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

*THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the
COMMITTEE of VISITORS of the COUNTY
LUNATIC ASYLUM at COLNEY HATCH.*

It affords the Committee satisfaction to be enabled again to report to the Court that the condition of the Asylum and its management have been progressing favourably during the past year. The Committee have been zealously served by the Officers at the Head of every Department, who have efficiently carried into execution the regulations which have been adopted during the past and preceding years, for increasing the security and comfort of the Patients, and promoting the welfare of the subordinate Officers and Servants.

Among the improvements and additions effected in the Grounds and Buildings, there may be mentioned the following :—Increase of Ventilation ; improvements in the Airing Courts by a further provision of Shrubs, Plants, Seats, Swings, and Rustic Tables ; additional Fencing ;

improvements in Bath Rooms and Lavatories; improved arrangement of Bed Rooms for Extra and Night Nurses, whereby increased accommodation for twenty-five Female Patients has been obtained; conversion of small Dormitories on the Male side into Single Sleeping Rooms, this being a step actually necessary, in the opinion of the Medical Superintendent of the Male Department, for the safety of the class of Patients now in the Asylum; re-arrangement of the Gas Works; re-construction of Roof in No. 3 Female Infirmary Ward; and replacement of Boilers.

The Committee regret that the cost of these Works will entail a more than average annual charge on the County Funds for repairs; but it must be borne in mind that the extra expenditure has been largely increased by the replacement of Boilers, and other Ironwork connected with the Warming and Water Supply, which had been in use for more than 15 years, and which could no longer be worked with safety.

For the purpose of increasing the personal comforts and enjoyment of the Patients, the Committee have added to the Stock of Books, Periodicals, Pictures, and Articles of Amusement. The Stock of Musical Instruments and Music has also been enlarged; light Summer Clothing for Male Patients was substituted for the heavier garments previously used in all weathers; additional small Gardens have been provided for individual Patients; greater variety in Food has been introduced; frequent Entertainments in Reading, Singing and Dancing Parties have taken place; additional Attendants have been engaged where necessary; and great care has been taken to insure thorough supervision by the Head Attendants.

The Patients have been encouraged, in many ways, to employ themselves in different useful occupations; and every effort is made to induce the Male Patients to employ themselves out of doors; and the Committee, believing that this is highly desirable as an end towards promoting the recovery of the Patients, continue to urge it on the attention of the Medical Superintendent. Notwithstanding the high price of Butchers' Meat and Woollen and Cotton Goods during the past year, the weekly rate of 9s. 7½d. has been continued, and is still unaltered.

The Committee have been anxious to increase the comforts of the Subordinate Officers and Servants, so far as could reasonably be done. Their diet has been more varied; additional leave of absence is occasionally given; a good library, mainly due to the kind liberality of a member of the Committee, aided by considerable donations of books from his friends, has been made available for them, and seems to be much valued by them.

The Committee have also recently instituted a Provident Society, for the deposit of small sums. This Society has but just commenced operations; but, from the deposits already made, the Committee have reason to believe that the Servants employed will appreciate the benefits it offers to them.

The conduct of the Officers generally has been very good. The Committee, however, regret that they cannot apply this remark to the three Assistant Medical Officers, viz., Drs. Irvine, Tucker, and Bone, who were in their service during the first part of the year. The former they dismissed; and the two latter were required to resign their situations. In addition to this, two Female Attendants have been dismissed for rough usage to Patients. Two

Male Attendants were also dismissed for being drunk ; one Male for being absent without leave ; and one Male and one Female for insubordinate conduct.

The Committee took advantage of the removal of the subordinate Medical Officers to introduce into the Female side a change which had long been satisfactorily in operation on the Male side ; and, instead of two Assistant Medical Officers on each side, there is now only one. If any evil should arise from this alteration, the old system will be returned to. But the Committee have no fear that this will be the case ; they believe that one Assistant Medical Officer in each Department, acting under the orders of the Medical Superintendent, will prove to be quite sufficient to attend to the health of the Patients ; their general care, and the supervision over the conduct of the Attendants being far better provided for by the Staff of Head Attendants, who, under the control of the Medical Superintendents, Matrons, and Inspectors, have each the care and responsibility of a small, distinct, and separate section.

The Committee have, this year, to deplore one fatal casualty—the first which has occurred since 1861. A Male Patient, named John Swiney Phillips, died from the effects of a blow on the head, which was given him on the 5th of May, by another Patient, with a piece of gas piping which he had torn from the wall of the Ward, and which the deceased endeavoured to take from him. An inquest was held on the body of the deceased, and the verdict returned by the jury was as follows :—“ Fracture of the skull from a blow with a gas pipe by Daniel Hobbs, a lunatic.”

The brother of the Patient appeared to be much excited by the occurrence, imputing negligence to the Medical Superintendent, and accusing the Officers who had the

charge of the Patient with carelessness in their supervision. A full enquiry was made into the circumstances by the Committee, and also by the Commissioners in Lunacy. The Committee came to the conclusion that no blame was attributable either to Dr. Sheppard or to any of the Attendants.

The number of Patients in the Asylum on the 1st instant was 789 males, and 1,161 Females ; total, 1,950 Patients*

During the year, 90 Females have been refused admission for want of room ; and should the reception of Males continue at the same rate as of late, that Department will be also quite full in a very brief space of time.

The Committee will very shortly be in a position to provide for 53 more Females ; one Ward, with 23 beds, having been closed since November last, in consequence of the exceedingly dangerous state of the roof. This roof has been entirely re-constructed, and the Ward will be at the disposal of the Medical Superintendent in a few days ; and so long as the Asylum shall be, by Almighty providence, free from contagious epidemics, there will also be accommodation for the remaining thirty in the New Infirmary, now nearly ready for occupation.

Attempts were made, in the early part of the year, to provide accommodation for recent cases on the Female side, by removing some of the Patients, who might be kept in a workhouse. The Medical Superintendent selected 40 of this class, but on enquiry of the Parochial Authorities, the Committee found that only 16, out of that number,

* Since that date the numbers have been increased, and are now 796 Males, 1,169 Females ; Total, 1,965.

could be accommodated at the workhouses; and two of these were shortly afterwards re-admitted.

The Gas Works having for a long time past been in an unsatisfactory condition, and the supply being very defective, the Committee called to their assistance Mr. Jones, a well known Gas Engineer, under whose advice they are now taking steps for improving and economizing the manufacture. They have engaged a practical working man to manage the Gas Works, and the supply of gas has already greatly improved in quantity and quality. The Committee find it to be very desirable that a residence for this person should be provided for, close to the Gas Works, the cost of which it is estimated will be £250.

The fittings and furniture for the New Infirmary, and the provision of clothing and bedding for thirty additional Patients will involve an expenditure of £550, and a further sum of £200 will be required for payment of the cost of completing the building.

It will therefore be necessary to ask the Court for a grant, amounting in the whole to £1,000, to meet the proposed expenses. And notice of motion for a grant of that sum will be given by the Chairman.

The health of the Patients has been good; and the Committee are thankful for the absence of any epidemic.

The Commissioners in Lunacy made their annual Visit of Inspection on the 23rd of August last, and on three subsequent days. The entry made by them on the occasion is annexed. The Court will see that the Visiting Commissioners express their satisfaction with the general condition of the Asylum; and the various improvements

which have recently been adopted. The different remarks and suggestions made by the Commissioners were carefully considered by the Committee, and their suggestions were adopted in all cases where the Committee deemed them desirable. The Reply of the Committee to the Commissioners, and the Letter from the Commissioners in answer thereto, are annexed.

The Reports of the Medical Superintendents, the Chaplain, and the Steward, and the Returns from the different departments, annexed, will afford the Court a full history of the progress of the establishment during the year.

The following Members of the Committee will retire, viz. :—Messrs. Tanner, Stutfield, Miles, Woodward, Marshall, and Twells.

All which is submitted, &c.

WILLIAM H. WYATT, *Chairman.*

Colney Hatch Asylum,
10th January, 1865.

APPENDIX A.

I.

COPY OF ENTRY MADE BY THE COMMISSIONERS
IN LUNACY.

COLNEY HATCH ASYLUM,

Friday, 26th August, 1864.

WE have to-day, and the three preceding days, gone over every part of this Asylum, and have seen all the Patients excepting 4 women, absent on trial. The numbers on the books are 1,962, of whom 796 are Males, and 1,166 are Females.

Since the Asylum was visited by our Colleagues in August, 1863, there have been 451 admissions, 180 discharges, and 203 deaths; the proportions of Male and Female under the first head being 254 and 197, under the second, 78 and 102, and under the third, 122 and 81. Of those discharged, 114 were reported as recovered, 59 as relieved, and 7 as not improved. The great majority of deaths proceeded from such causes as general Palsy, Epilepsy, Apoplexy, Maniacal Exhaustion, and Phthisis, but there were two fatal cases of Small Pox. This disorder, communicated by a recently admitted Patient to

two Patients sleeping in the same dormitory, was fortunately restricted to these three instances by immediate removal of the cases affected to an out-house fitted up for their reception; and an Hospital for Epidemical diseases, for which since the occurrence of this incident the plans have been approved by our Board, is now in course of erection in the grounds on the west side of the Asylum.

Three other deaths also require to be specially named. Inquests were held on a Patient in each division who had died suddenly, whilst eating, from Asphyxia, and upon one of the Male Patients whom another Patient killed by attacking him with a gas-pipe torn from the wall. We do not find that the recommendation of the Jury in the latter case, that the gas-pipes should be covered, has yet to any general extent been complied with; but we notice with satisfaction an announcement by the Coroner in connection with this and other cases, of his intention in future to hold inquests in every instance of a death unwitnessed by the Officers of the Asylum.

The instances of seclusion during the year since our Colleagues visited, which have been generally for periods not exceeding six or eight hours, have been upon the Male side 1,093, distributed over 220 Patients, and on the Female side, 985, distributed over 180; of these, taking the Men and Women respectively, 119 and 102 had been secluded twice, 49 and 38, thrice, 23 and 20, four times, 13 and 10, five times, 9 and 7, six times, and 7 and 3, seven times. The number at present under treatment for bodily disorders is about 170, of whom more than 140 are women. There are nearly 400 Epileptic and Paralyzed in the Wards.

The health generally is reported as good, though the mortality in the past year has been higher than usual.

From much that we have seen during this four days' visit we have derived a favourable impression. The effect of recent arrangements, there can be no doubt, has been to leave the Principal Officers of the Institution, within their several departments, less interfered with in the exercise of authority, and their offices are in consequence more efficiently discharged. Necessarily, however, it is incident to an Establishment of this magnitude, that in the unavoidable division of duties, responsibility also is divided; and perfect as the organization has become by which the Wards are brought within the regular supervision of Attendants acting under Authorities distinct and independent, we do not find it to be a result of a system that Patients are better helped by it who cannot help themselves, or that the large numbers whom it is the practice here to class and to treat as "Refractory," have been by any simultaneous plan of moral treatment steadily and uniformly carried out, reclaimed or improved in any degree. Of the 800 Male Patients now in the Wards, only 43 work in the grounds or farm, and in all the Workshops not more than 70. In the Smith's Shop, in the Plumber's, and in the Tinman's there are none. The entire system of the employment of Male Patients in the Asylum requires to be re-organized and greatly extended, and we commend the subject strongly to the attention of the Committee.

We found the Wards occupied by the better class of Patients in a quiet and orderly state, the inmates well clad, many of them in dresses of more varied and better

material than formerly, the supply of in-door amusements more ample, and the dullness and gloom of the corridors in the Wards of the old block relieved by additional furniture, and objects of interest and ornament. We may instance as example of what ought in this respect to be done in all the Wards, and might with the most advantage be done in the Wards occupied by the worst class, No. 18 on the Female side, and B 2 in the Male division.

Of the Wards tenanted by the more troublesome Patients, we cannot speak favourably; all the objections urged at former visits are still to be repeated in the strongest form. It would be difficult to instance more perfect examples of what the Wards of an Asylum for the Insane should not be, than are presented here by what are called the Refractory Wards, especially those in the basement of each division, constructed originally so as to exclude the light from those portions of the corridors where it is most required. The gloom is unrelieved by comforts of furniture of the commonest description; the seats, notwithstanding the many paralyzed and feeble persons, are fixed wooden settees in the windows, or long unbacked benches on either side the dining-tables. A chair and a small table is hardly anywhere to be seen, and there are only a very few scanty prints upon the walls. Remarking to the Attendants in the Male division on the fact of some of these Wards containing no chair whatever, we were told that the patients would fling them at each other if they had such opportunity, and to the inquiry why none of the Male inmates in all these basement Wards, excepting two persons, had knives and forks to eat their dinners with, reply was made, that the men were all of them too dangerous to be so trusted. The only

changes brought under our notice in these portions of the building, were two recently and very badly constructed padded rooms at the end of D Ward ; and as long as the characters and habits of the inmates are assumed to be beyond reach of amendment, this kind of accommodation will be likely to require further extension. It needs, on the other hand, only the experience of the better Wards of this Asylum itself to suggest a more judicious and humane, as well as economical mode of treatment, whatever at the outset may be its increased cost in furniture or in Attendants.

The appearance of the class we are adverting to, notwithstanding the numbers among them of epileptic and paralyzed, showed that their diet is good, and that proper care is taken to keep their persons clean ; but the quantity of blouses and ticken dresses with leather locks, are a part of the system we think generally so objectionable. Out of 49 Men in B 3, we found 28 ; and out of 50 in No. 14, we found 30 thus dressed. This latter Ward, it should be added, is as yet in some respects an exception to that improved ventilation, on which, throughout the building, so much praiseworthy care has of late been expended ; but though 46 of the 50 beds in it have to be changed daily, we found the bedding scrupulously clean, and the Dormitories and sleeping-rooms in proper order. Of the condition, however, in which we found its gloomy corridor and day-room, as we passed through at the dinner-hour on the last day of our visit, we cannot make the same remark. The table benches, comfortless as they are, were insufficient for the Patients, several of whom were sitting on the floor, eating their dinners with their fingers.

We dwell upon the unfurnished and unfavourable state of these particular Wards, not only from the hope that such suggestions for their improvement as we desire again to make, may obtain favourable consideration from the Committee, but because our suggestions extend generally also, though in a less marked degree, to the other Wards in the original building. We press, as of urgent necessity, not merely a proper supply of furniture for the worst Wards, and more comforts of a domestic kind throughout, in the Dormitories as well as Day-rooms, but a reconsideration of those defects of structure which are the other great source of the gloom and cheerlessness pervading most of the corridors and Day-rooms. Various plans, proposed by way of remedy, have been rejected from time to time, and among them one for removal of the walls of the associated Dormitories opposite the recesses, and insertion of additional windows, as well as one made last year for conversion of the recesses themselves into Dormitories, and of the Dormitories into Day-rooms. Another suggestion formerly made for skylights in the roof, has had no better success. Considering, however, the objections stated to the former plans, and that the latter, if carried out, would apply only to the corridors in the upper stories, it might, we think, now be more advisable to make experiment, in one of those Wards in each division, of turning into Day-rooms the associated Dormitories on either side of the recesses, and placing the beds in the corridor. There would then be three cheerful, well-lighted Day-rooms, and by insertion of windows of communication between them, the existing means of supervision would be retained. The only other attendant expense would be the construction of additional fire-places and wider doors. Objection might be made to

passing into the Wards by the beds of the Patients, but this is not felt as an inconvenience in the Infirmary Wards; and besides the direct advantage from the change, it would correct a most objectionable practice that now prevails in the bathing of Patients. So limited is the space in the Bath-rooms and Lavatories, that, after the Men or Women have left the bath, they are brought out naked into the Day-rooms, to dry and dress themselves among the inmates that may be sitting in the Wards.

For all these reasons we think it desirable that the change should be tried in one Ward of each division, and it is the opinion of Mr. Marshall and Dr. Tucker (the latter, in the absence of Dr. Sheppard, accompanying us through the Male Division,) that it might be tried with much advantage to the Patients. Upon the subject of the numbers now in the Female Wards, the Committee of Visitors having wisely determined not to advise any further enlargement of the Asylum, a judicious re-arrangement has been made since the last visit, whereby the Female Patients are now less dispersed. The Assistant Medical Officers have been removed to rooms on the Male side, and their former rooms appropriated to Female accommodation. By this and by the use of vacant space in the low-level corridor, ten additional Female Beds and six Single Rooms have been obtained, with accommodation for the Nurses of the Laundry Department. Another change made during the past year we think of more questionable expediency. In seven Wards on the Male side an associated Dormitory has been broken up by partitions of brick wall, and 25 single rooms thus added to each.

Among the further changes during the same interval, we have to notice much that has contributed to the comfort of patients in various parts of the galleries and Dormitories, about 250 new ventilators have been inserted, and the recommendation as to openings in the female corridor has been attended to: nearly all the staircases are now provided with handrails, and shutters have been placed, where required, to sleeping rooms in the Male division. In the Infirmary additional gas-lights are being supplied, as well as openings over the doors, and some bedside tables, and the construction of doors between the bath-rooms and lavatories is in progress; some few more sofas, writing tables, bookcases, and presses, shelves for flower pots; chairs and bagatelle boards have been placed in the wards occupied by the better class of inmates, and several coloured and other prints, framed and glazed, have been distributed through the wards. The suggestion for covering in with glass the recesses in the Infirmary Airing Courts has not been carried out, but additional seats have been placed there, the passages to these Courts generally have been made more cheerful by means of glazed doors, and besides other improvements in turfing and gravelling No. 6 and 21, an excellent thatched summer-house has been constructed in No. 3. Considerable additions appear also to have been made to the Library of books and papers in use in the more quiet wards. To other suggestions made when our colleagues visited, we do not find that effect has been given, except that another nurse has been added to No. 19 female ward, and that the records of wet and dirty in both divisions are now more clearly kept. We thought the condition of the Laundry Ward, generally, very efficient, and all the arrangements satisfactory in that department.

The numbers dining out of their wards, in the several associated dining halls on the days of our visit, were 560 women and 256 men.

To the Male patients the completion of the boundary walk has been a great advantage, and we are glad to find a similar walk in progress for use of the women. Of the latter, 600 are reported to us as having regular opportunities afforded them for walks beyond the Asylum, and we think very highly of the arrangements by which about a third of this number have been permitted and enabled, on the occasion of these walks, to visit the homes of their relatives or friends. To a limited extent the same indulgence is given to the men, and we hope will be extended to a greater number. Opportunities of recreation and amusement for this better class appear also to be liberally afforded: at Dr. Sheppard's lectures and readings, which have been continued with the best effect, between two and three hundred of both sexes are said to attend, and we are glad to notice the formation, among the women, of singing classes, now attended by from 50 to 60. The numbers at Chapel averaging now for each service nearly 250 on week days, and a little over 500 on Sundays, are necessarily limited by the inadequate Chapel accommodation, to which the attention of the Committee cannot be too earnestly directed. The erection of a new Chapel in the grounds, and conversion of the existing structure into a recreation hall, would be in all respects advantageous to the inmates.

Besides the suggestions offered in the foregoing remarks, for which we trust to obtain the Committee's favourable consideration, we desire further to recommend:—

- I. That the Classes formerly existing for School instruction be resumed, and placed under the Inspectors and Head Attendants of the divisions. The difficulty of collecting and returning to their Wards the patients attending them, was the alleged cause for their discontinuance, but this would be obviated by appointing the lessons to be given, under the direction of the Inspectors, by the Head Attendants in their respective sections.

- II. That the assignment of plots of garden for cultivation by the female patients, which has worked admirably, be further extended, and that experiment be made of some flower plots in the Airing Courts.

- III. That additional ventilation be supplied wherever necessary, and especially that there be an immediate better ventilation in the New Padded Rooms of D Ward.

- IV. That the water in bathing be changed more frequently.

- V. That the practice of using bath-rooms as sculleries which we observed in the Spur of No. 19, be discontinued.

- VI. That the manner in which the Case Book is kept on the men's side, be so far assimilated to the mode adopted by the Superintendent of the female division, as to ensure, on the part of

the Assistant Medical officer, a more intimate knowledge of the cases than can be incident to the mode in which he is now required to perform his duties, and that a statement of every death be entered in such Case Book, in compliance with the terms prescribed by the 19th Section of Chapter 96. This is done in the Case Book of the Female Division, but not in the other, although the provisions of the section in question have been extended by Chapter 3, to County Asylums.

Of the zeal and ability with which all the principal Officers of this Asylum, discharge their various and important duties, and of the general efficiency of the improved system, which ensures now a more intelligent and steady co-operation on the part of the Subordinate Officers, we have received marked proofs at our present visit.

JOHN FORSTER,
ROBERT NAIRNE,

Commissioners in Lunacy.

II.

COPY OF LETTER TO THE COMMISSIONERS IN
LUNACY.

33, MILNER SQUARE, ISLINGTON,

20th October, 1864.

SIR,

THE Committee of Visitors of the County Lunatic Asylum at Colney Hatch have considered with due attention the entry made by the two Commissioners in Lunacy, who recently visited the Institution, and they have examined in detail the several suggestions made for the additional comfort of the Patients under their care.

The Committee observe with pleasure that the Commissioners were fully sensible of the improved system now ruling at this Asylum, and of the consequent greater efficiency of the Subordinate Officers; and they believe that by steadily, but gradually, persevering in these improvements, they are likely to obtain the result they desire, viz. :—a perfect supervision over the Patients, accompanied by as many comforts as are befitting the status of a Pauper Lunatic Asylum. It seems, however, to the Committee that the great point of difference between the Commissioners in Lunacy and themselves is, that, while the former recommend alterations without any very great consideration for their pecuniary cost, the latter feel that this is a subject which should not be lost sight of by

them, and that they are not at liberty to incur any large expenditure for objects of doubtful benefits, or for the purpose of procuring luxuries for a class of persons who have never been accustomed to them, and who do not therefore feel their absence.

The Committee have instructed me to make the following remarks on the detailed observations in the Commissioners' entry.

GAS-PIPING STILL UNCOVERED.—The Committee have long since directed their Clerk of the Works to case over all piping which the Medical Superintendents may consider it desirable to have so treated. A large portion has already been so protected, either by wooden casing, or by being covered with cement, and these works are still in progress.

THE SMALL NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS EMPLOYED IN OUT-DOOR WORK.—This fact is a continual source of regret to the Committee; and they have frequently called the attention of the Medical Superintendent to it; but he reports that the class of persons sent, for the past few years, to the Asylum is so much lower, in bodily power, than those received at an earlier date, that it is impossible to employ more in this manner. The subject shall still continue to receive the attention of the Committee. In the meantime it may be as well to remind the Commissioners in Lunacy that a large number of able-bodied Patients is required for the service of the Wards, which call for the most constant cleansing to keep them in their present satisfactory condition.

REFRACTORY PATIENTS DRESSED IN TICKEN CLOTHING —
No Patient is thus dressed except those whose dirty habits or destructive propensities render it impossible to provide them with the ordinary clothing; and, although the number may, in itself, seem large, the proportion to the whole of the Male Inmates (viz. 58 to 804) is moderate.

WANT OF MORE FURNITURE IN THE WARDS.—In the opinion of the Medical Superintendent chairs could not be introduced, with due regard to safety either of the Patients or of the Attendants, in the Wards adverted to by the Commissioners; but the Committee have recently ordered some more Settees to be provided, and they have directed them to be made in so substantial a manner that, they trust, they will withstand the violent treatment to which it is certain they will be subjected.

PADDED ROOMS IN D WARD.—The Committee feel that these rooms are not so well constructed as they should like them to be. They have directed the Clerk of the Works to endeavour to improve the ventilation in them. They are not used for the purpose of secluding patients, but were erected in a part of the Asylum, away from the dormitories, specially as sleeping rooms for two Patients, whose unceasing noise, through the whole of each night, prevented those near them from getting any rest.

INSUFFICIENT VENTILATION IN No. 14 WARD.—The Committee think that the Visiting Commissioners must have named this Ward in error, as there are five of the large new ventilators in it.

DEFICIENCY OF TABLES AND BENCHES.—The Committee

find that there was unquestionably a deficient supply of tables in Wards 11 and 14. They have directed this want to be supplied; and they feel obliged to the Commissioners for calling their attention to it.

ALTERATION OF DAY ROOMS AND DORMITORIES.—Although the Committee have more than once remarked on this suggestion, the Commissioners in their recent Entry so earnestly pressed for a trial of their scheme that the Committee determined entirely to reconsider the matter, and they have carefully inspected these Wards. While they regret to differ with the Commissioners, they have no doubt that the alteration proposed, even could it be carried into effect without injury to the Building, would be most inconvenient, considerably reducing the accommodation for the number of patients who now are accommodated, and making efficient supervision over those who would remain very difficult. The Committee do not consider that these Wards can fairly be called either cheerless or gloomy: the spurs to Wards 5 and 19 rather interfere with these particular Wards; but the Committee, anxious in all cases where they can do so to meet the suggestions of the Commissioners in Lunacy, have directed several extra sashed windows to be put over the dormitories in No. 17 Ward; and should this prove a decided advantage, they will extend the benefit to the other similar wards.

EXTENSION OF SINGLE ROOMS ON THE MALE SIDE.—In the opinion of the Medical Superintendent this step was absolutely necessary. He reported to the Committee that unless this was granted to him, there were some patients in the Asylum sleeping in associated dormitories

for whose safety he could not hold himself responsible, and although there are still apparently 23 vacancies on the Male side, the Medical Superintendent is not prepared to receive any patient who requires to be placed at night in a separate dormitory.

GLASS COVERING OF INFIRMARY AIRING COURTS. ERECTION OF NEW CHAPEL. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL.—The Committee have nothing to add to the communications already made to the Commissioners on these points, seeing no reason to alter or in any way modify the decisions already arrived at.

THE CASE BOOK, MALE SIDE.—This will in future be kept in the mode desired. The Medical Superintendent had overlooked the Clause in the Act of Parliament referred to by the Commissioners in Lunacy.

EXTENSION OF PATIENTS' GARDENS.—The Committee have recently extended these plots; and they are quite willing to allot a piece of ground to any patient who desires to have one, and who will sufficiently attend to it.

BATHING.—The water for some time past has been changed after every third person's bathing; and the Committee have directed the Medical Superintendents carefully to exclude any persons from the Wards during the time in which Bathing is going on; they have also directed that a sufficient supply of movable screens shall be provided for each side of the Asylum, in order that the Patients after bathing may be separated from the others while dressing.

BATH-ROOM IN 19 WARD USED AS A SCULLERY.—
The large number of Patients in this Ward renders a second Ward Scullery a necessity. The Bath-room is not used as such when it is required for other purposes; and without sacrificing a dormitory, its use in this manner cannot be dispensed with.

The Committee believe that they have now remarked on all the observations and suggestions made by the Visiting Commissioners, and they trust that the information afforded in this Reply may prove satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

JOHN S. SKAIFE, *Clerk to the Visitors.*

The Honble. W. C. Spring Rice,

Secretary to the Commissioners in Lunacy.

III.

COPY OF LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF
VISITORS OF THE COLNEY HATCH ASYLUM.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

19, *Whitehall Place,*

14th *November,* 1864.

SIR,

THE Commissioners have carefully considered the communication addressed to them on the 20th ultimo, by the Committee of Visitors of the Colney Hatch Asylum, and desire in reply to express to the Committee their regret, that while the object desired equally by themselves and the Visitors is the welfare of the Patients in the Asylum, such grave difference should continue to exist upon the best way of promoting it.

The Committee appear to think that this difference arises from a necessity on their part, which does not exist on that of the Commissioners, to consider the cost of complying with recommendations for improvements, before proposing to give effect to them, and, repeating an argument which has been used and answered on many

former occasions, they state that "they do not feel themselves at liberty to incur any large expenditure for objects of doubtful benefit, or for the purpose of procuring luxuries for a class of persons who have never been accustomed to them, and who do not therefore feel their absence."

The Commissioners, it is needless to say, cannot now concur in a mode of reasoning which they have taken every former opportunity to condemn as opposed to all their experience. They hold that true economy in these matters consists only in such treatment of the insane as will be likeliest to promote amendment or cure. They believe that in this, an important element must always be to extend to the worst class of cases the same kind of comforts which the Committee admit the propriety of supplying in other cases, by placing them in cheerful rooms, and surrounding them with objects calculated to wean them from, rather than to confirm them in, evil habits; and they consider that any other plan, however economical it may for the time appear to be, can only ultimately tend to convert what should be a curative establishment for the insane of every class, into a nursing place for the most hopeless forms of insanity.

On the present occasion, however, the Commissioners have no desire to revive or insist upon these matters of dispute. While they regret that the Committee have rejected many suggestions of the last Visiting Commissioners which appear to them of the highest importance, they observe with satisfaction what is said in your letter of the 20th ultimo, of the intention of the Committee to reconsider

the subject of out-door labour, with a view to employment therein of a larger number of the Patients, of the proposed supply of more settees in the worst Wards, of the works in progress for improving the ventilation in various parts of the Asylum, of the intended provision of more tables and benches for Wards 11 and 14, of the designed, though very limited experiment for giving greater light to some of the day rooms, of the better bathing arrangements, and of the allotment of additional pieces of garden ground for cultivation by Patients.

The Commissioners entertain no doubt of the benefit that will result to the inmates of the Asylum from the steps thus taken by the Visitors; and they indulge strongly the hope that every advantage so obtained will operate as a strong inducement to increased efforts in the same wise and humane direction.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. C. SPRING RICE, *Secretary.*

J. S. Skaike, Esq.,

Clerk to the Visitors of Colney Hatch Asylum.

APPENDIX B.

Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch.

Contract Prices of the Principal Articles of Consumption in each Half-year, and Maintenance Rates, and Corresponding Prices in Five previous Years.

ARTICLES.	To 30th June, 1859.		To 31st December, 1859.		To 30th June, 1860.		To 31st December, 1860.		To 30th June, 1861.		To 31st December, 1861.		To 30th June, 1862.		To 31st December, 1862.		To 30th June, 1863.		To 31st December, 1863.		To 30th June, 1864.		To 31st December, 1864.		To 30th June, 1865.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.				
Ox Beef ... } at per stone	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7		
Mutton ... } at per stone	1	9	0	1	16	0	1	16	0	2	5	6	2	2	9	1	16	9	1	15	0	1	13	0	1	13	0	1	13	
Flour .....at per sack	3	4	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	7	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	2	17	6	2	17	6	2	17	
Malt .....at per qr.	2	17	0	2	19	0	3	3	0	3	15	0	2	16	0	3	0	0	2	16	0	2	18	6	2	18	6	2	18	
Cheese .....at per cwt.	4	0	0	4	3	0	4	15	0	4	2	0	4	6	0	4	5	0	4	12	0	4	15	6	4	9	0	4	16	
Butter	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	19	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	19	0	1	17	0	2	4	0	2	4	0	2	4	
Sugar, raw ...	2	14	0	2	14	0	2	14	0	2	16	0	2	12	6	2	12	6	2	12	0	2	14	0	2	14	0	2	14	
Sugar, refined "	0	18	0	0	17	6	0	17	4	0	17	0	0	18	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	
Silkstone } at per ton	0	18	0	0	17	6	0	17	4	0	17	0	0	18	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	
Coals }	0	18	0	0	17	6	0	17	4	0	17	0	0	18	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	
Weekly Maintenance } Rate per Patient ... }	9	11	10	6	10	2½	9	11	10	2½	9	11	10	2½	10	2½	9	11	10	2½	9	11	10	2½	9	11	10	2½	9	11

JOHN S. SKAIFE,

Clerk to the Visitors.

Statement of Lunatics and Idiots chargeable to the County, and Parishes and Unions in the County, in each Year from 1851.

PARISH OR UNION.	GROSS NUMBERS IN THE YEARS													
	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Barnet Union (part of)	10	13	16	10	11	17	16	15	17	20	18	15	21	23
Brentford	49	52	51	54	54	61	62	68	67	69	75	80	85	90
East London (part of)	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	4	3	4	3
Edmonton (ditto)	38	38	35	42	48	42	46	51	55	88	92	102	112	113
Fulham	18	24	31	45	56	53	61	69	76	79	89	85	99	93
Hackney	64	69	76	84	90	95	105	111	117	124	114	128	136	142
Hendon	20	20	21	23	24	25	25	26	24	29	26	29	32	32
Holborn	62	63	72	82	87	70	70	70	66	74	71	74	87	86
Kingston (part of)	9	8	9	11	3	2	3	8	4	6	6	9	6	13
Poplar	53	59	55	55	64	66	85	86	95	97	121	113	109	127
Staines	8	12	14	18	20	20	19	21	23	24	31	26	32	34
Stepney	183	184	172	210	246	224	140	166	168	177	182	187	181	175
Strand	80	90	99	107	102	101	106	116	100	114	120	125	126	137
Uxbridge	22	26	26	26	25	19	23	31	30	28	31	47	42	44
Whitechapel	120	137	145	136	145	145	167	168	180	184	182	198	176	203
Parish of Hampstead	23	24	29	31	34	31	28	31	29	29	32	37	33	30
" Kensington	54	57	61	64	70	74	56	76	88	82	101	91	89	112
" *Mile End Old Town	—	—	—	—	—	—	99	104	97	115	123	25	135	137
" Paddington	27	23	39	45	49	54	66	64	60	62	72	72	79	85
" St. George in the East	56	71	96	85	93	78	88	100	97	102	108	125	128	122
" St. George, Hanover Square	92	93	92	97	96	109	104	103	104	109	111	111	122	115
" St. Giles and Bloomsbury	52	61	68	64	74	138	72	71	74	76	76	71	80	73
" Clerkenwell	63	69	94	89	111	113	112	120	127	118	140	137	148	152
" St. James, Westminster	62	65	81	77	81	81	88	82	98	96	101	99	107	107
" Shoreditch	156	182	183	191	205	212	225	210	222	252	242	267	272	283
" St. Luke	70	83	82	94	94	95	93	112	120	126	122	127	133	134
" St. Luke, Chelsea	64	80	81	97	112	115	125	120	120	132	134	132	140	146
" St. Martin in the Fields	88	88	98	111	90	84	78	73	68	72	73	76	73	65
" St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster	78	91	107	117	127	131	125	134	126	131	135	135	141	133
" St. Marybone	230	217	209	298	305	282	319	330	341	350	434	361	364	360
" St. Mary, Islington	65	69	77	87	119	111	126	143	133	152	152	170	176	194
" Bethnal Green	78	100	105	100	121	137	118	133	115	133	161	146	174	180
" St. Pancras	237	261	265	262	300	305	313	347	385	451	469	521	570	569
" County of Middlesex	231	214	270	286	291	300	321	337	336	342	385	401	438	436
TOTAL	2,46	2,646	2,857	3,101	3,350	3,391	3,490	3,699	3,765	4,048	4,333	4,425	4,650	4,748

* Previously included in Stepney Union.

Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch.

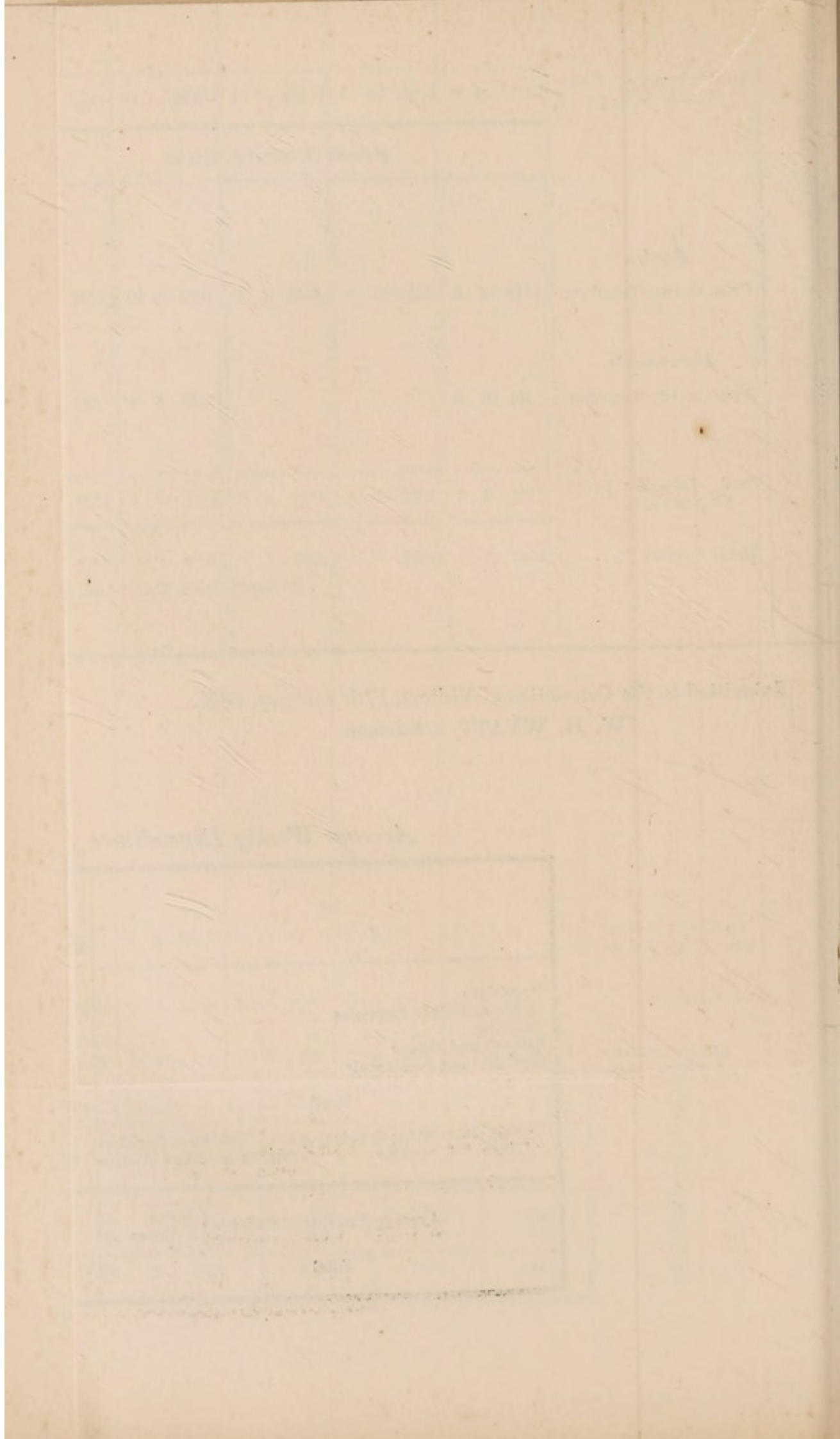
Balance Sheet for the Year ending 31st December, 1864.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1864. Dec. 31 To Amount due to Sundry Tradesmen on account of Maintenance, &c., of Patients	9,119	7	10			
" To Amount due to sundry Tradesmen on account of Repairs, &c., of the Asylum	414	3	2			
" Surplus				10,752	11	1
				419	1	4
				1,527	17	8
				12,699	10	1
1864. Dec. 31 By Balance of Cash this day (see Current Account), viz.—				2,231	5	5
Cash				87	12	11
Petty Cash						
				2,318	18	4
" By Amount due for Maintenance, &c., of Patients from Parishes in the County of Middlesex ...						
" By ditto other Counties						
" By ditto County Treasurer						
" By Amount due from County Treasurer for ordinary Repairs of the Asylum ...				1,031	12	10
" By ditto for Improvements				240	6	3
				£16,290	7	6

Submitted to the Committee of Visitors, 17th Jan., 1865.
W. H. WYATT, *Chairman*.

Examined by the Committee of Accounts,
17th Jan., 1865.

J. J. TANNER, *Chairman*.
J. J. MILES.
E. SHEPHERD.
PH. TWELLS.



Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch, VICTORIA FUND.

General Statement of the Accounts of the Charity from its establishment, 17th July, 1851, to 31st December, 1864.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1863.							
Dec. 31.	To amount of Donations, &c., from the establishment of the Fund to this date	232	10	6	By Relief afforded to sundry Patients from the establishment of the Fund to this date	1,967	3 8
	To amount received from the Hanwell "Queen Adelaide Fund" to this date	2,200	0	0	By amount deposited at the Union Bank to this date	550	0 0
	To amount of Fines for neglect of duty	18	7	4	By sundry payments for Printing, Law, and other expenses	7	0 10
	To amount received by sale of small articles at Patients' Entertainment	24	4	6	By purchase of £450 New Three per Cent. Annuities	420	3 9
	To amount received from the Chaplain, collected at the Offertory	23	0	2			
	To amount of Interest upon Deposits at the Union Bank	55	14	7			
	To amount received from Union Bank in repayment of part of the sum deposited	450	0	0			
	To amount received, Dividends on £450 New Three per Cent. Annuities	47	5	0			
1864.							
Dec. 31.	To amount received from the Hanwell "Queen Adelaide Fund," one year	200	0	0	By relief afforded to sundry Patients from 1st Jan. to this date	151	15 3
	To amount of Donations from 1st Jan. to this date	0	0	0	By amount deposited at the Union Bank	100	0 0
	To amount of Fines for neglect of duty	4	6	3	Balance	78	16 0
	To amount received for one year's Dividend on £450 New Three per Cent. Annuities	13	10	0			
	To amount received for one year's Interest upon Deposits at the Union Bank	4	15	5			
	To amount received from the Chaplain, collected at the Offertory	1	5	9			
		£3,274	19	6		£3,274	19 6

Audited 3rd January, 1865.

J. J. TANNER.
E. SHEPHERD.

Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch.

THE ESTABLISHMENT—31st December, 1864.

OFFICERS.

Resident Medical Superintendents—	Per Ann.			Per Ann.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
(a) Mr. W. G. Marshall, Female Department ...	600	0	0	(b) Mr. S. Haden, Assistant Storekeeper ...	100	0	0
(a) Dr. E. Sheppard, Male ditto ...	500	0	0	(c) Mr. W. C. Arlott, Steward's Clerk (e) ...	60	0	0
(d) The Rev. W. Bullock, Chaplain ...	200	0	0	(a) Mr. W. Wood, Clerk of the Works ...	160	0	0
(c) Mr. T. H. Chany, Clerk of the Asylum (e) ...	350	0	0	(b) Mr. G. Pigrome, Superintendent's Clerk and Organist ...	52	0	0
(c) Mr. J. S. Skaife, Clerk to Committee of Visitors ...	210	0	0	Mr. T. J. Ford, Inspector ...	64	0	0
(a) Mr. G. H. Hendersen, Steward ...	450	0	0	Mr. J. Aggas, ditto ...	54	0	0
Dr. J. Adam, Assistant Medical Officer, Female Department ...	150	0	0	(a) Miss S. F. Culling, Matron ...	200	0	0
Dr. T. R. Pearson, ditto, Male Department ...	150	0	0	(a) Miss S. Builder, Matron ...	200	0	0
Mr. R. G. Rose, Dispenser ...	100	0	0	Miss E. Hemmings, Head Attendant ...	40	0	0
(c) Mr. R. Quilton, Assistant Clerk (e) ...	100	0	0	Mrs. A. J. Bate, Work Mistress ...	40	0	0
(c) Mr. R. T. Eade, Assistant Clerk (e) ...	65	0	0	Mrs. E. Welham, Superintendent of Laundry ...	75	0	0
					<u>£3,920</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

SERVANTS—MALE.

				£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
3 Head Attendants ...	at	42	0	0	per annum	...	126	0	0	
1 " ...	"	41	0	0	"	...	41	0	0	
2 " ...	"	40	0	0	"	...	80	0	0	
1 Attendant ...	"	42	0	0	"	...	42	0	0	
3 " ...	"	40	0	0	"	...	120	0	0	
1 " ...	"	39	0	0	"	...	39	0	0	
2 " ...	"	36	0	0	"	...	72	0	0	
5 " ...	"	35	0	0	"	...	175	0	0	
2 " ...	"	34	0	0	"	...	68	0	0	
3 " ...	"	33	0	0	"	...	99	0	0	
2 " ...	"	32	0	0	"	...	64	0	0	
1 " ...	"	31	0	0	"	...	31	0	0	
1 " ...	"	29	0	0	"	...	29	0	0	
2 " ...	"	28	0	0	"	...	56	0	0	
6 " ...	"	27	0	0	"	...	162	0	0	
8 " ...	"	26	0	0	"	...	208	0	0	
26 " ...	"	25	0	0	"	...	650	0	0	
1 House Porter ...	"	33	0	0	"	...	33	0	0	
1 Assistant ditto ...	"	20	0	0	"	...	20	0	0	
1 Messman ...	"	31	0	0	"	...	31	0	0	
1 Laundry Attendant ...	"	30	0	0	"	...	30	0	0	
(c) 3 Attendants (Garden) ...	"	1	1	0	per week	...	163	16	0	
(f) 2 Gate Porters ...	{ 1 " 1 " }	1	4	0	"	...	114	8	0	
		1	0	0						
					Carried forward		£2,454	4	0	

(a) Lodged, and allowed Coals, Gas, Butter, Milk, and Vegetables. The Matrons, washing.

(b) Boarded only.

(c) Neither Boarded nor Lodged.

(d) With House and Garden.

(e) Dinner allowed daily.

(f) Lodged and allowed Coals, Gas, Milk, Vegetables, and Beer.

All the others have Board, Lodging, and Washing.

THE ESTABLISHMENT—continued.

		£ s. d.						£ s. d.			
					Brought forward	2,454	4	0			
(b) 2 Porters (Store room)	{ 1 at	1	2	0	} per Week	...	...	...	109	4	0
	{ 1 at	1	0	0							
(b) 1 Labourer	... at	0	15	0	"	...	...	...	39	0	0
(b) 1 Butcher	... at	0	17	0	"	...	...	...	44	4	0
(b) 1 Cook	... at	1	5	0	"	...	...	...	65	0	0
(b) 1 Assistant ditto	... at	0	10	0	"	...	...	...	26	0	0
(b) 1 Baker	... at	1	10	0	}	"	...	...	109	4	0
(b) 1 Assistant ditto	... at	0	12	0							
(c) 1 Brewer	... at	1	10	0	}	"	...	...	122	4	0
(c) 1 ditto Labourer	... at	0	17	0							
(c) 6 Tailors	{ 1 at	1	5	0	}	"	...	...	283	8	0
	{ 4 at	0	18	0							
	{ 1 at	0	12	0							
(c) 5 Shoemakers	{ 1 at	1	5	0	}	"	...	...	252	4	0
	{ 4 at	0	18	0							
(c) 1 Upholsterer	... at	1	7	0	}	"	...	...	117	0	0
(c) 1 Assistant ditto	... at	0	18	0							
(e) 1 Laundry Stoker	... at	1	0	0	}	"	...	...	52	0	0
(c) 6 Coal Carriers	{ 1 at	0	18	0							
	{ 5 at	0	15	0	}	"	...	...	241	16	0
(c) 2 Coal Carters	{ 1 at	0	15	0							
	{ 1 at	0	12	0	}	"	...	...	70	4	0
(c) 5 Gasmen	{ 1 at	2	2	0							
	{ 1 at	1	4	6	}	"	...	...	332	3	0
	{ 3 at	1	0	5							
(c) 5 Stokers	{ 2 at	1	2	0	}	"	...	...	254	16	0
	{ 3 at	0	18	0							
(c) 3 Labourers in Engine House	{ 1 at	0	18	0	}	"	...	...	101	8	0
	{ 1 at	0	9	0							
	{ 1 at	0	12	0							
(c) 1 Labourer, Airing Courts	... at	0	12	0	}	"	...	...	31	4	0
(c) 1 Labourer (Cleaning Vegetables)	... at	0	18	0							
(d) 1 Cowman	... at	1	5	0	}	"	...	...	65	0	0
(c) 1 Assistant ditto	... at	0	14	0							
(c) 1 Pigman	... at	0	14	0	}	"	...	...	36	8	0
(c) 1 Farm Labourer	... at	0	15	0							
(c) 1 Head Gardener	... at	1	5	0	}	"	...	...	65	0	0
(c) 3 Garden Labourers	... at	0	15	0							
(c) 2 Gardeners — Front Grounds	... at	0	15	0	}	"	...	...	117	0	0
	... at	0	15	0							
(c) 2 Carters	{ 1 at	0	18	0	}	"	...	...	85	16	0
	{ 1 at	0	15	0							
(c) 1 Gravedigger, &c.	... at	0	15	0	}	"	39	0	0
(c) 1 Boy employed on Farm	... at	0	6	0							
									£5,329	3	0

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SERVANTS—FEMALE.

		£ s. d.						£ s. d.				
2 Head Attendants	... at	31	0	0	per annum	62	0	0	
2 Ditto	... at	30	0	0	"	60	0	0	
4 Attendants	... at	29	0	0	"	...	...	...	116	0	0
									Carried forward	£238	0	0

(b) Boarded only.

(d) House, Coals, and Milk.

(c) Neither Boarded nor Lodged.

(e) Dinner allowed daily.

The others have Board, Lodging, and Washing.

THE ESTABLISHMENT—*continued.*

				£ s. d.			Brought forward ...			£ s. d.				
1	Attendant	...	...	at	26	0	0	per annum	...	...	...	238	0	0
3	"	...	...	at	25	0	0	"	...	...	...	75	0	0
5	"	...	...	at	24	0	0	"	...	...	...	120	0	0
5	"	...	...	at	23	0	0	"	...	...	...	115	0	0
5	"	...	...	at	22	0	0	"	...	...	...	110	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	21	0	0	"	...	...	...	21	0	0
3	"	...	...	at	20	0	0	"	...	...	...	60	0	0
2	"	...	...	at	19	0	0	"	...	...	...	38	0	0
5	"	...	...	at	18	0	0	"	...	...	...	90	0	0
11	"	...	...	at	17	0	0	"	...	...	...	187	0	0
9	"	...	...	at	16	0	0	"	...	...	...	144	0	0
35	"	...	...	at	15	0	0	"	...	...	...	525	0	0
1	Messwoman	...	...	at	27	0	0	"	...	...	...	27	0	0
1	Assistant ditto...	...	...	at	12	0	0	"	...	...	...	12	0	0
2	Kitchen Maids	...	...	at	16	0	0	"	...	...	...	32	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	15	0	0	"	...	...	...	15	0	0
2	Head Laundry Maids	...	...	at	22	0	0	"	...	...	...	44	0	0
1	Laundry Ward Attendant	...	...	at	24	0	0	"	...	...	...	24	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	20	0	0	"	...	...	...	20	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	17	0	0	"	...	...	...	17	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	16	0	0	"	...	...	...	16	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	15	0	0	"	...	...	...	15	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	14	0	0	"	...	...	...	14	0	0
3	Laundry Maids	...	...	at	21	0	0	"	...	...	...	63	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	18	0	0	"	...	...	...	18	0	0
2	"	...	...	at	17	0	0	"	...	...	...	34	0	0
3	"	...	...	at	16	0	0	"	...	...	...	48	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	15	0	0	"	...	...	...	15	0	0
2	"	...	...	at	14	0	0	"	...	...	...	28	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	13	0	0	"	...	...	...	13	0	0
3	"	...	...	at	12	0	0	"	...	...	...	36	0	0
1	"	...	...	at	10	0	0	"	...	...	...	10	0	0
123	Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,250	0	0
139	Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,329	3	0
22	Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,920	0	0
284												£11,499	3	0

The above have Board, Lodging, and Washing.

THOS. H. CHANY,
Clerk of the Asylum.

Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch.

Return of the Number of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths of Patients during the Year ending 31st December, 1864.

	QUARTERS ENDING												YEAR ENDING			
	31st March			30th June.			30th September.			31st December.			31st December.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Remaining in the Asylum } per previous Return	774	1,156	1,930	758	1,155	1,913	786	1,153	1,939	804	1,165	1,969	774	1,156	1,930	
ADMISSIONS ...	42	33	75	65	50	115	59	41	100	40	32	72	206	156	362	
RE-ADMISSIONS ...	7	6	13	5	6	11	5	5	10	7	1	8	24	18	42	
Total ...	823	1,195	2,018	828	1,211	2,039	850	1,199	2,049	851	1,198	2,049	1,004	1,330	2,334	
DISCHARGES AND DEATHS.																
	Cured.	Relieved or not Improved.	Died.													
Males ...	19	6	40													
Females ...	11	7	22													
Total ...	30	13	65													
Males ...	13	4	17													
Females ...	10	24	34													
Total ...	23	28	51													
Males ...	12	9	21													
Females ...	16	8	24													
Total ...	28	17	45													
Males ...	24	4	28													
Females ...	11	5	16													
Total ...	35	9	44													
Males ...	68	23	91													
Females ...	48	44	92													
Total ...	116	67	183													
REMAINING in the Asylum ...	758	1,155	1,913	786	1,153	1,939	804	1,165	1,969	789	1,161	1,950	789	1,161	1,950	

January, 1865.

THOS. H. CHANY, Clerk of the Asylum.

Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum.

Return of Patients annually admitted into the Asylum, from its opening on the 17th July, 1851, to the 31st Dec., 1864, distinguishing the Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, and those now remaining in the Asylum.

Year ending Dec. 31st.	TOTAL.														
	Admitted.			Discharged.			Died.			Remaining in Asylum 31st December, 1864.					
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Cured.			Relieved or not Improved.			Males.	Females.	TOTAL.			
				Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.						
1851	411	669	1,080	59	80	139	30	105	135	218	282	500	104	202	306
1852	354	270	624	93	56	149	59	69	128	168	92	260	34	53	87
1853	254	138	392	86	29	115	34	30	64	114	51	165	20	28	48
1854	219	111	330	69	31	100	28	17	45	96	40	136	26	23	49
1855	151	59	210	43	15	58	21	10	31	74	22	96	13	12	25
1856	137	140	277	33	44	77	20	32	52	57	38	95	27	26	53
1857	150	164	314	48	57	105	24	41	65	48	30	78	30	36	66
1858	157	145	302	52	57	109	34	38	72	44	22	66	27	28	55
1859	380	508	888	91	78	169	35	115	150	160	85	245	94	230	324
1860	273	253	526	75	64	139	25	24	49	104	59	163	69	106	175
1861	251	272	523	83	78	161	27	32	59	93	50	143	48	112	160
1862	205	223	428	61	70	131	13	25	38	71	31	102	60	97	157
1863	234	180	414	51	49	100	11	17	28	83	29	112	89	85	174
1864	230	174	404	36	26	62	7	9	16	39	16	55	148	123	271
	3,406	3,306	6,712	880	734	1,614	368	564	932	1,369	847	2,216	789	1,161	1,950

THOS. H. CHANY, Clerk of the Asylum.

IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1864.

	£	s.	d.
Shutters in Male Wards	36	0	0
Building Single Rooms in Male Wards ..	57	0	0
Oak Fence West Side of the Asylum ..	58	10	0
Making and Fixing Ventilation of Wards ..	102	6	3
Converting Rooms in Lower Corridor and making Larder in Kitchen	138	0	0
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	£391	16	3
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W. WOOD,

Clerk of the Works.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE MALE DEPARTMENT.

By the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Male Department, it will be seen that on the 1st of January, 1864, there were 774 Male Patients resident in the Asylum, and 789 on the 31st of December. The largest numerical record since the opening of the building was attained on the 1st of November, when there were 814 Male Inmates.

The Admissions during the past year (less by 4 than in '63) have been 230. The Discharges (greater by 19 than in '63) have been 91; comprising 68 "Recovered;" 20 "Relieved," and 3 "not Improved." The Deaths (greater by 20 than in '63) have been 124. It is not easy to see how the annual number of deaths is likely to diminish while the character of the admissions continues to be what it has been of late, and while many Patients are brought here in the last state of a hopeless disease. The monthly maximum of deaths was reached in January. The quarterly maximum was in the first three months; the quarterly minimum in the two middle quarters, each yielding 25; while the last quarter was 6 below the first, and 9 above the middle quarters.

The entire number under care and treatment has been

1,004, 54 more than in 1863; and the daily average has been 783, against 763 in the same year.

The Recoveries, therefore, have been 29·56 per cent. upon the admissions, and 8·65 per cent. upon the daily average; the former being 6 per cent., and the latter 1 per cent. more than in 1863.

The Deaths have been 53·47 per cent. upon the Admissions, and 15·785 per cent. upon the daily average, both of these, also, being in excess of the preceding year; the one by 9, and the other by 1 per cent.

The number of ascertained Epileptic fits has been 17,675, and the casualties (to which Epilepsy has been the great contributor) have been 583; less by 159 than in the preceding twelve months.

But among these casualties was one of a more serious nature than has occurred in the Asylum for some years, and which it is my duty to mention in detail.

On the 5th of May, a troublesome and mischievous Patient named Daniel Hobbs (the subject of General Paralysis of the Insane), tore down a piece of gas-piping from one of the water-closets, and came out therefrom into the gallery of the Ward, carrying it in his hand. Another Patient named Phillips (equally—indeed, more mischievous and troublesome, and the subject also of the same disease) advanced towards Hobbs, and attempted to seize the gas-piping, whereupon Hobbs struck him on the head, producing fracture of the skull, and extravasation of blood at the base of the brain. The injury took place

about half-past 12 o'clock in the afternoon, and Phillips died about 11 o'clock the same night. The verdict of the Jury exculpated the Officers of the Asylum from all blame.

In addition to the Coroner's Inquest held in the above case, there have been three others. The first, in the case of a Patient who was choked by the impaction of a piece of food in the throat; the second, in the case of an epileptic, who turned upon his face in the night, and was suffocated; and the third, in that of an old man nearly 80 years of age, who slipped down in the Airing Court, sustaining fracture of the neck of the thigh bone, and dying ultimately of senile exhaustion, precipitated by this casualty. In each case the Verdict was satisfactory in completely exculpating the Asylum authorities.

It will be remembered that at the close of my last Report I took occasion to notice the improved character of the Attendants during the preceding year. As a body they have been singularly unstable and untrustworthy during the twelve months which have just elapsed. And yet (as the Committee must well know) it is not for want of care in our selection from the vast number of persons who apply to us. The old Attendants, indeed, have, for the more part deserved our confidence, but the new ones have been far below that standard which we are desirous of attaining. The changes, therefore, in our staff have been frequent, and the anxiety of the Medical Superintendent has been increased by the circumstance of the Patients being entrusted to so many fresh hands. But I am in hopes that we are now more settled, and that we shall be able to retain the services of the generally efficient Attendants now upon our books. No effort is

spared by the Committee to advance the interests of those in their employ ; and the recent establishment of a Provident Society will, I trust, exercise a beneficial influence upon all the Servants of the Asylum. It should be added that the opening of the new Criminal Asylum at Broadmoor has likewise drawn from us two of our best Head-Attendants, besides several ordinary Attendants. They left us, however, with reluctance, and only because of the increased emolument which was offered to them. I am in a position to know (what is very much to the credit of our service) that they would gladly return to us if they had the opportunity. The offices of Head-Attendants have been filled by two new men, who have so far given every evidence of capacity and worth.

There have been many structural improvements in the Asylum during the past year. The ventilation of Wards, Corridors, and Dormitories, has been completed with very beneficial effect. The conversion of part of a large associated Dormitory into single Sleeping Rooms has been a great boon to an Epileptic Ward, and to an Institution most deficient in the latter accommodation. While the Commissioners in Lunacy allude to this conversion as a "questionable expediency," it is my duty to speak of it as a highly satisfactory measure. The nocturnal disturbances in the Wards where this change was made are much less frequent than formerly : and this improved state of things fully justifies an alteration which was effected at the urgent solicitation of the Medical Superintendent. For myself, I have never yet been able to discover that there is any advantage in associating a number of persons (whether insane or otherwise) for sleeping purposes in one room. It is a practice discouraged

in the outer world, as at variance with the most refined notions of civilized life. Of Lunatics themselves nine out of ten prefer sleeping alone. Everything, therefore, is in favour of the desirableness of increasing, as far as possible, the number of our single rooms, of which we have, even now, only 250 against 581 Associated Beds.

The new Hospital for Infectious Diseases is approaching its completion; and while we hope that it may be long before it will be required for the special service for which it has been constructed, we can now contemplate the approach of the most formidable malady with comparative security.

I have pleasure in alluding to the great improvement in the Gas during the last few weeks. While the pressure was formerly most inefficient, and the impurity of the Gas most offensive and dangerous, we have now a steady, white, and equable flame at nearly all the burners, and we are breathing at night an atmosphere unimpregnated with deleterious agencies. There is reason to suppose that there will be much more done than has even been already done for this service during the coming year.

The failure of the Turkish Bath, by reason of the Contractor's Estimate on our Plans and Specifications far exceeding the sum which the Committee felt justified in appropriating to the introduction of this new and powerful agent, has been a great disappointment to me.

The Clerk of the Works is now engaged upon plans of a less elaborate description, and will shortly be in a position to lay them before the Visiting Justices. I trust,

therefore, that before many months have elapsed our Armoury will be supplied with another weapon wherewith to combat that growing disease, to the cure and treatment of which this Asylum is specially devoted.

We have continued to hold Entertainments of a varied character during the winter months, alternating the fortnightly Dances with Lectures, Readings, Concerts, and Comic Recitations. Some kind friends have latterly assisted us in these amusements, which take place in No. 2 Hall, where both sexes are assembled. The Committee have witnessed on more than one occasion the attention and excellent behaviour of the Patients, and the thorough appreciation which they have of the efforts made to divert them from their peculiar cares and sorrows.

The request which I made only a few weeks ago for permission to get up some Theatrical Performances having been kindly granted, we have constructed a Theatre in the large Exercising Hall, which will be opened on the 12th of this month, at the Annual Winter Entertainment. The Patients are looking forward with great satisfaction to this night, both on account of the pleasure with which it is ordinarily invested, and the additional interest which it acquires this year from the promise of Dramatic Representation. Nor are the Actors themselves less interested or less anxious than those for whose amusement they will temporarily relinquish their usual characters.

Dr. T. R. Pearson is performing the duties of Assistant Medical Officer with zeal and assiduity. The Inspectors and Head-Attendants are active and vigilant; and those

who constitute the Staff of the Male Department are working together satisfactorily and harmoniously.

In conclusion, I am desirous of acknowledging the ready support which I receive from the Committee upon all occasions. They have just yielded me a substantial proof of the light in which they regard my services, for which I am grateful. I trust that as long as I have health and strength I may continue instant in fulfilling the obligations of my responsible Office, and that I may ever deserve the good opinion of those with whom I am officially connected.

EDGAR SHEPPARD, M.D.

January 1st, 1865.

TABLE I.

*Form of the Disease in the 230 Male Patients admitted during
the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

MANIA .. .. .	.. .. .	69
——— complicated with General Paralysis	.. .. .	10
————— Epilepsy	.. .. .	7
MELANCHOLIA .. .. .	.. .. .	29
DEMENTIA .. .. .	.. .. .	33
——— complicated with General Paralysis	.. .. .	47
————— Epilepsy	.. .. .	6
IDIOCY and IMBECILITY .. .. .	.. .. .	29
	Total	<u>230</u>

TABLE II.

*Combination of Mental Disturbance with Epilepsy in 20
Epileptic Cases admitted during the Year ending December
31st, 1864.*

EPILEPSY with Mania	7
——— Dementia	4
————— Idiocy and Imbecility	9
	<u>20</u>

TABLE III.

Duration of the Disorder in the 230 Male Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

DURATION.				MALES.
Not exceeding	1 Week	..	..	16
"	2 Weeks	..	..	10
"	3 "	..	..	9
"	1 Month	..	..	11
"	2 Months	..	..	27
"	3 "	..	..	14
"	4 "	..	..	4
"	5 "	..	..	3
"	6 "	..	..	9
"	7 "	..	..	1
"	8 "	..	..	2
"	9 "	..	..	1
"	10 "	..	..	2
"	11 "	..	..	1
"	1 Year ..	..	..	8
"	2 Years	..	..	11
"	3 " ..	..	..	4
"	4 " ..	..	..	1
"	5 " ..	..	..	2
"	6 " ..	..	..	1
"	8 " ..	..	..	3
"	9 " ..	..	..	3
"	10 " ..	..	..	5
"	13 " ..	..	..	2
"	14 " ..	..	..	1
"	16 " ..	..	..	2
"	17 " ..	..	..	1
"	19 " ..	..	..	1
"	21 " ..	..	..	1
"	22 " ..	..	..	1
"	34 " ..	..	..	1
"	46 " ..	..	..	1
Not ascertained ..				71
Total ..				230

TABLE IV.

Causes of the Disorder in the 230 Male Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

MORAL.

Over-Study, &c.	..	..	..	..	6
Grief at Death of Brother	..	..	.		1
„ „ Friend	..	..	..		1
„ Loss of Money	..	..	..		2
Domestic and Business Anxiety	..	..	..		4
Religious Excitement..	..	..	..		2
Jealousy	..	..	..	..	1
Want of Employment..	..	..	..		7
Fright	..	..	..	..	3
„ of Mother during Pregnancy	..	..	..		2
Grief at being sent to Prison	..	..	..		1

PHYSICAL.

Intemperance ..	..	..	..	..	22
Injury to Head	..	..	..	..	7
Masturbation ..	..	..	..	..	8
Epilepsy	..	..	..	..	3
Sensual Excesses	..	..	..	..	3
Hereditary	..	..	..	..	5
Brain Disease ..	..	..	..	..	3
Sunstroke	..	..	..	..	1
Venereal Disease	..	..	.	..	1
Other Bodily Diseases	..	..	..	..	2
Fall in Infancy	..	..	..	..	1
Not ascertained	..	..	..	..	144
Total	..	..	..	..	<u>230</u>

*Station or Occupation of the 230 Male Patients admitted during
the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

Labourers	35	Brought forward ..	154
Clerks	13	Brickmaker	1
Painters	10	Mangler	1
Bootmakers	6	Lithographer	1
Seamen	6	Bandsman	1
Watchmakers	5	Gold Beater	1
Coopers	5	Confectioner	1
Tailors	4	Shirt Cutter	1
Bricklayers	4	Paper Hanger	1
Cab Drivers	4	Glass Cutter	1
Publicans	3	Brass Finisher	1
Carpenters	3	Currier	1
Hawkers	2	Dyer.. .. .	1
Coach Painters	2	Groom	1
French Polishers	2	Grocer's Assistant	1
Engravers	2	Bookbinder	1
Jewellers	2	Mail-cart Driver	1
Warehousemen	2	Surgeon's Assistant.. .. .	1
Gasfitters	2	Brushmaker	1
Weavers	2	Sapper and Miner	1
Smiths	2	Scale Maker.. .. .	1
Cabinet Makers	2	Type Founder	1
Farriers	2	Gold Chain Maker.. .. .	1
Gardeners	2	Tinman	1
Coal Porters.. .. .	2	General Dealer	1
Porters	2	Waiter	1
Shipwrights.. .. .	2	Rag Dealer	1
Trimming Manufacturer	1	Wheelwright's Assistant	1
Clothiers' Assistant.. .. .	1	Discharged Marine.. .. .	1
Ship Carpenter	1	Potman	1
Railway Porter	1	Fibre Dresser	1
Cigar Maker	1	Commission Agent.. .. .	1
Carman	1	Brewer	1
Tutor	1	Musical Instrument String	
Errand Boy.. .. .	1	Maker	1
Soldier	1	Coal Whipper	1
Baker	1	Druggist	1
Blacksmith	1	Wire Maker	1
Son of Printer	1	Pot-boy	1
Bargeman	1	Stonemason.. .. .	1
Asylum Attendant	1	Zinc Worker	1
Coachsmith.. .. .	1	Sail Maker	1
Omnibus Driver	1	Photographer	1
Cheesemonger	1	Tobacco-pipe Maker	1
Web Maker.. .. .	1	Wood Cutter	1
Bedstead Maker	1	Electrician	1
Turner	1	Compositor	1
Fishmonger.. .. .	1	Floor-cloth Painter	1
Draper's Assistant	1	Silver Plater	1
Gold Digger	1	Woolsorter	1
Beggar	1	No occupation	20
Chess Turner	1	Not ascertained	9
Chart Engraver	1		
		Total	230
Carried forward ..	154		

TABLE VI.

Degree of Education of the 234 Male Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

Well Educated	..	..	..	..	9
Can Read and Write	..	..	..	..	110
Can Read	..	..	..	..	2
Uneducated	..	..	..	..	5
Not ascertained	..	..	..	..	104
Total	..	..	..	..	230

TABLE VII.

Proportion of the Married, Single, and Widowed of the 230 Male Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

Married..	..	..	..	..	92
Single	..	..	..	..	119
Widowed	..	..	..	..	13
Not ascertained	..	..	..	..	6
Total	..	..	..	..	230

TABLE VIII.

Religious Persuasion of the 230 Male Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

Church of England	..	..	..	..	144
Protestants	..	..	..	..	42
Church of Rome	..	..	..	..	17
Jews	..	..	..	..	3
Congregationalists	..	..	..	..	3
Independents	..	..	..	..	2
Wesleyan Methodists	..	..	..	..	3
Lutheran	..	..	..	..	1
Moravian	..	..	..	..	1
Not ascertained	..	..	..	..	14
Total	..	..	..	..	230

TABLES IX and X.

Age at the Time of First Attack of Insanity, and of Admission into the Asylum, of the 230 Male Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

Age.	First Attack.	Admission.
From 5 to 10 Years	18	4
„ 10 „ 15 „	11	9
„ 15 „ 20 „	16	16
„ 20 „ 25 „	24	28
„ 25 „ 30 „	23	28
„ 30 „ 35 „	27	36
„ 35 „ 40 „	23	24
„ 40 „ 45 „	22	25
„ 45 „ 50 „	17	23
„ 50 „ 55 „	11	7
„ 55 „ 60 „	7	11
„ 60 „ 65 „	3	8
„ 65 „ 70 „	5	6
„ 70 „ 75 „	1	2
„ 75 „ 80 „	1	1
Not ascertained	22	2
Total	230	230

TABLE XI.

*Causes of the Disorder in the 68 Male Patients Discharged
Recovered during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

MORAL.

Mental Anxiety	..	..	..	..	3
Sensual Excesses	..	..	..	..	3
Overstudy	..	..	..	..	2
Domestic Discord	..	..	..	..	2
Loss of Children	..	..	..	..	1
Religious Excitement	..	..	..	..	1
Grief	..	..	..	..	1
Fright	..	..	..	..	1
Death of Friend	..	..	..	..	1
Ill-treatment	..	..	..	..	1
Love and Overstudy	..	..	..	..	1

PHYSICAL.

Intemperance	..	..	..	..	22
Hereditary	..	..	..	..	4
Masturbation	..	..	..	..	4
Injury of Head	..	..	..	..	3
Sunstroke	..	..	..	..	2
Epilepsy	..	..	..	..	2
Chorea	..	..	..	..	1
Fall	..	..	..	..	1
Not ascertained	..	..	..	..	12
Total	..	..	..	..	68

TABLE XII.

Duration of Disease in the 68 Male Patients Discharged Cured during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

Not exceeding 1 Month	..	..	..	23
" 2 Months	..	..	..	12
" 3 "	..	..	..	6
" 4 "	..	..	..	1
" 5 "	..	..	..	2
" 6 "	..	..	..	5
" 7 "	..	..	..	0
" 8 "	..	..	..	0
" 9 "	..	..	..	0
" 10 "	..	..	..	0
" 11 "	..	..	..	0
" 1 Year	..	..	..	2
" 2 Years	..	..	..	3
Not ascertained	..	..	..	14
				—
Total	..	..	..	68
				—

TABLE XIII.

Age of the 68 Male Patients Discharged Cured during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

From 10 to 15 Years	..	..	..	1
" 15 to 20 "	..	..	..	6
" 20 to 25 "	..	..	..	13
" 25 to 30 "	..	..	..	8
" 30 to 35 "	..	..	..	12
" 35 to 40 "	..	..	..	6
" 40 to 45 "	..	..	..	8
" 45 to 50 "	..	..	..	7
" 50 to 55 "	..	..	..	3
" 55 to 60 "	..	..	..	1
" 60 to 65 "	..	..	..	2
" 65 to 70 "	..	..	..	1
				—
Total	..	..	..	68
				—

TABLE XIV.

*Duration of Treatment of the 68 Male Patients Discharged
Cured during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

Not exceeding 1	Month	..	..	..	1
”	2	Months	..	..	9
”	3	”	..	..	11
”	4	”	..	..	8
”	5	”	..	..	8
”	6	”	..	..	7
”	7	”	..	..	4
”	8	”	..	..	5
”	9	”	..	..	3
”	10	”	..	..	3
”	11	”	..	..	1
”	1	Year	..	..	1
”	2	Years	..	..	4
”	3	”	..	..	1
”	4	”	..	..	1
”	12	”	..	..	1
	Total	..	..	..	68

TABLE XV.

*Form of the Disease in the 124 Male Patients who have Died
during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

Mania	..	..	..	..	16
——— complicated with General Paralysis	..	..	..	..	12
————— Epilepsy	..	..	..	..	4
Melancholia	..	..	..	..	4
——— complicated with General Paralysis	..	..	..	..	3
Dementia	..	..	..	..	14
——— complicated with General Paralysis	..	..	..	..	55
————— Epilepsy	..	..	..	..	9
Idiocy and Imbecility	..	..	..	..	7
Total	..	..	..	..	124

TABLE XVI.

*Duration of the Disease in the 124 Male Patients who have
Died during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

Not exceeding 1 Month	..	..	..	5
” 2 Months	..	..	..	4
” 3 ”	..	..	..	12
” 4 ”	..	..	..	1
” 5 ”	..	..	..	2
” 6 ”	..	..	..	3
” 7 ”	..	..	..	5
” 8 ”	..	..	..	5
” 9 ”	..	..	..	2
” 11 ”	..	..	..	1
” 1 Year	..	..	..	1
” 2 Years	..	..	..	26
” 3 ”	..	..	..	18
” 4 ”	..	..	..	9
” 5 ”	..	..	..	2
” 6 ”	..	..	..	2
” 7 ”	..	..	..	4
” 8 ”	..	..	..	1
” 10 ”	..	..	..	3
” 11 ”	..	..	..	6
” 12 ”	..	..	..	3
” 13 ”	..	..	..	1
” 15 ”	..	..	..	1
” 19 ”	..	..	..	1
” 21 ”	..	..	..	1
” 23 ”	..	..	..	1
” 24 ”	..	..	..	1
” 25 ”	..	..	..	2
” 33 ”	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	<hr/>124 <hr/>

TABLE XVII.

*Ages of the 124 Male Patients who have Died during the Year
ending December 31st, 1864.*

From 10 to 15 Years	..	..	..	3
„ 15 to 20 „	..	..	..	1
„ 20 to 25 „	..	..	..	12
„ 25 to 30 „	..	..	..	11
„ 30 to 35 „	..	..	..	15
„ 35 to 40 „	..	..	..	17
„ 40 to 45 „	..	..	..	18
„ 45 to 50 „	..	..	..	14
„ 50 to 55 „	..	..	..	7
„ 55 to 60 „	..	..	..	8
„ 60 to 65 „	..	..	..	7
„ 65 to 70 „	..	..	..	5
„ 70 to 75 „	..	..	..	3
„ 75 to 80 „	..	..	..	2
„ 80 to 85 „	..	..	..	1
Total	..	..	..	<u>124</u>

TABLE XVIII.

Duration of Treatment of the 124 Male Patients who have Died during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

Not exceeding	1 Week	..	..	..	1
„	2 Weeks	..	..	..	5
„	3 „	..	..	..	4
„	1 Month	..	..	..	4
„	2 Months	..	..	..	8
„	3 „	..	..	..	15
„	4 „	..	..	..	5
„	5 „	..	..	..	2
„	6 „	..	..	..	5
„	7 „	..	..	..	4
„	8 „	..	..	..	3
„	9 „	..	..	..	4
„	10 „	..	..	..	3
„	11 „	..	..	..	1
„	1 Year	..	..	..	4
„	2 Years	..	..	..	20
„	3 „	..	..	..	7
„	4 „	..	..	..	8
„	5 „	..	..	..	2
„	6 „	..	..	..	2
„	7 „	..	..	..	2
„	9 „	..	..	..	1
„	10 „	..	..	..	4
„	11 „	..	..	..	5
„	12 „	..	..	..	2
„	13 „	..	..	..	2
„	14 „	..	..	..	1
	Total	..	..	..	<u>124</u>

TABLE XIX.

Length of Time the 1,369 Male Patients who have Died from the Opening of the Institution to the 31st December, 1864, were under Treatment in the Asylum.

Not exceeding	1 Week	..	..	..	32
„	2 Weeks	..	..	..	42
„	3 „	..	..	..	14
„	1 Month	..	..	..	143
„	2 Months	..	..	..	47
„	3 „	..	..	..	135
„	4 „	..	..	..	34
„	5 „	..	..	..	33
„	6 „	..	..	..	118
„	7 „	..	..	..	16
„	8 „	..	..	..	16
„	9 „	..	..	..	107
„	10 „	..	..	..	16
„	11 „	..	..	..	7
„	1 Year	..	..	..	101
„	2 Years	..	..	..	213
„	3 „	..	..	..	100
„	4 „	..	..	..	66
„	5 „	..	..	..	27
„	6 „	..	..	..	28
„	7 „	..	..	..	17
„	8 „	..	..	..	11
„	9 „	..	..	..	17
„	10 „	..	..	..	10
„	11 „	..	..	..	10
„	12 „	..	..	..	6
„	13 „	..	..	..	2
„	14 „	..	..	..	1
	Total	..	..	..	<u>1,369</u>

TABLE XX.

*Causes of the 124 Deaths of Male Patients in the Year
ending December 31st, 1864.*

General Paralysis and Exhaustion	..	..	..	73
Maniacal Exhaustion	..	..	..	4
Epilepsy	..	..	..	12
Exhaustion	..	..	..	16
Phthisis Pulmonalis	..	..	..	9
Broncho-Pneumonia	..	..	..	2
Senile Exhaustion	..	..	..	2
Erysipelas	..	..	..	1
Fracture of Skull	..	..	..	1
General Dropsy	..	..	..	1
Apoplexy	..	..	..	1
Typhoid Fever	..	..	..	1
Asphyxia	..	..	..	1
				—
Total	..	..	..	124
				—

TABLE XXI.

Form of Disease in the cases of the 788 Male Patients remaining in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1864.

MANIA	69
—— with Epilepsy	51
———— General Paralysis	19
—— Recurrent	107
MELANCHOLIA	48
DEMENTIA	334
—— with Epilepsy	39
———— General Paralysis	49
IDIOCY AND IMBECILITY	49
———— with Epilepsy	23
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Total	788
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TABLE XXII.

Duration of Insanity in the cases of the 788 Male Patients remaining in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1864.

Not exceeding 1	Month	..	..	..	2
..	2	Months	..	..	8
..	3	..	..	..	5
..	4	..	..	..	4
..	5	..	..	..	3
..	6	..	..	..	15
..	7	..	..	..	7
..	8	..	..	..	12
..	9	..	..	..	8
..	10	..	..	..	11
..	11	..	..	..	13
..	1	Year	..	..	18
..	2	Years	..	..	15
..	3	..	..	..	49
..	4	..	..	..	56
..	5	..	..	..	59
..	6	..	..	..	54
..	7	..	..	..	23
..	8	..	..	..	19
..	9	..	..	..	26
..	10	..	..	..	15
..	11	..	..	..	13
..	12	..	..	..	9
..	13	..	..	..	8
..	14	..	..	..	12
..	15	..	..	..	14
..	16	..	..	..	7
..	17	..	..	..	3
..	18	..	..	..	4

Carried forward 492

		Brought forward ..	..	492
Not exceeding 19	Years	..	..	2
"	20	"	..	1
"	21	"	..	2
"	23	"	..	4
"	24	"	..	3
"	25	"	..	1
"	27	"	..	2
"	28	"	..	3
"	29	"	..	1
"	30	"	..	1
"	31	"	..	2
"	33	"	..	3
"	35	"	..	2
"	38	"	..	1
"	40	"	..	2
"	41	"	..	1
"	42	"	..	2
"	44	"	..	2
"	45	"	..	1
"	47	"	..	1
"	49	"	..	1
"	53	"	..	1
"	58	"	..	1
"	60	"	..	1
Not ascertained		..	..	255
	Total	..	..	<u>788</u>

TABLE XXIII.

*Ages of the 788 Male Patients remaining in the Asylum on
the 31st December, 1864.*

From 5 to 10 Years	4
„ 10 to 15 „	20
„ 15 to 20 „	31
„ 20 to 25 „	30
„ 25 to 30 „	113
„ 30 to 35 „	125
„ 35 to 40 „	117
„ 40 to 45 „	108
„ 45 to 50 „	89
„ 50 to 55 „	31
„ 55 to 60 „	31
„ 60 to 65 „	20
„ 65 to 70 „	24
„ 70 to 75 „	8
„ 75 to 80 „	9
„ 80 to 85 „	6
Not ascertained	20
Total	<u>788</u>

TABLE XXIV.

Length of time that the 788 Male Patients, remaining in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1864, have been in the Asylum.

Not exceeding 1 Month	..	..	..	22
„ 2 Months	..	..	..	22
„ 3 „	..	..	..	21
„ 4 „	..	..	..	27
„ 5 „	..	..	..	12
„ 6 „	..	..	..	15
„ 7 „	..	..	..	24
„ 8 „	..	..	..	21
„ 9 „	..	..	..	14
„ 10 „	13
„ 11 „	12
„ 1 Year	10
„ 2 Years	90
„ 3 „	87
„ 4 „	83
„ 5 „	67
„ 6 „	40
„ 7 „	34
„ 8 „	31
„ 9 „	30
„ 10 „	40
„ 11 „	39
„ 12 „	32
„ 13 „	92
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Total	<u>788</u>

MEDICAL REPORT OF THE FEMALE
DEPARTMENT.

TO THE VISITING JUSTICES OF THE COLNEY
HATCH LUNATIC ASYLUM, MIDDLESEX.

31st December, 1864.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

The return of the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths of the Female Patients in the past year, of this Establishment, with the usual statistical tables, I most respectfully submit for your perusal.

There remained on the books, of Female Patients, on				
January 1st, 1864	..	..	..	1,156
Admitted during the year	..	..	..	174

Total under care and treatment during				
the year	..	..	..	1,330

Of these there have been discharged—

Recovered	48
Relieved	34
Not Improved	10
Died	77

Total Discharged and Died	..	169
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Remaining on the Books December 31st, 1864
 including two Patients out on Trial .. 1161

The daily average number is 1,162. The highest number has been 1,181; the lowest 1,150 during the year.

Of the 174 admissions there have been—

Discharged Recovered	26
„ Relieved	6
„ Not Improved	3
Died	16
Remaining on the Books	123

the larger portion of these being of a chronic and of an incurable character, from the mental disease being accompanied by Epilepsy and Paralysis, considerably diminishes the number of cases deemed curable now remaining in the Asylum. The number of Patients returned to the Commissioners in Lunacy deemed curable out of 1,161 was 38 on the 31st of this month.

Twenty cases suffered from Epilepsy on admission; nearly 80 are of a chronic and recurrent character, associated with Imbecility and Dementia. The bodily condition of the Patients generally on admission has not been of so exhausted and neglected a character as in some former years, with one or two exceptions—one suffered from Dropsy, who died on the following day; another case was admitted suffering from Epilepsy and was generally paralyzed in the last month of pregnancy. She was safely delivered of a male child about a month after her admission, but died on the fifth day from exhaustion;

the child was removed by the relatives. There have been 19 Patients re-admitted during the year, whilst 34 were previously inmates of other Asylums. In an Asylum with so large a number of chronic cases the discharges of those cured must necessarily diminish yearly; however, the recoveries of this year have their usual proportion to those in former years, whilst the number of those discharged as relieved, viz., 34 against 29 for 1863, is rather greater; 18 of these were removed to their several workhouses, and, with two exceptions, have been retained; these two Patients on their re-admission expressed themselves dissatisfied with the restrictions imposed upon them by the authorities, and were glad to return to the Asylum. Twenty-one Patients have been transferred to other Asylums in consequence of their settlement being in parishes out of the county.

Most of the Patients discharged had generally a few weeks' probation with their relatives or friends prior to their names being taken off the books of the Asylum; and the usual allowance kindly granted by the Committee has frequently been the only means of their being able to regain their former places of occupation. Five Patients were obliged to be retained after a few weeks' absence, their mental condition not being sufficiently re-established—two evinced a strong suicidal tendency, and one had attempted to poison herself by swallowing oxalic acid, which she had clandestinely purchased a week after her leaving the Asylum. She was very weak and exhausted from the effects of the poison, but gradually recovered, and is again usefully employed at her needlework.

The causes of the 77 Deaths can be arranged under the following 13 heads, viz. :—

Apoplexy	..	..	..	..	..	3
Asphyxia	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	10
Cancer	..	..	..	..	..	2
Exhaustion from Mania		..	..	..	..	2
" " Melancholia		..	..	..	..	3
Epilepsy	..	..	..	..	..	3
General Paralysis	..	..	..	..	..	9
Hydrothorax	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paralysis	..	..	..	..	..	19
Phthisis Pulmonalis	..	..	..	..	..	17
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	5
Strumous Abscesses on Thigh, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	1
						—
				Total	..	77

Thus it appears that Pulmonary Consumption and Paralysis, with Bronchitis, have been the principal causes of the mortality. It was necessary to have an inquest upon one Patient, who died from choking at the breakfast table, when the following verdict was returned:—
 “Suffocation from Paralysis of the muscles of the Throat whilst the fauces were full of food.” She was an aged and demented paralytic person, who had crammed her mouth full of sopped bread with cocoa, which she was unable to swallow.

Many of the Deaths have occurred amongst Patients who have been inmates of the Asylum for several years, some of whom had been in confinement for upwards of 20 years. The rate of mortality in so large a community of the insane is low, averaging rather more than 6 per cent.; and the average age at death 50 years—19 of the cases were upwards of 65 years of age.

It is with feelings of gratification that I have not to report any fatal casualty or suicide during the past year, and this freedom from so serious an event arises chiefly from the vigilance and attention of the Nurses, who are constantly associated with the Patients, and whose exertions in the discharge of their various duties have always been praiseworthy, and in one instance, in which the Nurse evinced much presence of mind in saving a Patient from being choked, the Committee rewarded her for her promptness and dexterity.

Two Patients unfortunately fractured their thighs from falling down accidentally: one fractured the small bone of her left leg from falling down one of the slopes in an Airing Ground; another fractured her left shoulder from falling down accidentally in the Ward; another fractured the left ulna by accidentally slipping whilst walking on the wet floor and falling against a table; two also had dislocation of the right shoulder. These casualties were carefully investigated by the Committee, who exonerated all parties from blame.

Although the bodily health of the Patients is generally impaired by Debility, there has not been any fatal epidemic amongst them this year; nevertheless many cases of Erysipelas of the head and face and other parts of the body, occurred in the months of February and April; also cases of Bronchitis and Sore Throats, which readily yielded to treatment. The average weekly number of Patients under Medical treatment has been 139; and the daily number confined to their beds, from various causes, upwards of 54. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to commit suicide—one by swallowing a quantity of compound camphor liniment, which produced a consider-

able amount of blistering of the mouth and fauces but no injurious effects.

I beg to remark upon the improved and varied diet, which has been given to the Patients in a greater change of vegetables, consisting of greens, lettuces, and onions, &c., having been freely distributed to every Ward,—during the summer season also, fruits, such as grapes, currants, and strawberries were frequently given to the sick and infirm; also apples and pears from the garden have been distributed to every Patient. Greater amount of comfort has also been given to many of the Wards by increased furniture, pictures, &c., and by painting a portion of the walls; also by fixing gas-lights in the associated dormitories of the Infirmary Ward, which has been decorated with flowers during the summer season. The increased number of Books has also contributed to allay the excitement which was generally more apparent on Sundays, when the Patients could not be so fully occupied. The extended walks in the field on the west side of the building, are much appreciated by many of the Patients, who were formerly confined to the Airing Grounds,—on the south side. The gardens allotted to the Patients continue to interest them, and their small produce of flowers, fruits, and vegetables, are shared amongst those who are not capable of working in them.

The Summer Entertainment this year was more cheerfully spent by the Patients from the liberality of the Committee permitting them to send tickets for the admission of their relatives, who participated in the amusements provided. A greater number of Patients have also visited their relatives at their own homes than in former years; also, walks to the adjoining villages, in

care of Nurses, have been extended to them, and in no instance has this increased recreation been abused. Concerts, by my fellow Officers, have also been given, much to the gratification of the Patients; also, friends in the neighbourhood have kindly volunteered their services in singing to them. Many pleasant evenings have been spent this autumn and winter by Dr. Sheppard resuming his readings to Patients of both sexes. The Male Attendants' Band, also organized by him, has afforded much pleasure in playing for the dancing parties, generally held once a fortnight.

A more efficient supervision has been effected by placing one of the Matrons in the centre part of the Institution; also, an increased number of 25 Beds for accommodation of more patients has by these means been obtained, making room for 1,188 Female Patients, which are distributed thus, viz. :—

In the A Division	523
„ B Division	525
„ Laundry	140
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	Total	..	<u>1,188</u>

In offering my thanks to the Committee for their considerate attention and judgment in aiding me to carry out the organization and management of this large portion of the Asylum, I beg to commend to their notice the zeal and efficiency of those officers by whom I am assisted.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

WILLIAM GURSLAVE MARSHALL.

*Medical Superintendent,
Female Department.*

TABLES OF THE FEMALE PATIENTS FOR
THE YEAR 1864.

TABLE I.

*Form of the Disease in the cases of the 174 Patients admitted
during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

Form of Disease.	Females.
Mania	51
„ Chronic	2
„ Hysterical	1
„ „ Recurrent	2
Puerperal Mania	7
„ „ Recurrent	2
Recurrent Mania	31
Mania a Potu	2
Melancholia	33
„ Recurrent	12
Imbecility	13
„ Senile	6
„ Congenital	2
Idiocy	1
„ Congenital	3
Dementia	6
Total	174

TABLE II.

Combination of Mental Diseases with Epilepsy in Epileptic cases admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

	Females.
With Mania	6
" " Hysterical	1
" " " Recurrent	1
" " Puerperal	1
" " Recurrent	1
" Melancholia	1
" Imbecility	5
" " Congenital	2
" Dementia	2
Total	20

TABLE III

Duration of the Disorder in the 174 cases admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

	Females.
Not exceeding 1 Month	93
" 2 Months	23
" 3 " 	9
" 4 " 	1
" 5 " 	3
" 6 " 	6
" 7 " 	4
" 8 " 	4
" 9 " 	3
" 10 " 	1
" 1 Year	1
" 2 Years	5
" 5 " 	2
" 6 " 	1
" 7 " 	1
" 8 " 	1
" 23 " 	1
Several Years	2
From Birth	8
Not ascertained	5
Total	174

TABLE V.

Stations or Occupations of the 174 Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

FEMALES.

Artificial Flower-maker ..	1	Brought forward ..	109
Bonnet-maker.. ..	1	Wife of a Carpenter ..	1
Bristle-picker	1	„ Cheesemonger ..	1
Charwomen	8	„ China and Glass	1
Crossing Sweeper	1	Dealer	1
Daughter of Charwoman ..	1	* „ Coachman	1
„ Farm Bailiff	1	„ Compositor	1
„ Fishmonger	1	„ Cowman	1
Domestic Servants	26	„ Drover	1
Dressmakers	6	„ Engine Fireman ..	1
Fruitsellers	2	„ Engineer's Labourer	1
Glass-blower and Florist ..	1	„ Fishmonger's Assis-	
Governesses	2	tant	1
Hawkers	2	„ French Polishers ..	2
Housekeeper	1	„ Gate-keepers at Ken-	
Laundresses	6	sal-green Cemetery ..	2
Lodging-house Keepers ..	2	„ Hatter	1
Mangler	1	„ Labourers	8
Needlewomen	12	„ Messenger	1
Nurse at Fever Hospital ..	1	„ Operative Engraver	1
Prostitute	1	„ Painter	1
Pupil at School	1	„ Pianoforte Manufac-	
Servants	12	turer's Vanman	1
Shoebinder	1	„ Policeman	1
Student	1	„ Porters	2
Tailoresses	2	„ Potman	1
Teacher	1	„ Publican	1
Weavers	2	„ Sail-maker	1
Widow of Bricklayer.. ..	1	„ Sailor	1
„ Jeweller	1	„ Silk-dyer	1
Wives of Bakers	2	„ Sorter in Post Office	1
„ Ballast-getter	1	„ Tailor	1
„ Barman	1	„ Toy-dealer	1
„ Boot-closer	1	„ Wesleyan Mission-	
„ Brewer's Labourer	1	ary	1
„ Butcher	1	„ Wood Turner	1
„ Cabinet Maker	1	No Occupation	22
„ Cabman	1	Unknown	3
Carried forward ..	109	Total	174

TABLE VI.

Degree of Education of the 174 Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

	FEMALES.
Well educated	7
Can read and write ..	112
„ read	35
Uneducated	20
Total	174

TABLE VII.

Proportion of the Married, Single, and Widows of the 174 Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

	FEMALES.
Married	65
Single	83
Widows	26
Total	174

TABLE VIII.

Religion of the 174 Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

	FEMALES.
Established Church ..	72
Roman Catholics ..	20
Hebrews	3
Protestants	56
Dissenters	2
Presbyterian	1
Baptists	4
Independents	5
Wesleyans	2
Congregationalist ..	1
Not known	8
Total	174

TABLES IX and X.

Age at the time of the First Attack of Insanity, and of admission into the Asylum of the 174 Female Patients admitted during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

AGE.					First Attack.	Admission.
From Birth to 5 Years	..	..	..	..	1	—
„ 5 to 10	„	..	..	..	1	—
„ 10 to 15	„	..	..	..	3	3
„ 15 to 20	„	..	..	..	15	14
„ 20 to 25	„	..	..	..	12	15
„ 25 to 30	„	..	..	..	25	28
„ 30 to 35	„	..	..	..	22	14
„ 35 to 40	„	..	..	..	22	30
„ 40 to 45	„	..	..	..	12	21
„ 45 to 50	„	..	..	..	6	13
„ 50 to 55	„	..	..	..	13	13
„ 55 to 60	„	..	..	..	4	6
„ 60 to 65	„	..	..	..	10	10
„ 65 to 70	„	..	..	..	—	2
„ 70 to 75	„	..	..	..	1	—
„ 75 to 80	„	..	..	..	3	5
From Birth	..	..	..	..	7	—
Not ascertained	..	..	..	..	17	—
Total					174	174

TABLE XI.

*Causes of the Disorder in the 48 Cases discharged Cured during
the Year ending December 31st, 1864.*

FEMALES.

MORAL.				PHYSICAL.			
Death of Relatives	..	1		Epilepsy, with Fright and Distress of Mind	..	1	
Distress of Mind	..	1		Having an Operation Per- formed	..	1	
Grief and Loss of Employ- ment	..	1		Intemperance	..	3	
Jealousy	..	1		Irregular Menstruation	..	1	
Religion	..	2		Lactation	..	1	
Over Excitement about Removing	..	1		Parturition	..	3	
		—		Suppressed Menstruation	..	1	
		7				—	
		—				11	
		—				—	

Moral 7

Physical.. .. 11

Not ascertained 30

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48

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TABLES XII, XIII, XIV, and XV.

Form of the Disease, Duration of the Disease on Admission, Age and Length of Time under Treatment in the Asylum, in the Cases of the 48 Patients Discharged Cured during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

TABLE XII.

Form of Disease.	Females.
Mania	18
Recurrent Mania ..	13
Puerperal Mania ..	3
Recurrent Puerperal Mania	2
Mania a Potu	1
Melancholia	5
Recurrent Melancholia	4
Imbecility	1
Dementia	1
Total	48

TABLE XIV.

Age.	Females.
From 10 to 15 years ..	1
„ 15 to 20 „ ..	4
„ 20 to 25 „ ..	8
„ 25 to 30 „ ..	10
„ 30 to 35 „ ..	3
„ 35 to 40 „ ..	10
„ 40 to 45 „ ..	7
„ 45 to 50 „ ..	2
„ 50 to 55 „ ..	2
„ 55 to 60 „ ..	1
Total	48

TABLE XIII.

Duration of Disease.	Females.
Not exceeding 1 month	38
„ 3 months	6
„ 6 „	2
„ 4 years	1
Not known	1
Total	48

TABLE XV.

Duration of Treatment.	Females.
Not exceeding 2 months	1
„ 3 „	5
„ 6 „	20
„ 9 „	11
„ 1 year	3
„ 2 years	4
„ 3 „	3
„ 4 „	1
Total	48

TABLES

In continuation of Tables XII, XIII, XIV, and XV, showing the Occupation, Religion, Education, and Social Condition of the 48 Patients discharged Cured during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

OCCUPATION.				
Charwoman...	...	...	...	1
Domestic Servants...	...	...	...	11
Dressmaker	...	...	...	1
Glass Blower and Florist	...	...	...	1
Hawker	...	...	...	1
Housekeeper	...	...	...	1
Ironer	...	...	...	1
Lodging-house Keeper	...	...	...	1
Needlewomen	...	...	...	2
Servants	...	...	...	9
Shoebinders...	...	...	...	2
Tailoress	...	...	...	1
Wife of a Cabman	...	...	...	1
" Carpenter	...	...	...	1
" Chairmaker	...	...	...	1
" Compositor	...	...	...	1
" French Polisher	...	...	...	1
" Gatekeeper at Kensal Green Cemetery	...	...	...	1
" Merchant's Clerk	...	...	...	1
" Operative Engraver	...	...	...	1
" Painter	...	...	...	1
" Porter	...	...	...	1
" Sailmaker	...	...	...	1
" Spectacle Maker	...	...	...	1
" Sugar Baker	...	...	...	1
" Steelplate Printer	...	...	...	1
" Teacher of French	...	...	...	1
No Occupation	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	48

RELIGION.				
Established Church	...	...	...	21
Roman Catholics...	...	...	...	2
Hebrew	...	...	...	1
Protestants	...	...	...	17
Dissenter	...	...	...	1
Lutheran	...	...	...	1
Baptists	...	...	...	2
Independent	...	...	...	1
Not known	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	48

EDUCATION.				
Well educated	...	...	...	1
Read and write	...	...	...	40
Read	...	...	...	6
Uneducated	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	8

SOCIAL CONDITION.				
Married	...	...	...	20
Single	...	...	...	25
Widowed	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	8

TABLES XVI, XVII, XVIII, and XIX.

Similar Tables in the Cases of the 77 Patients who have Died during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

TABLE XVI.

Form of Disease.	Females.
Mania	14
" with Epilepsy ..	2
" Recurrent ..	9
" Chronic ..	6
" Puerperal ..	1
" Hysterical ..	1
" a Potu ..	1
Melancholia	17
Imbecility	6
" with Epilepsy	4
" Senile ..	5
Dementia	10
" with Epilepsy	1
Total	77

TABLE XVII.

Age.	Females.
From 15 to 20 ..	1
" 20 to 25 years ..	4
" 25 to 30 ..	3
" 30 to 35 ..	8
" 35 to 40 ..	7
" 40 to 45 ..	10
" 45 to 50 ..	6
" 50 to 55 ..	7
" 55 to 60 ..	4
" 60 to 65 ..	8
" 65 to 70 ..	5
" 70 to 75 ..	7
" 75 to 80 ..	6
" 80 to 85 ..	1
Total	77

TABLE XVIII.

Duration.	Females.
Not exceeding 1 month	25
" 2 months	6
" 3	6
" 6	4
" 9	1
" 1 year ..	6
" 2 years..	7
" 3	1
" 4	3
" 5	1
" 6	1
" 7	4
" 8	2
" 15	1
" 16	1
" 17	1
Not known	7
Total	77

TABLE XIX.

Time under Treatment.	Females.
Not exceeding 1 week ..	1
" 1 month	4
" 3 months	6
" 6 ..	4
" 9 ..	2
" 1 year ..	6
" 2 years..	4
" 3	8
" 4	3
" 5	13
" 6	2
" 7	2
" 8	2
" 9	2
" 10	3
" 11	2
" 12	1
" 13	10
" 14	2
Total	77

TABLES

In continuation of Tables XVI, XVII, XVIII, and XIX, showing the Occupation, Religion, Education, and Social Condition of the 77 Females who have Died during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

<i>Occupation.</i>				<i>Religion.</i>				
Charwomen	6	Established Church ..	30	Roman Catholics	6	Protestants	26	
Domestic Servants ..	3	Baptists	3	Dissenters	2	Independent	1	
Dressmaker	1	Hebrew	1	Wesleyans	2	Not known	6	
Fruitseller	1							
Governess	1							
Laundresses	3							
Needlewomen	5							
Parasol Coverer	1							
Prostitute	1							
Railway Signal Maker ..	1							
Servants	9							
Shoebinders	2							
Shopkeeper	1							
Silk-warper	1							
Staymaker	1							
Vocalist	1							
Weavers	2							
Wife of Ballast-getter ..	1							
" Carpenters	2							
" Clerk	1							
" Gardeners	2							
" Ironfounder	1							
" Labourers	3							
" Pianoforte Manu- facturer's vanman ..	1							
" Potman	2							
" Soldier	1							
" Tailor	1							
" Warehouseman ..	1							
" Wesleyan Mission- ary	1							
No occupation	7							
Not known	13							
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Total	77							
		<i>Education.</i>						
		Educated	3	Read and Write	43	Read	24	
		Uneducated.. .. .	7	Uneducated.. .. .	7			
		Total	77					
		<i>Social Condition.</i>						
		Married	33	Single	24	Widowed	17	
		Not known	3	Not known	3			
		Total	77					

TABLE XX.

Assigned Causes of the Mental Diseases in the 77 Cases of Deaths during the Year ending December 31st, 1864.

FEMALES.

MORAL.

Anxiety	2
Death of Brother-in-Law	1
" " Daughter	1
" " Mother	1
" " Son	1
Desertion by Husband	1
Disappointment in Property	1
Distress	1
Domestic Afflictions	1
Fright	1
Grief	1
" at having accidentally Poisoned her Daughter	1
Ill-usage by Husband	1
Misconduct of	1
Poverty and Disability to Work	1
Poverty	2
Religion	1
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PHYSICAL.

Climacteric	1
Epilepsy	7
Intemperance	3
Parturition	2
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	13
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Moral	19
Physical	13
Hereditary	3
Not ascertained	42
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TOTAL	77

TABLE XXI.

Length of time that the 851 Patients who have Died from the Opening of the Institution to the 31st December, 1864, had been under Treatment in the Asylum.

Time of Treatment.				Females.
Not exceeding	1 Week	..	..	15
„	1 Fortnight	..	..	20
„	1 Month	..	..	32
„	3 Months	..	..	88
„	6 „	..	..	75
„	9 „	..	..	58
„	1 Year	..	..	44
„	2 Years	..	..	127
„	3 „	..	..	90
„	4 „	..	..	55
„	5 „	..	..	66
„	6 „	..	..	42
„	7 „	..	..	27
„	8 „	..	..	31
„	9 „	..	..	25
„	10 „	..	..	19
„	11 „	..	..	18
„	12 „	..	..	6
„	13 „	..	..	11
„	14 „	..	..	2
Total				851

TABLE XXII.

*Causes of the Deaths of the 77 Patients during the Year ending
December 31st, 1864.*

FEMALES.

Apoplexy	3
Asphyxia	1
Bronchitis	10
Cancer	2
Exhaustion from Mania	2
,, ,, Melancholia	3
Epilepsy	3
General Paralysis	9
Hydrothorax	2
Paralysis	19
Phthisis Pulmonalis	17
Pneumonia	5
Strumous Abscesses on Thigh, &c.	1
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TOTAL	77
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TABLE XXIII.

*Form of Disease in the Cases of the 1,161 Patients remaining
in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1864.*

Form of Disease.	Females.	Total.	
Mania.. .. .	262	329	
— with Suicide	2		
— Epilepsy	37		
— and Suicidal	1		
— Hysteria	15		
— and Epilepsy	6		
— General Paralysis	6		
Chronic Mania	124		
— with Epilepsy	7		
Erotomania	1		
Homicidal Mania	1		
Mania a Potu	2		
Puerperal Mania	13		
— with Epilepsy	1		
Monomania	3	152	
Recurrent Mania	135		
— with Epilepsy	11		
— Hysteria	8		
— and Epilepsy	1		
— Puerperal Mania.. .. .	4		
— Mania a Potu	1	160	
Melancholia	151		
— with Suicide	2		
— Epilepsy	7		
— General Paralysis	1		
— Recurrent	37	198	
Dementia	109		
— with Epilepsy	27		
— and Suicidal	1		
— General Paralysis	2		
— Chorea	1	140	
Imbecility	88		
— with Epilepsy	59		
— Paralysis	7		
— Chorea	2		
— Congenital with Epilepsy	2		
— Senile	8		
— with Epilepsy	2		168
Idiocy.. .. .	4		
— with Palsy	1		
— Congenital	7		
— with Epilepsy	2	14	
Total		1,161

TABLE XXIV.

Duration of Insanity prior to Admission in the Cases of 1,161 Patients remaining in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1864.

DURATION.	Females.
Not exceeding 3 months	433
" 6 "	58
" 9 "	49
" 1 year	50
" 2 years	87
" 3 "	50
" 4 "	45
" 5 "	33
" 6 "	41
" 7 "	35
" 8 "	30
" 9 "	12
" 10 "	15
" 11 "	8
" 12 "	6
" 13 "	9
" 14 "	6
" 15 "	2
" 16 "	4
" 17 "	3
" 18 "	3
" 19 "	1
" 20 "	4
" 21 "	3
" 22 "	1
" 23 "	5
" 24 "	1
" 27 "	1
" 29 "	2
" 37 "	3
" 40 "	1
Many years	11
From Birth	34
Not ascertained	60
" stated	55
Total	1,161

TABLE XXV.

Ages of the 1,161 Patients remaining in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1864.

AGES.	Females.
From 10 to 15 years ...	1
" 15 " 20 " ...	24
" 20 " 25 " ...	52
" 25 " 30 " ...	109
" 30 " 35 " ...	147
" 35 " 40 " ...	131
" 40 " 45 " ...	139
" 45 " 50 " ...	166
" 50 " 55 " ...	127
" 55 " 60 " ...	97
" 60 " 65 " ...	67
" 65 " 70 " ...	36
" 70 " 75 " ...	26
" 75 " 80 " ...	12
" 80 " 85 " ...	9
" 85 " 90 " ...	1
Not ascertained	17
Total	1,161

TABLE XXVI.

Length of Time that the 1,161 Patients remaining on the 31st December, 1864, have been in the Asylum.

TIME.	Females.
Not exceeding 3 months...	29
" 6 " ...	39
" 9 " ...	35
" 1 year ...	20
" 2 years ...	85
" 3 " ...	96
" 4 " ...	112
" 5 " ...	105
" 6 " ...	230
" 7 " ...	28
" 8 " ...	36
" 9 " ...	26
" 10 " ...	12
" 11 " ...	23
" 12 " ...	28
" 13 " ...	53
" 14 " ...	204
Total	1,161

*OCCUPATIONS of the 1,161 Patients remaining in the
Asylum on the 31st December, 1864.*

Artificial Flower Makers ..	5	Brought forward ..	212
Baker	1	Glove Maker	1
Bonnet Makers	2	Governesses	16
Bonnet Shape Maker ..	1	Hawkers	7
Bookbinder	1	Householder	1
Bookfolders	6	Housekeepers	4
Bookseller's Assistant ..	1	Labourers in Lead Factories	2
Bootbinders	5	Labourer in Tunbridge	
Brace Maker	1	Warehouse	1
Braider	1	Ladies' Maids	2
Bristle Picker	1	Laundresses	23
Brush Drawers	3	Ledger and Vellum Sewer ..	1
Button Coverer	1	Lodging House Keepers ..	2
Cane Chair Bottomer ..	1	Manglers	2
Cap Makers	2	Match Box Maker	1
Charwomen	35	Milliners	8
Chenille Cutter	1	Miniature Painter	1
Coke Dealer	1	Needlewomen	89
Costermongers	4	Nurses	8
Crossing Sweeper	1	Nurse at Fever Hospital ..	1
Dairywomen	2	Oil Shop Keeper	1
Daughter of Actor	1	Oyster Seller	1
" Brewer	1	Pen Cutter	1
" Charwoman	1	Pocket Book Maker	1
" Combmaker	1	Prostitutes	3
" Engineer	1	Pupil at School	1
" Farm Bailiff	1	Rag Merchant	1
" Fishmonger	1	Rush Splitter	1
" Gold Wire	1	Schoolmistress	1
Drawer	1	" for Infants	1
" Knife Grinder .	1	Servants	182
" Labourer	1	Ship's Stewardess	1
Daughters of Letter Carriers	2	Shirt Makers	5
Daughter of Musician ..	1	Shirt Collar Maker	1
" Music Smith	1	Shoebinders	9
" Seaman	1	Shoe Closer	1
" Shoemaker	1	Silk Dyer	1
" Silk Weaver	1	" Weaver	1
" Surgeon	1	" Winders	5
Domestic Servants	78	Staymakers	2
Dressmakers	28	Straw Plaiter	1
Dresser of New Goods, Col- lars, Cuffs, &c.	1	Student	1
Embroideress	1	Tailoresses	7
Envelope Folder	1	Tambour Workers	4
Fancy Card Box Maker ..	1	Teachers	2
Fruitsellers	3	Teacher of French	1
Gardenwoman	1	" Music	1
Gentlewomen	2	Tobacco Stripper	1
Glove Cleaner	1	Toy Maker	1
		Truss Coverer	1
Carried forward ..	212	Carried forward ..	622

OCCUPATIONS—*continued.*

Brought forward ..	622	Brought forward ..	722
Upholsteress	1	Wife of Engineer's Labourer	1
Vagrant	1	„ Engine Fireman ..	1
Waistcoat Maker	1	„ Fishmonger's Assis-	
Waitress	1	ant	1
Washerwomen	9	„ French Plater ..	1
Weavers	13	„ French Polisher ..	
Widow of Bootmaker ..	1	„ Gardeners	3
„ Bricklayer ..	1	„ Gasfitter	1
„ Cabinet Maker ..	1	„ Gate-keeper at Ken-	
„ Coachmaker ..	1	sal-green Cemetery	1
„ Grainer	1	„ General Dealers ..	2
„ Jeweller	1	„ Groom	1
„ Medical Practi-		„ Hair Dresser	1
tioner	1	„ Hatters	2
„ Publican	1	„ Hawker	1
„ Solicitor	1	„ Hosier	1
Wife of Assistant-Surgeon ..	1	„ Jeweller	1
„ Bakers	3	„ Labourers	25
„ Bargeman	1	„ Letter Carrier ..	1
„ Beerhouse Keeper ..	1	„ Licensed Victualler	1
„ Blacksmith	1	„ Mechanic	1
„ Book Canvasser ..	1	„ Messengers	2
„ Bookseller	1	„ Organ Builder ..	1
„ Boot Closer	1	„ Painters	3
„ Boot and Shoe		„ Pianoforte Key	
Makers	7	Maker	1
„ Brewer's Labourers	2	„ Plumbers	2
„ Bricklayers	2	„ Policeman	1
„ Builder	1	„ Porters	5
„ Butcher	1	„ Publican	1
„ Cabinet Maker ..	1	„ Railway Pointsman	1
„ Cabmen	3	„ Sailors	3
„ Candlewick Maker ..	1	„ Sealing Wax Maker	1
„ Carman	1	„ Silk Dyer	1
„ Carpenters	10	„ Smiths	2
„ Cellarman	1	„ Sorter at Post Office	1
„ Cheesemonger ..	1	„ Stationer	1
„ Chimney Sweeper ..	1	„ Stationer's Shopman	1
„ China and Glass		„ Surgeon, &c. ..	1
Dealer	1	„ Tailors	3
„ Cigar Maker	1	„ Teacher of Languages	1
„ Clergymen	1	„ Toy Dealer	1
„ Clerks	7	„ Watch and Clock	
„ Clockmaker	1	Makers	3
„ Coachmaker	1	„ Waterman	1
„ Coachmen	2	„ Weaver	1
„ Coach Painter ..	1	„ Wood Turner ..	1
„ Commercial Travellers	2	Wigmaker	1
„ Copper-plate Printer	1	Willow Weaver	1
„ Draughtsman ..	1	Of no Occupation	159
„ Drover	1	Not known	193
„ Drill Maker	1		
„ Engineers	2	Total	1,161
Carried forward ..	722		

*Social Condition, Religion, and Degree of Education of the 1,161
Female Patients remaining in the Asylum on the 31st December,
1864.*

Social Condition.	Females.
Married.. ..	346
Single	657
Widowed	131
Not known	27
Total	1,161

Degree of Education.	Females.
Educated	66
Read and Write	612
Read	253
Uneducated	225
Not known	5
Total	1,161

Religion.	Females.
Established Church ..	501
Roman Catholics ..	167
Hebrews	10
Protestants	294
Dissenters	38
Wesleyans	14
Baptists.. ..	9
Calvinists	4
Presbyterians	4
Scotch Church.. ..	2
Unitarian	1
Independents	12
Mormon	1
Congregationalist ..	1
Not known	103
Total	1,161

W. G. MARSHALL,
*Medical Superintendent,
Female Department.*

COLNEY HATCH
LUNATIC ASYLUM,
31st December, 1864.

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

THE ASYLUM,
January, 1865.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MY LORD, AND GENTLEMEN,

THE principal matters in my department to which I have to invite your attention in this Report, are the Additional Service in Chapel on Sunday evening for the use of the Attendants, and of any Officers who like to avail themselves of it:—and the increased extent and efficiency of the Library.

Of the former I think we may consider that it answers its purpose as well as could be expected, bearing in mind the lateness of the hour (though the earliest that could be appointed), 8.15 P.M., and the previous fatigues of the day, beginning at 6 A.M., and considering also that the attendance is voluntary. On the Female side there are generally present from 25 to 35 Attendants, and on the Male side the numbers have risen to 10 or 12. Some of the Officers attend very regularly, others occasionally. The usual Evening Service of the Church of England is performed, and a short Sermon preached. The Organist is in attendance, and the customary Chants and Hymns are sung. The Service is concluded within an hour.

With regard to the other matter to which I alluded, the Library has been greatly enlarged by most liberal donations of Books from Mr. Miles of your Committee, and, through him, from Mr. Smith, the well-known Bookseller and Librarian of the Strand. We have also to acknowledge a very liberal present of Books and Prints from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and a further supply of Books and Pamphlets from Mr. Healey of your Committee. Many of these Books have come to us in a perfectly new condition, and in handsome bindings. Amongst them I may cite an entire series of the Waverley Novels as a part of Mr. Miles' most liberal contribution. But the main feature of interest to be noticed in regard to the Library, is that you have made it available to the Officers and Attendants of the Asylum, as well as to the Patients, to whom it was restricted heretofore. The appreciation of this privilege will be understood when I state that I have registered 900 issues of Books to the Officers and Attendants alone, since the Library was opened to them on September 15 in last year. I beg leave to take this opportunity of tendering my thanks to the Gentlemen appointed by you as a Sub-Committee on this matter, viz., Mr. Wyatt (your Chairman), and Mr. Miles, for their kind assistance to me in putting the whole into working order. I regret the necessity for recommending it, but frequent additions to the Library are desirable in consequence of the rough treatment which the Books receive in the Wards, often by accident, sometimes also, as might be expected, by sudden paroxysms of rage on the part of individual Patients. I should like most respectfully to suggest to any Member of your Committee who may have a few spare volumes on his Book Shelves, that they will be most thankfully received, and taken as much care

of as is possible in such a community. It is due in this place to one of the Male Patients in No. 1 Ward, to say that I receive the greatest assistance from him in repairing Books that have been injured in their use in the Wards. Contributions of Music will be also very acceptable.

The ordinary Services of the Chapel have been regularly performed, the numbers of the congregations remaining about the same as stated in my last Annual Report, viz., 550 at each Service on Sunday; and on the week days 225 in the Morning, 275 in the Evening. The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday in each month, the number of Communicants ranging between 20 and 30. There have been 136 interments in our Burial Ground during the past year, out of 194 Deaths in the Asylum. I seldom pass a day without visiting some of the Wards, and endeavouring to impart information or comfort to some of the Patients. In many instances I have had much encouragement and satisfaction in attending the sick and dying. Owing to various circumstances it has not been convenient to me to leave home during the past year, and I have therefore not taken any holiday.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and faithful Servant,

WILLIAM BULLOCK, *Chaplain.*

STEWARD'S REPORT.

16th January, 1865.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honour to submit a short Report for the year 1864, together with the usual Returns and Accounts.

In the early part of the year several alterations were made in the Domestic Department. The Assistant Medical Officers, who had occupied apartments on the west, or Female side of the Asylum, removed to rooms on the Male side of the Building; an additional House Porter was engaged to attend upon them, and the services of the Housekeeper and two Housemaids were dispensed with.

These alterations appear to have given general satisfaction. The Assistant Medical Officers approve of the change. The Meals have been better and more punctually served, and considerable saving has been effected.

The value of the Work performed by the Patients in the several Shops during the past year exceeds that of any preceding year, as the Returns will show.

The earnings of the Tailor's Shop have increased from £314 7s. 5d. to £387 4s., and no Clothing has been sent to the House of Correction for some months past.

The value of the Work done in the Shoemaker's Shop

has increased from £283 4s. 8d. to £292 15s.; and in the Upholsterer's Shop from £187 7s. 4d. to £201 10s. 10d.

The Painters and Whitewashers have earned a large sum during the past year. The exact value of their work has not been ascertained, but it is satisfactory to be able to state that not one paid Man, either Painter or Whitewasher, was employed in the interior of the Male side of the Asylum during the whole of the year. Some of the large Wards on the Female side were also painted and decorated by the Male Patients.

The Patients employed at the other Wards, and on the Farm and in the Gardens, have also contributed much useful labour.

I am pleased to be enabled to report that there is a very great improvement both in the supply and quality of the Gas within the last two months. The recommendations of Mr. Jones and Mr. Freeman (the Gentlemen who were consulted on the subject) are about being carried out, and I doubt not when completed will render our Gas supply in every way satisfactory.

The Man who has taken charge of the works appears both efficient and attentive.

The Farm Committee have, upon their monthly inspections, reported favourably of the condition of the Farm and the Live and Dead Stock, and have been good enough to obtain the sanction of the Committee to several suggestions which I had made to them; it is therefore unnecessary

that I should enter into any detailed account of the operations carried on during the past year.

During the last two years a number of small houses have been erected on the Building Ground bounding the Asylum property on the south, within a few yards of the new gravel walks which have been formed through the various fields for the use of the Patients. The boundary hedge has been completely destroyed, and the fields constantly trespassed upon by the inhabitants of these cottages. The Committee have therefore determined that an Oak Fence shall be erected along a portion of the boundary, and a brick wall built along the other part, which will effectually prevent a continuance of this nuisance, and render escapes of Patients less likely to be attempted.

It is expected that the fence will be commenced directly, and the wall built in the ensuing Spring.

The Stock on the Farm has been healthy during the year, and no casualty has occurred.

Fourteen Cows have been purchased for the Dairy during the year, averaging £23 each. Thirteen have been killed for the House, and which estimated at the lowest contract price for meat during the year, average upwards of £27 each.

In December last, 5 Cows and a Bull were sold, realizing £180 10s., or an average of £30 a beast.

The several Crops grown upon the Farm have been

Oats, Clover, Mangold Wurzel, Turnips, Rye, Grass, Cabbage, and Peas and Beans for the House. The dry season had a great effect upon all the Crops, although we had the advantage of the liquid manure, which was distributed over some part or other of the Farm during the whole year.

The scarcity of grass throughout the Spring and Summer months had materially increased our Hay account, for although the Cattle had the whole of the Pasture land to roam over, they were obliged to be foddered with hay for a considerable time.

I beg to assure the Committee that I am very sensible of the kindness I have received from them during the last 14 years, and of the readiness with which they have at all times listened to my recommendations.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE H. HENDERSON.

*To the Committee of Visitors,
Middlesex Lunatic Asylum,
Colney Hatch.*

Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch,
TAILORS' SHOP.

Account of Patients' Work and Earnings for the Year 1864.

CLOTHING MADE UP.	No. of Articles.	Price of Making per Article.	Value of Work.	REMARKS.
Patients' Coats ..	134	s. d. 3 0	£ s. d. 20 2 0	
" Trousers ..	450	2 9	61 17 6	
" Waistcoats ..	189	1 6	14 3 6	
" Ticken Dresses ..	9	2 7	1 3 3	
REPAIRS.				
Patients' Coats ..	3,648	0 9	136 16 0	
" Trousers ..	7,309	0 9	274 1 9	
" Waistcoats ..	2,546	0 4	42 8 8	
" Ticken Dresses ..	248	0 6	6 4 0	
		Deduct Journeymen's Wages ..	556 16 8	
			169 12 8	
		TOTAL ..	387 4 0	

GEORGE H. HENDERSON, Steward.

Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch.

SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.

Account of Patients' Work and Earnings for the Year 1864.

ARTICLES MADE UP.	No. of Articles.	Price of Making per Article.	Value of Work.	REMARKS.
		s. d.	£ s. d.	
Men's Leather Shoes ..	1	3 0	0 3 0	
Women's Leather Boots ..	4	2 0	0 8 0	
" " Shoes ..	6	1 9	0 10 6	
Cloth and Canvas Boots ..	435	2 0	43 10 0	
Female Attendants' Belts ..	57	0 4	0 19 0	
Male " " ..	30	0 4	0 10 0	
REPAIRS.				
Boots and Shoes Repaired ..	703	0 8	23 8 8	
" " Soled & Weltd ..	5,246	1 6	393 9 0	
Boots Locked and Strapped ..	1,586	0 2	13 4 4	
		Deduct Journeymen's Wages ..	476 2 6	
		TOTAL ..	183 7 3	
			292 15 3	

GEORGE H. HENDERSON, Steward.

Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch,
UPHOLSTERERS' SHOP.

Account of Patients' Work and Earnings for the Year 1864.

ARTICLES MADE UP.	Price of Making per Article.	No. of Articles.	Value of Work.		REMARKS.
	<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>		<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>		
Sackings ...	0 8	130	4 6 8		
Strong Rugs ...	4 0 0	6	1 4 0		
Carpets ...	0 2	451	3 15 2		
Mattresses ...	1 6	88	6 12 0		
Matting ...	0 2	253	2 2 2		
Sofa Cushions ...	1 3	8	0 10 0		
Pillows ...	0 3	73	0 18 3		
Padded Rooms ...	40 0	2	4 0 0		
REPAIRS.					
Sackings ...	0 3	1,385	17 6 3		
Strong Rugs ...	1 6	124	9 6 0		
Carpets ...	6 1	281	1 3 5		
Mattresses ...	1 3	591	36 13 9		
Matting ...	0 1	139	0 11 7		
Sofa Cushions ...	1 0	148	7 8 0		
Pillows ...	0 1	351	1 9 3		
Padded Rooms ...	10 0	43	21 10 0		
PICKING.					
Horse Hair ...		14,032 lbs.	116 18 8		
Cocoa Fibre ...		1,192 "	9 18 8		
Deduct Journeymen's Wages			245 18 10		
Total			44 8 0		
Total			201 10 10		

GEORGE H. HENDERSON, Steward.

Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum,

COLNEY HATCH.

*Provisions consumed during the Year ending December 31st,
1864.*

Meat—Bacon	..	..	..	10,296	lbs.
Beef and mutton	..			322,818	„
Pork	..	..	..	23,426	„
Beer	..	..	..	98,504½	gals.
Bread	..	..	..	825,340	lbs.
Butter	..	..	..	26,313	„
Cheese	..	..	..	63,708	„
Cocoa	..	..	..	19,501	„
Coffee	..	..	..	2,566	„
Eggs	..	..	..	2,566	No.
Flour	..	..	..	639,369	lbs.
Malt	..	..	..	788½	qrs.
Milk	..	..	..	25,976	gals.
Hops	..	..	..	6,599	lbs.
Potatoes	..	..	..	544,715	„
Sugar	..	..	..	35,907	„
Tea	..	..	..	7,772	„
Molasses	..	..	..	38,969	„

For the Sick.

Wine	..	..	..	5,036	pints
Brandy	..	..	..	1,695	„
Gin	..	..	..	339	„
Porter and Ale	..	..	..	81,567	„
Fish	..	..	..	24,499	No.
Biscuits	..	..	..	19,668	„
Eggs	..	..	..	47,407	„

GEORGE H. HENDERSON,

Steward.

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

*THE FIFTY-FIRST REPORT of Messrs. ALLEN
and SON, of Carlisle Street, Soho Square, Attornies-
at-Law.*

MESSRS. ALLEN have to report that during the year 1864 the Settlements of eight Criminal Lunatics, confined in the County Asylums at Hanwell and Colney Hatch, under Warrants of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, were discovered by them and adjudicated (one of such Lunatics belonging to a parish in Kent, another to a parish in Suffolk, another to a parish in Devonshire, another to a parish in Oxfordshire, another to a parish in Gloucestershire, and a sixth to a parish in Derbyshire), and that the sum of £19 0s. 11d. has been, or will be, received by the County Treasurer for expenses incurred in the medical examination, and in the removal of those eight Lunatics to the Asylums. The settlement of one lunatic was at first adjudged to be in the parish of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, but the Order was appealed against, and quashed at the last July Session. The settlement was, however, subsequently found to be in the parish of Aston Rowant, in the county of Oxford; and was adjudged accordingly.

Messrs. Allen likewise enquired into the case of one other Criminal Lunatic, in which they discovered a settlement, and were prepared to get it adjudicated; but, at the urgent request of the Lunatic's brother, who was a wealthy man, arrangements were made by him for payment of the Lunatic's maintenance in the Asylum. They have also enquired into the cases of two other Criminal Lunatics, in which settlements have not been discovered.

They have also received and paid to the County Treasurer the sum of £19 10s. towards the maintenance of a Criminal Lunatic, who was sent to the Asylum at Hanwell, in 1862.

Messrs. Allen have attended at the Metropolitan Police Courts, at Petty Sessions, and on different Parish Officers, and made enquiries relative to 81 other Lunatics, in consequence of notices given (under the 98th Section of the 16th and 17th Vic., cap. 97) to the Clerk of the Peace by Parish Officers of their intention to apply for orders, charging the County with the Lunatics' maintenance. In 20 of those cases the applications were abandoned by the Parish Officers, or orders upon the County Treasurer were refused to be made by the Magistrates, in consequence of information obtained by Messrs. Allen. In the remaining 61 cases the Paupers were deemed chargeable to the County, 44 of them being natives of Ireland or Scotland, or being foreigners.

Messrs. Allen have likewise received and paid to the County Treasurer the pensions of 4 Pauper Lunatics, who have been several years chargeable to the County, amounting to the further sum of £45 6s. 4d.

They have also had correspondence with and attended different parties as to 4 other Lunatics, with the view of protecting the County Rate—two of whom were removed from the Asylum at Hanwell to a Private Asylum, and there maintained at the expense of their friends. The expense of the maintenance in the Asylum of the two Lunatics so removed has likewise been paid to the County Treasurer, amounting to £48 19s.

The expenses incurred in the 100 several cases before mentioned, including payments to Country Attorneys, amount to £324 3s. 9d.

Messrs. Allen have to observe that if the making of orders on the County Treasurer in the 20 cases had not been successfully opposed the County Rate would not only have been charged with the expense of the maintenance of those Lunatics incurred within the previous 12 months, but would also, according to the present weekly rates charged at the County and Private Asylums, have been liable to the payment of about £520 a year for the patients' future maintenance so long as they remained in the County or Private Asylums; and that the expense of maintaining the eight Criminal Lunatics, whose settlements have been discovered and adjudged, and of the Criminal Lunatic whose maintenance is paid for by his brother, would have amounted to a further annual charge of about £234.

All which Messrs. Allen submit, &c.

C. & J. ALLEN & SON.

January 19th, 1865.

APPENDIX.

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*Total Number of Cases enquired into from 1st January to
31st December, 1864.*

Criminal Lunatics adjudged to Parishes	8
A Criminal Lunatic paid for by his Brother.. .. .	1
Enquiries made in the cases of Criminal Lunatics in which settlements have not been discovered.. .. .	2
Applications to charge the County abandoned, or orders refused	20
Adjudged chargeable to the County	61
Pensions and monies received towards the maintenance of other Pauper Lunatics who were chargeable to the County	4
Attendances, correspondence, and enquiries in other cases	4
	—
	100
	—

