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COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,

Barming Heath, Maidstone.

THIRTY-SEVENTH YEAR.



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The Medical Superintendent's
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The Medical Officer and Superintendent submits to the Committee of Visitors the Twenty-third Annual Report for the year 1869.

Twenty-
third
Annual
Report.

On the 1st of January 1869 there were in the Asylum 851 persons of unsound mind; of whom 359 were males, and 492 females.

Numbers
Jan. 1, 1869.

During the year 1869, 338 patients were admitted; in the proportion of 146 men, to 192 women; being, as compared with the preceding year, a decrease of 11 men and an increase of 38 women. There were discharged 45 men and 59 women. No patients escaped during the year who were not retaken within the period allowed by Act of Parliament. Of the total number (104) discharged, 37 men and 54 women were recovered; 3 of each sex were relieved; 3 men were discharged "not improved"—and 2 patients of each sex, being of sound mind when admitted, were sent back to their respective Unions. Of the "relieved" and "not improved" 3 men and 1 woman were removed to other Asylums. The deaths numbered 114, 55 of whom were males and 59 females, leaving in the Asylum on the 1st of January, 1870, 971 persons of unsound mind, of whom 405 were men, and 566 women.

Admissions
and
Removals
in 1869.

Mean Daily
Population,
&c.

The mean daily population of the year 1869 has been 879, in the proportions of 362 men, to 517 women. The highest number was 990—414 men and 576 women; and the lowest 843, 355 being men and 488 women. The total number of patients under treatment during the year was 1189, 505 males and 684 females.

The recoveries have been 26.92 per cent. on the admissions, which is a decrease upon those of last year in consequence of a sudden influx of Chronic incurable Lunatics having taken place upon the opening of our New Buildings.

The Mortality has again been low, viz: 9.64 per cent. on the total number under treatment.

Pauper
Lunatics
in Kent.

As regards the total number of insane pauper patients in the County of Kent it would appear, from the Annual Returns furnished from the Unions, that there has been an increase of nearly 100 Lunatics during the year 1869. The returns for January 1st, 1870, giving a total 1641, whereas those for January 1st, 1869, supply a total of but 1548. These returns have been tabulated for convenience of reference,—see Tables No. 11, for the respective years above named.

Sudden
Deaths.

Five cases of sudden death took place during the year. Two men and one woman died of Epilepsy; and two women of Disease of the Heart and Lungs.

Commis-
sioners in
Lunacy.

Two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum on the 24th and 25th of November, and reported favorably.

Superan-
nuation.

George Leatham, laundry-man, having, after 8 years service, become from confirmed illness incapable of executing his duties, has been granted an annuity, by way of Superannuation, of £10 for 2 years.

Although several cases of Remittent Fever have taken place amongst the Patients, as well as amongst the Attendants and Servants, the general condition of the entire household has been on the whole good.

General
Condition
of
Patients,
&c.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. P. KIRKMAN, M.D.,

MEDICAL OFFICER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

Barming Heath,

March 18th, 1870.

TABLE No. 1.
Shewing Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, &c., during 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Asylum, January 1st, 1869 - - -	359	492	851
Admitted during 1869 - - - - -	146	192	338
Discharged ,, - - - - -	45	59	104
Of whom { Recovered - - - - -	37	54	91
{ Relieved - - - - -	3	3	6
{ Not Improved - - - - -	3	0	3
{ Not Insane - - - - -	2	2	4
Of the relieved and not improved, there were removed to other Asylums - -	3	1	4
Deaths - - - - -	55	59	114
Remaining January 1st, 1870 - - -	405	566	971
Of whom deemed curable - - - - -	23	28	51
County and Borough Patients* - - -	11	12	23
Average daily number - - - - -	362	517	879
Highest number during the year - -	414	576	990
Lowest ,, ,, ,, -	355	488	843
Admitted for the first time (not known to have been at any previous time in the Asylum) - - - - -	108	138	246
Re-admitted, known to have been at some previous time in the Asylum -	38	54	92
Total number of patients under treat- ment during the year - - - - -	505	684	1189

* Patients whose settlements cannot be ascertained.

TABLE No. 2.
Occupations of the 338 Patients admitted in 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Agricultural Labourers - - - - -	18	..	18
" Wives - - - - -	..	14	14
" Daughters - - - - -	..	3	3
Blacksmiths - - - - -	4	..	4
Beggar - - - - -	1	..	1
Bricklayers - - - - -	3	..	3
" Wives - - - - -	..	4	4
Brickmaker - - - - -	1	..	1
Bakers - - - - -	4	..	4
Butcher - - - - -	1	..	1
Butler - - - - -	1	..	1
Boiler Maker - - - - -	1	..	1
Bargeman, Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
" Widow of - - - - -	..	1	1
Brass Turner, Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
Carpenters - - - - -	9	..	9
" Wives - - - - -	..	6	6
Chemist - - - - -	1	..	1
Cab Drivers - - - - -	2	..	2
" Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
Clerks - - - - -	2	..	2
" Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
Coachman - - - - -	1	..	1
Coopers - - - - -	2	..	2
Coal Porter - - - - -	1	..	1
Confectioner - - - - -	1	..	1
Calvinistic Preacher - - - - -	1	..	1
Commercial Traveller - - - - -	1	..	1
Charwomen - - - - -	..	8	8
Coast Guardsman's Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
Chandler - - - - -	..	1	1
Domestic Servants - - - - -	..	46	46
Dressmakers - - - - -	..	9	9
Dredgerman's Daughter - - - - -	..	1	1
Engine Driver - - - - -	1	..	1
Engineers - - - - -	2	..	2
" Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
Farmer - - - - -	1	..	1
" Sons - - - - -	2	..	2
Fitters in Dockyard - - - - -	4	..	4
Carried forward - - - - -	65	99	164

TABLE No. 2 (continued.)
Occupations.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Brought forward - - - -	65	99	164
Field Worker - - - - -	..	1	1
Gardeners - - - - -	3	..	2
" Wives - - - - -	2	2	2
Greengrocers - - - - -	3	..	3
Grocers' Assistants - - - -	2	..	2
Groom - - - - -	1	..	1
Gas Fitter, Wife of - - - -	..	1	1
Hair Dresser - - - - -	1	..	1
" Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
Housekeepers - - - - -	..	3	3
Labourers - - - - -	22	..	22
" Wives - - - - -	..	17	17
" Widows - - - - -	..	5	5
" Daughters - - - - -	..	2	2
Milkman - - - - -	1	.	1
Messenger - - - - -	1	..	1
Mate in Merchant Service - -	1	.	1
Mill Hand - - - - -	..	1	1
Nurses - - - - -	..	4	4
Nun - - - - -	..	1	1
Postman - - - - -	1	..	1
Painters - - - - -	2	..	2
" Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
" Daughter - - - - -	..	1	1
Plasterers - - - - -	2	..	2
" Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
Pew Opener - - - - -	..	1	1
Prostitute - - - - -	..	1	1
Publican's Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
Railway Porters - - - - -	2	..	2
Rope Maker - - - - -	1	..	1
Soldiers - - - - -	9	..	9
" Wives - - - - -	..	7	7
" Daughter - - - - -	..	1	1
Sailors - - - - -	3	..	3
Schoolmasters - - - - -	2	..	2
School Boy - - - - -	1	..	1
School Mistresses - - - - -	..	2	2
Shoemakers - - - - -	5	..	5
Carried forward - - - - -	127	153	280

TABLE No. 2 (continued.)
Occupations.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Brought forward - - - - -	127	153	280
Shoemakers' Wives - - - - -	..	2	2
Shoebinder - - - - -	..	1	1
Shipwrights - - - - -	4	..	4
„ Wife - - - - -	..	1	1
Superintendent of Police - - - - -	1	..	1
Shopkeepers - - - - -	1	2	3
Surgeon - - - - -	1	..	1
Sweep - - - - -	1	..	1
„ Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
Stonemason, Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
Tailor - - - - -	1	..	1
„ Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
Tax Collector - - - - -	1	..	1
Tea Hawker, Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
Watermen - - - - -	3	..	3
Wine Cooper, Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
Wood Sawyer - - - - -	1	..	1
Wheelwright, Wife of - - - - -	..	1	1
None - - - - -	5	27	32
	146	192	338

TABLE No. 3.

Religious denominations of the 338 Patients admitted in 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Church of England - - - - -	114	152	266
Roman Catholic - - - - -	7	17	24
Wesleyan - - - - -	7	6	13
Baptist - - - - -	10	7	17
Presbyterian - - - - -	1	..	1
Calvinist - - - - -	1	1	2
Independent - - - - -	3	3	6
Bible Christian - - - - -	..	1	1
Plymouth Brethren - - - - -	..	2	2
None - - - - -	3	3	6
	146	192	338

TABLE No. 4.

Degrees of Education of the 338 Patients admitted in the year 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Well educated	12	7	19
Able to read and write	118	134	252
Able to read	6	26	32
No education... ..	10	25	35
	146	192	338

TABLE No. 5.

Ascertained and supposed causes of Insanity in the 338 Patients admitted in the year 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Hereditary Predisposition (sole cause*) ...	15	24	39
Congenital Malformation	1	3	4
Injuries to Head	13	1	14
Domestic Affliction	8	20	28
Puerperal State ... ..	...	11	11
Epilepsy	11	26	37
Religious Fanaticism	4	8	12
Fever	3	1	4
Ill Health	4	3	7
Fright	2	4	6
Coup de Soleil	8	...	8
Poverty	3	2	5
Disappointment in Love	1	5	6
Intemperance	12	6	18
Loss of Property	3	...	3
Leading an Immoral Life ... ..	...	1	1
Jealousy	1	...	1
Change of Life ... ..	...	1	1
Failure in Business ... ..	...	1	1
Unknown	57	75	132
	146	192	338

* Hereditary Predisposition to Insanity traced in 17 men and 30 women.

TABLE No. 6.

Social condition of the 338 Patients admitted in the year 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Married	73	79	152
Single	61	85	146
Widowed	12	28	40
	146	192	338

TABLE No. 7.

Causes of Death in those cases which terminated fatally during the year 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Epilepsy... ..	14	6	20
Paralysis	2	4	6
General Paralysis	17	1	18
Exhaustion from Mania	8	16	24
Exhaustion from Melancholia	2	7	9
Disease of the Heart ... ..	...	6	6
Bronchitis	2	...	2
Old Age, Decay	1	8	9
Apoplexy	2	3	5
Phthisis *... ..	3	3	6
Pneumonia	1	...	1
Pleuro Pneumonia ... ..	...	1	1
Inflammation of Brain	1	...	1
Anasarca ... ..	...	1	1
Simple Continued Fever	2	3	5
	55	59	114

TABLE No. 8.

Forms of Insanity in those cases which terminated fatally during the year 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Acute Mania	7	8	15
Mania	15	30	45
Epileptic Mania	12	8	20
Melancholia	3	12	15
Dementia and General Paralysis	18	1	19
	55	59	114

TABLE No. 9.

Age at Death, and Periods of Residence in the Asylum, of those Patients who died during the year 1869.

Number in each Decennium.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Time of Residence.			
				Under 1 Month.	Under 1 Year.	Under 10 Years.	From 10 to 35 Years.
From 80 to 90, years ...	1	4	5	...	2	2	1
„ 70 to 80 „ ...	5	7	12	1	3	5	3
„ 60 to 70 „ ...	5	16	21	2	9	6	4
„ 50 to 60 „ ...	9	9	18	1	7	5	5
„ 40 to 50 „ ...	13	13	26	2	10	13	1
„ 30 to 40 „ ...	14	4	18	2	8	8	...
„ 20 to 30 „ ...	5	5	10	...	7	3	...
Under 20 years ...	3	1	4	...	1	3	...
	55	59	114	8	47	45	14

TABLE No. 10.

Forms of Insanity in the 338 Patients admitted in 1869.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Mania	82	114	196
Acute Mania	14	22	36
Epileptic Mania	7	17	24
Puerperal Mania ... ..	...	3	3
Melancholia	13	20	33
Dementia	5	2	7
Dementia with General Paralysis	12	2	14
Imbecility	10	10	20
Idiocy	2	1	3
Not Insane	1	1	2
	146	192	338

TABLE No. 11.—A Table shewing the number of Insane Pauper Patients in the County of Kent, on the 1st of January, 1870, and how disposed of, according to the Annual Return from the Unions.

UNIONS.	Males.		Females.		Total	In County Asylum.			In a Registered Hospital, Licensed House, or other County Asylum.			In the Workhouse.			In Lodgings, or Residing with Relations.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Ashford, East	13	12	8	5	25	13	...	...	...	...	5	6	11	...	1	1	1
Ashford, West	14	13	10	6	27	16	...	...	...	...	3	3	6	...	4	4	5
Aylesford, North	16	37	9	21	53	30	...	...	...	...	3	11	14	...	4	5	9
Blean	13	14	7	7	27	14	6	7	1	5	5	...	...	...	1	1	1
Bridge	8	11	5	4	19	9	1	1	...	...	3	1	4	...	5	5	5
Bromley	12	17	10	11	29	21	...	1	1	7	1	6	7	...	...	...	...
Cranbrook	14	29	8	18	43	26	2	2	...	...	4	1	5	...	8	8	10
Dartford	23	44	17	31	67	48	1	1	...	...	3	4	7	...	3	8	11
Dover	21	43	4	2	64	6	32	41	9	17	8	9	17	...	...	...	...
Eastry	33	49	16	9	82	25	14	20	6	23	7	16	23	...	4	10	14
Elham	19	29	8	14	48	22	9	13	4	9	5	4	9	...	2	2	4
Faversham	16	18	7	7	34	14	10	13	3	4	3	1	4	...	...	...	...
Gravesend and Milton	21	21	14	18	42	32	...	1	1	9	6	3	9	...	...	...	...
Greenwich ..	82	175	45	146	257	191	22	35	22	13	10	14	24	...	3	4	7
Hoo	3	1	1	1	4	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Hollingbourne	18	17	12	14	35	26	...	...	...	...	4	2	6	...	1	1	3
Lewisham	29	36	21	24	65	45	3	3	...	...	5	4	9	...	8	8	8
Maidstone	55	69	34	40	124	74	...	4	4	30	16	14	30	...	5	11	16
Malling	28	23	15	16	51	31	1	1	...	...	11	5	16	...	1	2	3
Medway	46	56	24	25	102	49	3	12	3	9	19	22	41	...	...	...	...
Milton	14	15	12	12	29	24	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	2	3
Romney Marsh	2	9	...	3	11	3	1	5	1	4	1	...	1	...	2	2	2
Sevenoaks	32	27	18	20	59	38	...	...	...	...	3	2	5	...	11	5	16
Sheppey	17	9	13	8	26	21	...	...	...	...	3	1	4	...	...	...	...
Tenterden	14	17	2	5	31	7	3	4	4	8	4	4	8	...	5	7	12
Thanet, Isle of	29	56	3	7	85	10	12	40	11	15	11	15	26	...	3	6	9
Tonbridge	33	45	31	24	83	55	2	...	2	...	1	11	12	...	4	10	14
Woolwich	51	68	51	68	119	119	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	681	960	405	566	1641	971	73	184	207	147	160	307	51	102	153		

TABLE No. 12.—DIETARY.

	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
SUNDAY	<p>MEN. Cocoa 4 oz. Treacle 8 oz. Milk 1 pint. Water 7 pints</p> <p>For every 8 persons</p> <p>Bread 6 oz. Butter 2½ oz. weekly.</p> <p>WOMEN. Cocoa as above. Bread 5 oz. Butter 2½ oz. weekly.</p>	<p>MEN. Cold Meat (cooked, and free from bone) 6 oz., vegetables (cooked) 12 oz., Bread 4 oz., beer half-pint.</p> <p>WOMEN. Cold Meat (cooked and free from bone) 4 oz., vegetables (cooked) 8 oz., bread 4 oz., beer half-pint.</p>	<p>MEN. Bread 6 oz., cheese 2 oz., (or butter 1 oz.,) beer half-pint.</p> <p>WOMEN. Bread 5 oz. Tea 1 oz. Butter 3½ oz. Sugar 2 oz. } Weekly.</p>
MONDAY ...	Ditto	<p>MEN. Meat Pudding 12 oz., vegetables (cooked) 12 oz., beer half-pint.</p> <p>WOMEN. Meat Pudding 10 oz., vegetables (cooked) 8 oz., beer half-pint.</p>	Ditto
TUESDAY ...	Ditto	<p>MEN. Meat (cooked, and free from bone) 6 oz., vegetables (cooked) 12 oz., bread 4 oz., beer half-pint.</p> <p>WOMEN. Meat (cooked, and free from bone) 4 oz., vegetables (cooked) 8 oz., bread 4 oz., beer half-pint.</p>	Ditto
WEDNESDAY	Ditto	Meat Pudding, &c., as on Monday.	Ditto
THURSDAY...	Ditto	<p>MEN. Rice-milk 1 quart, bread 4 oz. ; OR Suet-pudding (with gravy) 12 oz., beer half-pint.</p> <p>WOMEN. Rice-milk 1 quart, bread 4 oz. ; OR Suet-pudding (with gravy) 8 oz., beer half-pint.</p>	Ditto
FRIDAY	Ditto	Meat, &c. as on Tuesday, or Meat and Potatoe pie.	Ditto
SATURDAY...	Ditto	<p>MEN AND WOMEN. Soup with liquor from Friday's Meat and shin bone and vegetables added, bread 4 oz. OR Bread 6 oz., cheese 1½ oz. beer half-pint.</p>	Ditto

DIETARY (continued.)

EXTRAS ALLOWED TO WORKING PATIENTS.

MEN.—For Dinner, Beer $\frac{1}{2}$ pint every day; Meat 2 oz. on Meat Days, 4 oz. on Soup and Rice or Suet-pudding Days; and Meat-pudding 4 oz. on Meat-pudding Days, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer at Supper.

WOMEN.—Except Laundry. Meat 2 oz. on Thursday. Those employed in the Laundry have Daily 6 oz. Cooked Meat for Dinner, and Fruit Pie or some kind of Pudding on Sundays. Weekly, Tea 1 oz. Sugar 2 oz. for Breakfast instead of Cocoa; and with those employed in the Kitchens, have Daily when employed, for Luncheon, Beer $\frac{1}{2}$ pint, Cold Meat 2 oz., Bread 4 oz. (or Bread and Cheese.) For Dinner, Beer $\frac{1}{2}$ pint on Thursday and Saturday. In the Afternoon, Beer $\frac{1}{2}$ pint and Bread and Cheese.

MALE ATTENDANTS' AND SERVANTS' DIET.—Daily, Meat (cooked, and free from bone) 10 oz., Bread 1 lb., Beer 3 pints. *Weekly*, Cheese 1 lb., Butter $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., Sugar $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., Tea 2 oz.

FEMALE ATTENDANTS' AND SERVANTS' DIET.—Daily, Meat (cooked and free from bone) 8 oz., Beer 2 pints. The rest, same as Male Attendants.

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