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# STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE [I.]

OF ALL THE

## ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, AND DISCHARGES.

	Admitted.			Died.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.			Total Discharged.			Remaining		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
From the opening on 1st Jan., 1833, to 4th July, 1856.	1309	1250	2559	495	353	848	421	373	794	44	84	128	84	106	190	916	1960	265	334	599	
During the last year, ending July 4, 1857.	77	81	158	40	36	76	27	36	63	5	7	12	4	1	5	80	156	266	335	601	
Total...	1386	1331	2717	535	389	924	448	409	857	49	91	140	88	107	195	996	2116				



TABLE II.

Admissions of all Years, and present remainders.

Years.		All Annual Admissions.	July 1857 Remainders of All Annual Admissions.	Discharges. Quotas of all Annual Admissions to Discharges of the last Year.					Aggregate remainder (1857) from Admis- sions down to any year.
				Recovered.	Relieved.	Not Im- proved.	Dead.	Total.	
1	1833	126	18 after 24 years	...	...	...	3	3	18
2	1834	68	8 " 23 "	...	...	...	2	2	26
3	1835	60	5 " 22 "	...	...	...	...	...	31
4	1836	56	4 " 21 "	...	...	...	...	...	35
5	1837	43	3 " 20 "	...	...	...	...	...	38
6	1838	44	8 " 19 "	...	...	...	...	...	46
7	1839	54	6 " 18 "	...	...	...	...	...	52
8	1840	38	5 " 17 "	...	...	...	...	...	57
9	1841	41	6 " 16 "	...	...	...	...	...	63
10	1842	69	9 " 15 "	...	...	...	...	...	72
11	1843	86	12 " 14 "	...	...	...	...	...	84
12	1844	79	7 " 13 "	...	...	...	...	...	91
13	1845	113	22 " 12 "	...	...	...	...	...	113
14 (half)	1846	41	8 " 11 "	...	...	...	1	1	121
14-15	1847	108	15 " 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	...	...	...	1	1	136
15-16	1848	96	12 " 10 "	...	...	...	...	...	148
16-17	1849	114	22 " 9 "	...	...	...	2	2	170
17-18	1850	116	20 " 8 "	1	...	...	3	4	190
18-19	1851	286	30 " 7 "	...	...	...	5	5	220
19-20	1852	201	53 " 6 "	...	1	...	5	6	273
20-21	1853	171	47 " 5 "	3	...	...	4	7	320
21-22	1854	168	41 " 4 "	...	1	...	6	7	361
22-23	1855	189	57 " 3 "	2	3	1	9	15	418
23-24	1856	192	75 " 2 "	29	5	1	18	53	493
24-25	1857	158	108 " 1 "	28	2	3	17	50	601
TOTAL .....		2717	601	63	12	5	76	156	



TABLE III.

General Statement, comparative as to the two last years.

	July, 1857.			July, 1856.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Remaining from the last year .....	265	334	599	247	316	563
Admitted since (yearly), Pauper .....	77	81	158	104	84	192
"    "    Private .....	0	0		4	0	
Total under treatment .....	342	415	757	355	400	755
Deduct discharges and deaths .....	76	80	156	90	66	156
Remaining July 4.....	266	335	601	265	334	599
The number remaining consisted of						
Patients of contributing parishes.....	201	266	491	208	267	494
Ditto chargeable to the county.....	10	14		8	11	
Ditto of boroughs in the county .....	39	47	86	35	50	85
Ditto of other counties .....	8	7	15	4	4	8
Ditto private .....	8	1	9	10	2	12
Total.....	266	335	601	265	334	599
Average number daily resident.....	266	335	603.8	265	334	577
Highest number on any day (Aug. 27)	262	354	616	265	334	599
Lowest number on any day (Dec. 14.)	252	337	589	246	313	559
Accommodation possessed by the Asylum .....	298	368	666	298	351	649
Employed, fully or partly, from a day's work of six hours to any trifling useful assistance:—						
Highest number (Dec. 1, 1856,).....	230	215	445	190	202	392
Lowest number (Nov. 13, 1856,).....	172	187	359	174	187	361
Patients were discharged as under:						
Recovered .....	25	35	63	35	32	71
Ditto after absence on trial .....	2	1		3	1	
Relieved .....	5	7	12	8	9	17
Not improved.....	4	1	5	4	3	7
Dead .....	40	36	76	40	21	61
Total.....	76	80	156	90	66	156
The Admissions comprised:—						
Cases supposed to be of the first attack	60	56	116	71	48	119
Ditto of repeated attack .....	17	25	42	37	36	73
Total Admissions...	77	81	158	108	84	192
Cases of re-admission into this Asylum	10	15	25	19	20	39



# ADMISSIONS, 1856-57.

Number :—Males, 77 ; Females, 81 ; Total, 158.

TABLE IV.

	1856-7.			1855-6		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
The Admissions comprised :—						
Patients from contributing parishes.....	58	63	121	82	62	144
„ chargeable to the County account...	9	4	13	3	1	4
„ from Boroughs in Kent .....	10	14	24	19	21	40
„ private .....	0	0	0	4	0	4
Total .....	77	81	158	108	84	192
Of these there were sent from Gaols .....	10	4	14	3	1	4

TABLE V.

Ages of the Patients admitted.

Decennial Periods of Age.	1856-7.			1855-6.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
From 11 years to 20 years of age .....	5	2	7	4	8	12
„ 20 „ 30 „ .....	10	14	24	19	18	37
„ 30 „ 40 „ .....	20	20	40	35	12	47
„ 40 „ 50 „ .....	14	24	38	21	21	42
„ 50 „ 60 „ .....	21	13	34	12	15	27
„ 60 „ 70 „ .....	7	5	12	10	7	17
Of 71, 74 and 82 „ .....	0	3	3	7	3	10
Total.....	77	81	158	108	84	192



TABLE VI.

Forms of Mental Disorder in the persons Admitted, with the prevalence of the Suicidal propensity and the Complications, respectively.

Forms of Mental Disorder.	Number of Cases.			Prevalence of the Suicidal Propensity.						Complications of the Mental Disorder.						Instances of former Attack.	
				Suicide Attempted.		Threatened or talked of		Propensity Suspected.		General Paralysis.		Partial Paralysis.		Epilepsy.			
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Acute Mania.....	21	26	47	"	"	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	16
Ditto a Potù.....	4	1	5	"	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Chronic Mania .....	6	9	15	"	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Occasional do. with or without Dementia	3	4	7	"	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	...
Melancholia .....	9	27	36	5	8	...	2	1	4	...	...	...	1	..	3	4	...
Dementia .....	27	6	33	2	1	1	...	1	1	13	1	4	3	1	...	...	1
Mania with Imbecility (of old age, or other) or with idiocy .....	7	8	15	"	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	2
Total.....	77	81	158	7	11	3	4	4	6	13	5	5	4	6	17	25	...

TABLE VII.

Duration of Insanity in the Cases admitted, in the different forms respectively.

Forms of Disorder.	Number of Cases.			Duration of Insanity on Admission.												Instances of former Admission.			
				Under 1 Month.	1 Month to 3 Months.		3 Months to 6 Months.		6 Months to 1 Year.		1 Year to 2 Years.		2 years to 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, & 20 years.		Not ascertained				
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.			F.	
Acute Mania .....	21	26	47	9	13	2	8	4	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	2	2	4	10
Ditto a Potù .....	4	1	5	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Chronic Mania .....	6	9	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	1	...	...	1	1
Occasional do. with or without Dementia .....	3	4	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Melancholia .....	9	27	36	3	8	1	4	3	2	1	4	1	2	...	5	...	2	1	3
Dementia .....	27	6	33	6	1	3	1	2	2	3	2	4	...	4	...	5	...	...	1
Mania with Imbecility (of old age, or other) or Idiocy	7	8	15	1	...	...	2	1	2	...	1	3	...	1	2	1	1	2	...
Total.....	77	81	158	25	23	7	15	10	7	5	8	10	8	11	15	9	5	10	15



TABLE VIII. (A).  
Causes (associated) in the Cases Admitted in the Year.

Immediate, or exciting Causes.	Number of Cases.			Remote, or Predisposing Causes, acting in combination.														
				One re-la- tive Insane.		More than one relative Insane.		One former Attack, at least.		More than one former Attack.		Loss of social posi- tion. Re- duced cir- cumstances		Injury to Head.		Fever.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
MORAL.																		
Death of brother, drowning of child ...	0	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ill-treatment of husband, domestic un- happiness .....	0	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Disappointment, fright, jealousy.....	2	2	4	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
PHYSICAL.																		
Intemperance .....	8	2	10	...	...	...	1	...	5	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loss of husband and some poverty ...	0	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Extreme poverty.....	0	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Misfortune in business, loss of property	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illness and destitution.....	0	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Confinement and milk fever, childbirth, mis-carriage .....	0	3	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Epilepsy .....	2	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Blow on head .....	1	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL.....	15	16	31	2	6	3	2	7	8	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1



TABLE VIII *continued.*

B.)	M.	F.	T.	(C.)	M.	F.	T.
Exciting Causes only ascertained.				Pre-disposing Causes only ascertained.			
<b>MORAL.</b>							
Loss of place and sav- ings, do. of money...	1	1	2	One relative insane ...	3	0	3
Failure in business, sudden reverse .....	2	0	2	Do. and imbecility ...	1	0	1
Anxiety at straitened means .....	1	0	1	Do. and one former at- tack .....	1	1	2
Disappointment .....	2	0	2	More than one relative insane .....	0	1	1
Apprehension .....	1	0	1	One former attack ...	3	7	10
Fear of losing situation	1	0	1	More than one former attack... ..	0	6	6
Desertion of wife .....	1	0	1	Imbecility .....	2	2	4
Drowning of brother...	0	1	1	Do. and former attack	1	0	1
Loss of child, mother, sister .....	1	3	4	Do. and former attacks	0	1	1
<b>PHYSICAL.</b>				Constitutional debility	0	1	1
Childbirth and nursing	0	3	3	Do. melancholy.....	1	0	1
Catamenial .....	0	3	3	Old intemperance and fever .....	1	0	1
Injuries to head or spine .....	4	1	5	Partial Paralysis .....	1	1	2
Sunstroke .....	1	0	1	Old age .....	0	3	3
Erysipelas of head ...	0	1	1	Loss of husband and alteration of circum- stances .....	0	1	1
Over-study .....	0	1	1	Separation from hus- band .....	0	1	1
Natural defect ... ..	3	2	5				
Fever.....	0	2	2				
Epilepsy .....	3	2	5				
Destitution .....	1	1	2				
Intemperance, do. and prostitution (1).....	3	7	10				
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>

*Summary of ascertained Causes of all kinds.*

Exciting and pre-disposing causes combined (A) .....	15	16	31
Exciting causes only, ascertained (B) .....	25	28	53
Pre-disposing causes only, ascertained (C) .....	14	25	39
<b>Total ascertained causes.....</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>123</b>
No cause whatever assigned in .....	23	12	35
<b>Total admissions.....</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>158</b>



## RECOVERIES.

Number:—Men, 27; Women, 36; Total, 63.

TABLE IX.

Forms of Insanity and Duration on Admission, distinguishing the Recoveries in Admissions of the Year.

Forms of Insanity.	Recoveries of Admissions of the Year.			Recoveries of previous Admissions.			Total Recoveries.			Duration on Admission.								1 Year to 10 Years.		Not Known.	
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	Under 1 Month.		1 month to 3 Months.		3 Months to 6 Months.		6 Months to 1 Year.					
										M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Acute Mania.....	6	6	12	10	17	27	16	23	39	9	13	2	7	1	1	...	...	...	4	1	
Ditto (puerperal)	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto (a potu) ...	3	1	4	1	0	1	4	1	5	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chronic Mania...	...	...	...	1	0	1	1	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Melancholia .....	1	7	8	0	3	3	1	10	11	...	6	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	
Mania with im- becility of old age, or other	1	1	2	2	0	2	3	1	4	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Dementia .....	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Total .....	12	15	27	15	21	36	27	36	63	14	22	4	9	2	2	...	0	2	5	1	

TABLE X.  
Forms of Insanity and Periods of Residence, in the Recoveries.

Forms of Insanity.	Recoveries of Admissions of the Year.			Recoveries of previous Admissions.			Total Recoveries.			Periods of Residence.									
	M. F.		T.	M. F.		T.	M. F.		T.	Under 3 Months.		3 Months to 6 Months.		6 Months to 9 Months.		9 Months to 1 year.		1 to 2, 3, 4 and 6½ Years.	
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Acute Mania.....	6	6	12	10	17	27	16	23	39	4	3	5	7	4	4	3	3	0	6
Ditto (puerperal) .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto (a potu) .....	3	1	4	1	0	1	4	1	5	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chronic Mania .....	...	...	...	1	0	1	1	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Melancholia .....	1	7	8	...	3	3	1	10	11	...	3	1	4	...	2	...	1	...	...
Mania with imbecility } (of old age or other)...	1	1	2	2	...	2	3	1	4	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Dementia .....	1	...	1	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Total .....	12	15	27	15	21	36	27	36	63	7	6	9	14	5	6	3	4	3	6



## DEATHS.

Number who died :—Men, 40; Women, 36; Total, 76.

TABLE XI.

Ages at Death, distinguishing the deaths of persons admitted in the Year.

Decennial Periods of Age.	Deaths of Admissions of the Year.			Deaths of previous Admissions.			Total Deaths.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
At 18 years of age .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1
From 20 to 30 years of age.....	...	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3
" 30 to 40   " .....	2	1	3	10	2	12	12	3	15
" 40 to 50   " .....	3	1	4	5	8	13	8	9	17
" 50 to 60   " .....	6	1	7	4	7	11	10	8	18
" 60 to 70   " .....	...	1	1	6	5	11	6	6	12
" 70 to 80   " .....	...	...	...	1	6	7	1	6	7
" 80 to 83   " .....	...	1	1	2	...	2	2	1	3
Total.....	11	6	17	29	30	59	40	36	76

TABLE XII.  
Forms of Insanity and Periods of Residence of those who Died.

Forms of Insanity.	Number who Died.			Periods of Residence of those who Died.																
				12 Days to 1 Month.		1 Month to 3 Months.		3 Months to 6 Months.		6 Months to 1 Year.		1 Year to 2 Years.		2 Years to 5 Years.		5 Years to 10 Years.		From 10 to 23, 24, & 24½ Years.		
				M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Acute Mania.....	4	3	7	1	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chronic Mania.....	2	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	3	1	...
Melancholia .....	4	4	8	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...
Dementia .....	27	18	45	1	...	5	2	4	1	7	...	2	3	3	6	3	3	2	3	3
Mania with imbecility } (of old age or other) }	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Imbecility and idiocy .....	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Total.....	40	36	76	2	1	7	5	4	2	7	2	3	6	7	10	7	7	3	3	3



TABLE XIII.—Causes of the Deaths.

Immediate Causes.	Number of Deaths.			Remote Causes, acting in combination [where any.]															
				General Paralysis.		Old Dementia, Acute Mania, Melancholia.		Epilepsy.		Chronic Meningitis. Cerebral Softening.		Disease of Liver & Gall Bladder. Do. of Lung.		Organic Disease of Heart.		Caries of Lumbar Vertebrae.		Scirrhus Disease of the large Intestines.	
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Apoplexy .....	6	2	8	5	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
General Paralysis.....	13	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Partial Paralysis .....	2	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Exhaustion of Acute Mania...	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Pulmonary Consumption.....	2	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Ditto Gangrene and Pleurisy	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Pneumonia and Pleuro- pneumonia .....	3	1	4	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Chronic Bronchitis & Asthma	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Disease of Heart, Rupture of Heart (1) .....	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Pharyngeal Abscess.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Inflammation and Rupture of Intestines.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Strumous Peritonitis .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1		
Dysentery.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Jaundice .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
General Atrophy .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Lumbar Abscess .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...		
Phlegmonous Abscess .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Erysipelas of Head and Face	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Delirium .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Epilepsy .....	3	2	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Gangrene of toes, ditto legs...	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...		
Constitutional exhaustion in old age .....	2	6	8	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...		
Total.....	40	36	76	5	2	4	6	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	1	...	1		



TABLE XIV.

Per Centages of the Year, and Comparison.

	1856-7	1855-56	1854-55	1853-54
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Per Centage of Admissions, on the number remaining at the end of the last year .....	26.37	34.10	33.75	30.82
" Re-admissions on the Admissions .....	15.82	20.31	15.87	10.72
Cases of repeated attack on the Admissions .....	26.58	38.02	33.33	25.00
" Discharges and Deaths, on the Admissions.....	98.73	81.25	98.41	91.07
" Excess of Admissions (1856-7, 2) on discharges of the Year .....	1.28	23.07	1.59	8.93
" Recoveries on the Admissions .....	39.87	36.92	37.03	39.10
" Ditto on the mean number daily resident .....	10.44	12.30	12.34	12.42
" Ditto on the whole number under treatment.....	8.32	9.40	9.34	9.25
" Deaths on the Admissions .....	48.10	31.77	44.44	35.10
" Ditto on the mean number daily resident .....	12.60	10.57	14.81	11.10
" Ditto on the whole number under treatment .....	10.03	8.07	11.21	8.27





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TABLE XV.—ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL RETURNS (16 AND 17, VICT., CAP. 97, SEC. 64) OF LUNATICS CHARGEABLE ON JANUARY 1ST, 1857.

NUMBERS RETURNED.				WHERE MAINTAINED.																										
UNIONS.	Total of each Union.			Chargeable.				In County Asylum.				In Licensed Houses or other County Asylums.				In Union Houses.				In Lodgings.				With their Friends.						
				To the Contributing Parishes.		To the Local Jurisdic-tions.		From Local Jurisdic-tions.		From Contributing Parishes.		From Local Jurisdic-tions.		From Contributing Parishes.		From Local Jurisdic-tions.		From Contributing Parishes.		From Local Jurisdic-tions.		From Contributing Parishes.		From Local Jurisdic-tions.		From Contributing Parishes.				
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Ashford, East ...	3	5	8	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Ashford, West ...	5	8	13	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Aylesford, North	12	8	20	9	6	3	2	9	6	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Blean.....	6	11	17	5	10	1	1	2	8	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Bridge .....	3	8	11	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Bromley .....	10	10	20	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Cranbrook .....	13	17	30	13	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Dartford .....	15	27	42	15	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Dover .....	14	20	34	6	4	8	16	3	3	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Eastry .....	22	30	52	15	15	7	15	5	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Elham .....	9	12	21	4	8	5	4	2	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Faversham .....	11	13	24	7	6	4	7	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Gravesend .....	8	14	22	8	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Greenwich.....	69	119	188	69	119	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Hollingbourne ...	10	17	27	10	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Hoo .....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Lewisham .....	15	16	31	15	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Maidstone .....	30	38	68	8	12	22	26	5	6	15	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Malling .....	12	14	26	12	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Medway .....	26	37	63	15	23	11	14	7	9	4	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Milton .....	5	6	11	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Romney Marsh..	2	4	6	...	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Sevenoaks .....	18	32	50	18	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Sheppey .....	16	7	23	15	6	1	1	10	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Tenterden.....	12	19	31	9	5	3	14	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Thanet .....	23	16	39	8	2	15	14	0	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Tunbridge .....	17	18	35	17	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
TOTAL.....	389	526	915	307	409	82	117	187	264	35	47	3	1	15	27	83	104	25	35	0	3	1	0	34	37	6	8			
On Jan. 1, 1856...	396	510	906	327	415	69	95	187	257	30	38	7	10	16	25	100	102	18	22	0	4	1	0	33	42	4	10			
Increase .....	...	16	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Decrease .....	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Net Increase.....	9			Increase 21.			Decrease 12.			Increase 5.			Decrease 1.			Decrease 4.			Increase 2.			Decrease 5.			Decrease 1.			Decrease 4.		



EXPOSURE	MEMBERS BELONGING										MEMBERS REVOLUTIZED									
	1st					2nd					3rd					4th				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
1st	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2nd	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3rd	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

TABLE XA - SUMMARY OF THE VARIOUS BELONGING (RE AD 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100)

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## REMARKS ON THE TABLES.

The entire admissions of 24½ years have numbered 2717. Of these, 601 remain in the Asylum; 2116 have, therefore, been discharged in that period, and in the following ways and proportions:—

By death . . .	924	. . .	43.6 per cent.
On recovery . . .	857	. . .	40.5 „
On being relieved . .	140	. . .	6.6 „
Not improved. . .	195	. . .	9.2 „
			<hr/> 99.9

TABLE 2. Five of the year's deaths occurred among 31 old inhabitants still remaining out of the admissions of 1833 and 1834, which were the two earliest years after the opening of the Asylum. Beyond these, no movement has happened of any of the patients admitted in the first thirteen years, notwithstanding there is a remainder of these to the number of 113. So little, therefore, is the prospect of living diminished in persons who have survived the earlier stages of mental disorder. At the lower end of this table, evidence of abundant change begins: one recovery, only, having resulted in a person admitted as far as seven years back. Eight-ninths of the recoveries, four-ninths of the deaths and six-ninths of the entire discharges of the year, were those of persons who had been received in the two latest years.

A reduced rate of admissions has opportunely met a diminishing state of the spare accommodation, which had been fast dwindling under a steady increase of the establishment during several years. For, whereas, the average number admitted in the six years (1850-56) had been 201 per annum, 158 patients only were received in 1856-57. This is truly seasonable. But the total number under treatment, and the average daily population have, at the same time, both been larger than ever before.



TABLE 3. For a very short period we had less than 600 patients (on one or two days only 589), the mean daily number of the year having been 603 4-5, instead of 577, as in the previous year.

With the highest number on any day—viz., 616 on August 27, of whom 354 were women—we were certainly oppressed, having actually one woman more than the calculated maximum of beds for that sex. For this condition a remedy was provided; no patient was refused admission, and no such refusal is now likely to become necessary.

Both in re-admissions and in the admission of cases of repeated attack, we have experienced a much lower and more favourable proportion than in the preceding year.

The Table (No. 4) shows the decrease of admissions to belong to the class of patients from Boroughs, to the extent of nearly one-half the diminution; and, for the rest, to that of patients from the parishes at large.

I fear it would be premature to reckon this probably accidental fact as one of good omen for the future.

An unfavourable character, in a medical view, marked the admissions as a whole, there being so large a proportion of cases in which, for some sufficient reason, there was no prospect of cure. (Table 6.)

Notwithstanding this, it cannot be alleged that delay in sending cases to the Asylum has contributed much to that unfortunate circumstance. For, in a third part of the patients received, the prior duration of the disorder was less than one month; in nearly half, less than three months; in three-fifths, less than six months; and, in more than two-thirds, less than a year. (Table 7.)

It is in the incurable nature of the prevailing forms, and in the frequency of accompanying organic disease (complications), that the ground is given for asserting this general hopelessness of the cases.

Twenty-six were old cases of more than two, and up to 20 years' standing at the time of admission.

TABLE 8 (a, b, c). Among causes, intemperance is chargeable, directly or indirectly, 21 times, being a sixth part of all the causes ascertained. Twenty had relatives insane, one or more; thirty-eight had previously suffered on one or more occasions.

The exciting cause was ascertained in 84 cases, the predisposing in 70 cases; the two in combination 31 times only. No cause assigned is accepted, except upon fairly probable ground; and in between a fourth and a fifth of the cases no cause whatever was ascertainable.



TABLE 9. Three-sevenths of the year's recoveries took place among the admissions of the year; and in four-fifths the duration of the malady, at admission, had been of less than three months; whilst in the great majority of these it had been of less than one month.

TABLE 10. As regards time of treatment, or, sojourn in the Asylum, one-fifth of the recoveries were completed in less than three months; three-fifths within six months; one-seventh part had remained more than a year.

In the deaths (Table 11) nothing is remarkable. The number is, however, higher than in the preceding year, in which the mortality had been unusually moderate. The next two tables (Nos. 12 and 13) will readily explain this increase. A great clearance has taken place in paralytic and demented and imbecile persons, whose infirmities had much increased the general work, whilst their presence diminished the proportion of labour, or, assistance derivable from patients. These had thrown a great burden, by reason of their number, on a department of daily work, which is, under ordinary circumstances, unpleasant as well as toilsome.

Half the patients who died had been in the Asylum more than two years, six of these being old residents. One-fifth part, only, died within three months after admission.

The causes of death are, in a great measure, of a most significant kind. When 46 deaths out of 76 have been caused by paralysis, epilepsy and decay in advanced life, ground is shown for the statements made as to the great sweeping off of helpless and deplorable cases; and, also, as to the burdensomeness of a branch of labour—viz., that which combats dirty habits—which these mainly create. In addition to the 46, 6 more deaths were indirectly occasioned by paralysis, epilepsy and organic cerebral disease.

The deaths from pulmonary consumption, 8 in number, are unusually few. Sudden death happened three times; on one occasion from the comparatively rare accident of rupture of the heart.

TABLE 14. With a smaller number dismissed cured, we show a better rate of cures, owing to the low number of admissions. But on the average population, which is much increased, there appears more truly a lower proportion of recoveries than we have obtained in former years.

I have had to regret the admission, this year, of a mass of cases the most unfavourable for that result of treatment which we most desire. The following is an analysis of the year's admissions, in the aspect of their curability.



Admitted in 1856-57 . . . . .	158
Being Paralytic . . . . .	24
„ Epileptic . . . . .	11
„ Idiotic and Imbecile . . . . .	12
„ Demented . . . . .	10
„ Insane from 2 to 20 years . . . . .	26
„ Otherwise incurable . . . . .	7———90
	—
Balance of cases probably curable . . . . .	68

And I find the following to be the sum of the persons under treatment, in whom recovery might with more or less probability be looked for, with whom we have had to deal throughout the year.

Cases estimated as probably curable :—

Remaining in Asylum, July, 1856 (end of the last year) . . . . .	50
Admitted since (as above) . . . . .	68
	—
Total probably curable cases under treatment	118
Discharged as recovered in 1856-57 . . . . .	63
	—
Balance of probably curable cases to 1857-58	55

Of the above 50, deemed curable in 1856, 30 have recovered and are gone; but of the remaining 20, still under treatment, the prospect of recovery, in 10, is much diminished by the lapse of another year.

The discharges in gross have so nearly balanced the admissions, that the number of inmates is almost the same now as a twelvemonth since: that number is increased by two only.

The abstract of the January returns (Table 15) presents a satisfactory account for the unions and parishes at large; an unsatisfactory one for the boroughs. The former have a diminished number of insane persons to maintain, viz., 26 less than they were charged with in January, 1856, equal to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of reduction. On the other hand, the boroughs acknowledge an increase of 35 insane persons, equal to over 21 per cent. on their gross number of 1856.



## THE YEAR.

It is not my usual privilege to speak of the passage of a year as having been internally quiet and distinguished by its freedom from the discomfort of exceptional occurrences. And, particularly the last eight or nine years, (during which the Asylum underwent incessant extension, first by building, then by occupation,) were full of harassing business. But the year 1856-57 has seemed like the beginning of a new era, and one to be thankfully acknowledged. For, in the first place, the number of patients admitted was smaller than in any other year since 1850; and, in the next, we have enjoyed a considerable freedom from circumstances of emergency of every kind.

The general health has been excellent. Many patients have died, but from causes unconnected with, and not suggestive of general sickness. Of general sickness there has been none throughout the year.

ACCIDENTS. Eight fractures of bones happened as follows:—Three epileptics, falling in fits, broke either collar bone or rib. Two patients received fractures of rib, or fibula, from a blow, or a push, given by another patient. And three patients slipped and fell, when out walking, or on frozen ground, or going upstairs, breaking thighbone, or ulna, or radius, each bone once.

Three sudden deaths occurred, two from heart disease, and one from a fit, and on two of these inquests were held. In one of them, death had been occasioned by rupture of the heart in its most substantial part. In this case, the substance of the heart was structurally altered and weakened, and probably under some strong mental emotion, the muscular action of the organ itself exercised upon its own contents, was the immediate cause of the rupture.

Parturition occurred twice, both patients having been received when pregnant.

One male patient was struck violently and dangerously on the head by another, with a spade, when the two were at work. No provocation had been given; it was one of those impulsive acts we not unfrequently meet with, whose origin is internal to the patient himself. Done without provocation, it was followed by no remorse. As the injured man recovered, the only other result was the discovery of a dangerous propensity in a very strong able-bodied patient, forbidding his further employment among others with a tool in his hand. This was not the only instance of the display of the same sort of inclination during the



year; but it is the only one in which violence was done, that having been very narrowly prevented in another instance.

There were ten escapes in all, the reckoning being strict and including the merely walking off the premises when escape was perhaps not intended. All were re-captured, generally after very short absences; but one man remained lost for more than nine months. He was then heard of at Morpeth, Northumberland, where he had given himself up. He has been brought back and, being a criminal, returned to gaol where he awaits his trial for an offence committed therein, when he was still under the delirium produced by excessive drinking.

INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS. When the Commissioners in Lunacy last visited the Asylum, they recommended, among other things, that the wire, &c., be removed from the windows; that trowsers be no longer used for women; the supplying of looking glasses in the lavatories, and of hair brushes for the wards; the introduction of knives and forks of a better description, instead of bone; and that more furniture, *i.e.*, settees and arm-chairs, be placed in the wards.

These things have been more or less completely done. As to window-guards, the state in which the Commissioners found the Asylum at their visit, was this:—One separate building (the last new one) for 200 patients, without a guard of any description to any window whatever; and one older building for about 400 patients, containing 26 wards, in 23 of which the single bedroom, but not the dormitory windows, were provided with framed guards of fine wire, hinged on one side, and fitted to lock, or unlock, on the other; whilst the day-room, or gallery windows of 6 of the 26 wards were partially protected with guards. The bedroom guards, without exception, have been removed; but to avoid exposing patients to improper risk, every window-casing has been so prepared that a guard may be applied when required, a small number of guards being left as a part of the furniture of each ward.

The difference in practice is, that where guards as fixtures commonly existed, and, therefore, had the appearance of being used and desired, they are now put up only when the state of patients may seem to require them.

Some little extra breakage of glass has followed the change of plan, because, now, the prevention of accident depends entirely on foresight; whilst some changes in the state of patients prompting them to break glass, have taken place when they were not expected. Thus, on 10 occasions since the change in October, 1856, window-glass has been



broken in the night, 52 panes in all; but fortunately no personal injury has been received. Such injury, however, may happen, for I have formerly known the radial artery to be wounded at the wrist, in using the hand to break the panes of glass.

The appearance of the wards is improved, an unsightly feature removed, and more daylight admitted; because the hinged guards were often seen to be closed accidentally but without need, during the day.

The greatest breakage of glass on any single occasion in the year was independent of this uncovering of the windows. It occurred in an open ward, the windows of which have never been protected. A patient rapidly demolished with his shoe 102 panes in a very brief space of time. The weather being intensely cold at the time, it was necessary to vacate the ward for a day, at great inconvenience.

Trowsers worn by women, being a part of the dress adopted in certain cases for the prevention of acts subversive of decency, have been shortened and are now worn as drawers, in the manner practised in other Asylums.

A small mirror has been fixed in every woman's ward, and every female patient capable of using and appreciating a hair-brush, has a separate one; the rest being attended to by the nurses as heretofore. These articles—the glass and the brush—afford an agreeable diversion to the women, whose hair is more neatly kept than before. The men have an allowance of three or four brushes to a ward.

Knives and forks of a good and useful description have been everywhere introduced, as substitutes for the old-fashioned articles made of bone. In the separate building for 200 patients, ordinary steel knives and forks had been always used. In the rest of the establishment, it is a real advance to have got rid of the implements in bone.

It may seem strange that, after this change had been made, and when all the bone-knives were believed to have been called in, one of them (secreted by a patient) was used in a murderous attack on an attendant. These articles, deemed so safe and incapable of being put to offensive use, were not allowed to pass away without a circumstance happening to call in question their character for innocence. The patient ground up the bone to a point, fitted a rough contrivance to the handle, to give firmness of grasp, and then used the weapon dagger-wise, with terrible effect, inflicting several serious scalp-wounds on the attendant's head. He caught the attendant at a great disadvantage and fairly stunned him with the force and rapidity of his blows.



A considerable additional supply of Windsor arm-chairs has been allowed in the wards, for the use of the sick and otherwise feeble patients.

Such are the advantages we have gained through the solicitude, and in accordance with the views of the Commissioners in Lunacy. Other alterations and improvements have been made, or are in progress, viz. :

Doubling the allowance of water-closets throughout the older building, or increasing the number of them from 27 to 51 ; making proper lavatories for the men's wards in the same building ; introducing better ventilating air-grates, such as should be of a capacity equal to that of the flues they serve ; increasing the number of pictures hanging in the wards, which we were enabled to do by a gift of valuable engravings from a member of the Committee ; building a foul laundry, for which there exists a pressing need, the Asylum having never possessed means adequate to the performance of the work in that department ; enlarging the coal cellars in the various situations, where they were too small to receive a year's supply of fuel. This improvement is a paying one in a pecuniary view, besides advantage to be derived from it indirectly, which it would be tedious to describe. Lastly, a change in the laundry system, introducing washing machinery and dispensing with a large amount of paid labour, which has proved of great assistance to the work, and has directly effected a considerable saving in wages.

One subject for comment remains, to be taken up at the point at which it was left in last year's report.

This was the prospect, at that date, of additional enlargement of the Asylum soon becoming necessary.

It was stated that a considerable proportion of our space was occupied by patients of the boroughs in the County, and it was represented, or anticipated, either that they must be removed, for the sake of other patients having a real claim to their places, or the county must build.

The result of much consideration of the question is, that it has been deemed advisable to restore the room these patients occupy, by requiring, their removal. In pursuance of this necessary determination, all contracts have been rescinded, and no more patients received who were not paupers from, or belonging to the parishes of the county at large. These and insane prisoners are the only patients now admissible. A period of two years and two months, which will terminate on 31st May, 1859, has been allowed, during which such borough patients as we have may remain, but at the expiration of which they will be liable to immediate removal.



This term has been offered—not without probable inconvenience to ourselves—as an interval which might be used by the borough authorities for uniting in the common object of building an Asylum for themselves, if they should so agree, since they are prevented by the Commissioners in Lunacy from transferring their patients into licensed houses.

The desirableness of their erecting an Asylum for themselves was pointed out at the time when it was officially intimated to them that they must be prepared to remove their patients after May, 1859.

We hope, and there is a good prospect of our being able, to make the Asylum sufficient for the wants of the county until that date; then, when the removal has been effected, of the still considerable number of borough patients who will in the ordinary course remain, we may reckon on the possession of room for our own patients, enough for several years to follow.

Thus the question of further building is settled for the present, and, it may be added, happily settled.

For it is felt by those immediately concerned, and generally acknowledged, that an Asylum of from 600 to 700 inmates (our present fullest accommodation is 666) is as large as the welfare of the patients renders desirable. Until inevitable necessity, therefore, call for further enlargement, that step deserves to be carefully shunned.

JAMES E. HUXLEY, M.D.,

SUPERINTENDENT.

*July 23rd, 1857.*



This term has been offered—not without probable intention to ourselves—as an interval which might be used by the borough authorities for building in the common object of building an Asylum for themselves, if they should so agree, since they are prevented by the Commissioners in Lancashire from transferring their patients into the house.

The desirability of their meeting an Asylum for themselves was pointed out at the time when it was officially intimated to them that they must be prepared to remove their patients after May, 1850.

We have, and there is a good prospect of our being able, to make the Asylum sufficient for the wants of the county until that date; then, when the removal has been effected, of the still considerable number of borough patients who will in the ordinary course remain, we may reckon on the possession of room for our own patients, enough for several years to follow.

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and to the following Committee:—

July 23rd, 1851.

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