treasurer for Lunatic Vagrants.....	617 7 8		<u>£7,333 19 6</u>
	<u>3,674 17 2</u>		
	£7,333 19 6		

(Errors excepted,)

Hanwell, 17th January, 1844.

J. MORRISON, Accountant.

CONTRACT PRICES of the Principal Articles in Consumption in the Hanwell Lunatic Asylum, for the Quarter of the Year ending 31st of December, 1843. The Articles are delivered at the Asylum free of Carriage.

	£.	s.	d.
Ox Beef, entirely free from Bone.....	0	5	7
Prime Wether Mutton, the whole Carcase (without head, shanks or inside suet) ..	0	5	7
Beef and Mutton Suet, (equal proportions)	0	5	7
Flour.....	2	0	0
Malt.....	2	16	6
Oatmeal	0	13	0
Cheese	2	10	0
Tea	0	3	6
Sugar (Lump)	4	0	0
Sugar (Raw).....	3	3	0

CHARLES WRIGHT.

Clerk to the Visiting Justices.

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM,

A List of all Sums for Payment of which Orders have been made on the County Treasurer, under the authority of the 33rd Section of the 9th Geo. 4th, Cap. 40, from the 1st of October to the 31st of December, 1843.

	£.	s.	d.
James Morrison, Advances for Wages to Workmen	488	13	5
James Harris, Superintending Repairs, Quarter to 30th September	13	15	0
Dissenters' and General Insurance Company, Insurance of Building, &c.	15	0	0
Henry Manning, Iron Fencing	30	5	8
William Sheldon, Machine Oil	2	16	0
G. Parsons, Repairing Clocks	1	2	0
Harriett Rattliff, Furniture	1	8	0
P. Hayes, Brass Cocks, Levers, &c.	12	7	7
Weiss and Son, Surgical Instruments	1	2	0
Pargeter and Co., Chapel Furniture	11	17	0
George Reynell, Advertisements, &c.	12	0	5

	£.	s.	d.
Allen and Co., Law Business.....	8	0	2
T. M. Bowden, Baskets.....	2	0	4
George Chad, Carriage of Goods.....	7	17	6
Elizabeth Farmer, Ironmongery.....	36	8	8
C. F. Seyfang, Printing, and Account Books..	13	17	6
William Crosby, Paper Hanging.....	2	8	0
John Palmer, Brooms.....	0	11	0
F. Davis, Zinc Work.....	30	15	9
Josiah Baites, Repairing Air Beds.....	1	7	0
Edington and Co., Coal Sacking, &c.....	11	5	0
John T. Norris, Printing.....	14	2	0
James De Ville, Gas Apparatus.....	7	1	0
Mountjoy and Son, Shrubs.....	0	13	0
Robert Forest, Paving Tiles.....	5	0	0
John Morgan, Turnery.....	2	2	0
J. H. Tillyer, Painting Materials.....	0	11	4
P. M. Norbury, Stationery and Periodicals....	5	19	3
George Simpson, Cutlery.....	4	13	2
William Tucker, Ironmongery.....	2	7	3
Charles Gray, Gas Burners.....	0	15	0
Thomas Adams, Wire Work.....	4	19	6
John Shinn, Furniture.....	10	0	
John Faulkner, Ironmongery.....	17	19	3
William Terry and Co. Painting Materials, Brooms, &c.....	43	13	0
Edward Suter, Account Books.....	6	8	6
Edward Beck, Slates, Lime, Cement, &c.....	51	17	7
Walkling and Wheatley, Earthenware and Glass	4	8	10
R. Williams, Bedding, &c.....	184	5	4

	£.	s.	d.
James Morrison, Advances for Wages to Workmen	462	1	10
Thomas Hughes, Dying Furniture	2	0	0
Thomas Millman, Bedding	6	14	0

CHARLES WRIGHT,

Clerk to the Visiting Justices.

TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX IN GENERAL
QUARTER SESSION ASSEMBLED.

*The SIXTEENTH REPORT of MESSRS. ALLEN
of Carlisle Street, Soho Square.*

MESSRS. ALLEN have to report, that, since the County day of the last Quarter Session, they have attended before Magistrates at the Metropolitan Police Courts, and in Petty Sessions in fifteen Cases; that in six of the Cases, in consequence of the opposition offered by Messrs. Allen, the Magistrates refused to make Orders on the County Treasurer, or the applications against the County were abandoned. That in two of them, Settlements were adjudicated upon evidence discovered by Messrs. Allen, and that in the remaining seven, the Paupers were adjudged to be County Patients; but that in one of those seven cases, a Settlement has since been discovered at Publow in Somersetshire, and is about to be adjudicated.

Messrs. Allen have also to report, that they have discovered and adjudicated the Settlements of M. C. (otherwise called M. A.,) who had been admitted into the Asylum before the County day of the last Quarter Session, and of J. C. M. and J. T., (criminal lunatics) two of whom had been admitted from the New Prison, and the other from the House of Correction, under Warrants of Secretary Sir James Graham;

and that they have been required to interfere in and have settled two Appeals, and have made enquiries and corresponded and advised in seventeen additional Cases, with the view of protecting the interests of the County.

Messrs. Allen's Bill for attending at the Police Courts and Petty Sessions in the fifteen Cases, and for tracing out evidence in most of them, amounts to the Sum of 22*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*; and their charges for discovering and adjudicating the before mentioned four Settlements, for interfering in and settling the two Appeals, and for the business done by them with reference to the seventeen other Lunatics, including Payments to Country Agents and others, are 71*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*

All which they submit, &c.

C. and J. ALLEN.

18th January, 1844.